

"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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Udall's Alternative...

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and I hope we have the fortitude to look at the problem in the face and come up with some kind of solution. I'm not prepared to make a definitive statement on it today," he said."

"Udall said he didn't know whether the solution of the problem would be reservations, but quickly added there were several alternatives.

"He said that the Interior Department wanted to explore the alternatives and see if it could come up with a recommendation to make to Congress..."

The above remarks of Secretary Udall have proved to be prophetic as far as the present extent of effort to the land solution is concerned, which leaves us wondering whether, in consideration of alternatives, Udall, even then, had a thought of the Outer Continental Shelf revenues for payments for lands lost by native people in lieu of the Court of Claims litigation although he told the native leaders late last year he thought of the idea during the plane ride from Washington to Anchorage.

At any rate, that suggestion took a firm hold during land deliberations within the last few months with the resulting, speedy formulation of the pending land claims bill S. 2906 that calls for the utilization of Continental Shelf revenues.

Out of the several other bills introduced in Congress aimed at resolving the land situation, S. 2906 has met with general preference above all the rest, the reason being that it was thrashed out between three distinct parties representing three distinctly involved areas—the native people, the State and the Department of the Interior. The end product—the S. 2906—came closest to full agreement of the three participants.

That, in itself, was easily the most thought-provoking achievement, or development, and it has caught the fancy of those deeply concerned about the land situation in Alaska. Since it was the end product of those vitally concerned who aimed it at resolving a knotty question, we are of the opinion that this spirit of cooperation has met with the approval of president Lyndon Johnson, hence his momentous pronouncement and recommendation that prompt action be made by Congress and legislate on land claims during this session of the national lawmaking body.

The impact of President Johnson's recommendation is great and it will be a powerful impetus toward resolving the long-delayed settlement of the land situation in Alaska

We would also like to add that Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall, may have found a formula to expedite the land solution in connection with the Outer Continental Shelf and we don't much care whether he came upon the idea six years ago or during his plane ride from Washington, D. C. to Anchorage last November.

NO LONGER AWESOME

Time was when a case of tuberculosis was considered an awesome threat to the whole community. People who had the disease were consigned to a special kind of hospital—TB sanatorium. Elaborate precautions were taken to protect doctors, nurses, hospital personnel and visitors from infection.

Now all that's changed. In an untreated patient, TB is often still highly contagious. But once treatment starts, contagiousness is almost always knocked out very soon. Powerful drugs, mainly streptomycin and isoniazid, make the TB patient socially acceptable without danger to anybody.

Unfortunately, that doesn't mean there is no longer any danger of anybody's coming down with a new case of tuberculosis. There is; and thousands do every year. Whom do they catch it from? Somebody who has the active disease. But if he has the active disease why hasn't he been treated and made non-infectious? Because in most cases, he doesn't know he has it.

How does one find out? A tuberculin test shows whether the germ has invaded the body. A chest X-ray can help determine whether, if present, it is damaging the lungs. The earlier these determinations are made, the better chance of early treatment and recovery. Your Alaska T. B. Association suggests a tuberculin test or chest X-ray as part of everyone's

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LETTERS to EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

My dad and 24 band kids and about 45 other high school kids are in Juneau for the Southeast basketball tournament.

Wrangell lost two games already. We were ahead for a while but Petersburg caught up with us then both teams were seesawing back and forth and finally Petersburg got ahead. We lost that one to Petersburg by three points (Petersburg usually has a very good team). We lost the other one to Haines by about 20 points which is very unusual because many times we beat Haines. I think our boys got shook from losing to Petersburg.

Enclosed is a check for the 55 papers I sold, and the headlines for the 25 that I couldn't sell. I don't know why