

*"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire*

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## Editorial— The Matter of Regional Corporate Structures

It is certain, of course, that organizations in distinct native regional areas of Alaska will be of prime importance to the regions and villages in the event of the settlement of the Alaska native land claims. They will be of vital force in the management of the settlement proceeds not only in the regional areas but in the villages in those regions. The organizations should be straight forward but simple in structure so they can function smoothly and quickly without being cumbersome and without being burdened with red tape.

The Arctic Slope Native Association is planning to form a corporation if the people up there vote to form such an organization under the dictates of the Indian Reorganization Act. The corporation would involve Point Hope, Point Lay, Barrow, Kaktovik and Anaktuvuk Pass. This corporate status is viewed when established, it will ease the means of extending federal recognition to tribal groups. Which means that services, appropriations and other governmental procedures would have easier sledding if applied in that region.

If the organization would apply well in the post claims settlement, then it should be encouraged, and it may even serve as a pattern for other regions to follow. If there are some doubts about it, then it should be looked into and scrutinized. Would it have enough power, or would it have too much power. Would it encourage more organizations within it. If this happens, it would get cumbersome and it may lead into hiring more administrators, technicians, attorneys and other specialists which could make the corporate functions over-complicated as well as expensive.

On the other hand, existing regional organizations should be looked into, studied and streamlined. This process should get underway as soon as possible because their functions will be needed probably sooner than some people think.

While this process goes on, it should always be remembered that individual villages are important. The right of the smaller villages to determine what will be done with their shares of land and revenues should be protected.

We are also aware that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has shown considerable interest in helping to organize, and help streamline, the regional groups. If this service is forthcoming, the bureau should immediately update and upgrade its capabilities so BIA could apply this service as soon as possible. It could turn out to be a vitally needed service by the regional organizations.

At any rate, the Arctic Slope organizing into corporate status will be watched if the villages involved vote to incorporate under the I.R.A. If it meets with success in every way, this should be noted by other organizations and perhaps become a guideline for other corporate groups. If it does not, then something else might be more appropriate for post native claims settlement situation should be sought.

The mechanisms of administering claims proceeds should be aimed at doing the best job possible for the benefit of this generation and, most certainly, for the good of our future generations. Selfishness should not be allowed to flourish. Dedication should be the watchword. The stake for establishing good benefits without being overly generous for the present and for the future of our people is too great. These we can realize by utilizing good leadership for the big jobs ahead.

## Letters to The Editor

Savoonga, Alaska  
June 27, 1971

Mr. Donald R. Wright  
President  
Alaska Federation of Natives  
1104 Southampton Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Mr. Wright:

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that on April 14, 1971, the City of Savoonga has submitted a housing application to Alaska State Housing Authority (ASHA) to include Savoonga to participate in the 1971 phase of this program for the needed housing here in Savoonga.

As you may already concerned the homes we live in are old, poorly built, inadequate for the size of the families, the high cost of living due to poor houses. I feel that, being a council member, and the people of Savoonga, will find helpful to push ASHA to consider Savoonga as top priority in this program to build houses sooner than we expected and request they send a representative out to Savoonga to discuss housing program for the most needed housing.

Your concern for this village will benefit all to build housing under this program and remind ASHA to make their decision shortly thereafter to make this program start sooner.

There are 32 families that would be willing to participate in a program to build new homes in Savoonga and your help in getting this program started will be much appreciated. May we hear from you soon. Regards.

Sincerely yours,  
Joseph Noongwook  
President  
City of Savoonga

The Honorable William A. Egan  
Governor, State of Alaska

The Honorable Ted Stevens  
United States Senate

Mr. Byron Mallott, Director  
Alaska Local Affairs Agency

Senator William Hensley, Kotzebue

Mr. Donald E. Perkins  
Director, Governor's Office

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## Book Review The Little Brown Book

By LAEL MORGAN  
Staff Writer

One of the nicest things to come out of the Kuskokwim area this year is a little brown book titled, "Drawings and Stories by Milo Minock."

It's a series of scenes from Eskimo life; Making Yukon Fish Trap, Making Snow Shoes, Shaman or Eskimo Medicine Man Curing the Sick. With them goes a hand written explanation of each art. Delightful in its simplicity.

Here is the page that goes with the Shaman:

"Eskimo Shaman in picture, as you see trying to cure the sick, who was brought into Kozie. The sick boy's Father sits near by to hear what the Eskimo shaman have to say, he dances around while other Eskimos beat the drums and singing, some medicine men cure sick instantly—some take a time.

"But now a days, real medi-

## Jeane Dixon— Predictions

By JEANE DIXON  
S.A.L.T. AND THE SOVIETS

I predict that the forthcoming treaty from the S.A.L.T. meetings will be accepted in toto just as presented...and if this is done it will lead to a dismantling of our second strike power before 1975.

The S.A.L.T. talks are of great importance, yet I get that our interests there are deliberately being sabotaged.

I see the head of the Foreign Sector of the Central Committee of the U.S.S.R. directing the writing of the new treaty, similar to the nuclear test ban treaty, to be presented at the conference.

I see further that there seems to be some collusion with a few of our government officials and our S.A.L.T. delegates, who will accept any treaty the U.S. S.R. hands them.

The vibrations I get are that acceptance of the treaty as writ-

ten, which is 100 per cent against our interests, will give the U.S.S.R. the time they need to overtake our lead.

### SCHOOLS

If a method is not found to prevent extensive busing, the whole public school system will be endangered and parents of both majority and minority groups will lose faith in trying to control the education of their children.

I feel that Congress will endeavor to correct this by legislation, but still I see our public adjusting to the system...Great changes are in the making...then gack again to disciplined rules and regulations, but this will not be settled until after the year 1975. The schools will readjust to fit the times: Added to the three R's will be the supplemental three L's—Living, Laboring and Loving.

## Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25

**Your birthday today:** Most of what you do this year requires revision, adjustment, so leave it open to change without undue difficulty. Many experiments are indicated, relating to various sorts of career projects, household arrangements. Today's natives are quite firm in their opinions, perhaps a bit unorthodox.

**Aries [March 21-April 19]:** The pace of the week picks up. Excitement makes work easier to push thru altho you must check yourself more closely for minor discrepancies.

**Taurus [April 20-May 20]:** Career and related matters are headed upward in an easy period of spontaneous expansion. Personal initiative produces unexpected, perhaps great results.

**Gemini [May 21-June 20]:** Begin the day with a bright smile—and mean it. Your bustling enthusiasm will eventually tip all balances to make this a very successful career-building day.

**Cancer [June 21-July 22]:** It's time to turn loose of outdated possessions, property which no longer serves any active purpose. Your favorite charity should welcome any major white elephants.

**Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]:** Special arrangements are needed for even the simpler routine events in your regular

work. Rules should be meticulously followed.

**Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]:** It turns out you are the steady one while so many others dither. Be consistent, stay with your earlier position.

**Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]:** If there's a way of setting up petty problems for yourself, you'll be unconsciously tempted to do so. Reflect, see what it means to yourself and your loved ones.

**Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]:** Take nobody flippantly, likewise assume nothing derogatory of strangers. Get your share of current ventures up to date and on toward completion.

**Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]:** Your sense of humor bubbles forth in response to the intensity of present situations. Much of what happens may seem absurd.

**Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]:** Some personal issues come to crisis for decision. You have to let something go to keep a relation, or you find a relationship simply isn't there any more.

**Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]:** Attend your normal rounds of amenities and routines. There's enough to do and plenty of interesting news to think about.

**Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]:** Quick decisions are all right where you know the field and the people in it rather well. Where you don't, put aside the responsibility.

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cine is taking over in some villages, some Eskimos do this stunt yet secretly to some sick.

"Notice the shaman is using Eskimo Rain coat made of seal guts or lush fish skin. This story is from old life of Alaska Eskimo."

The publishers, the Bethel Council on the Arts, tell us that Minock was born on the Lower Yukon and spent most of his life in Pilot Station. Although his work is relatively unknown in the outside world, he is an artist of stature among the

people of the Kuskokwim-Lower Yukon Delta.

A glance at this small collection of his work will tell you why.

The book is the first product of "The Good Guy Media Production Co. of Bethel" which has Larry Fulton editor of the Kuskokwim Kronicle, at the helm. He started the company because he was intrigued with some of the excellent artwork he saw in that part of the country and the Minock book bears him out.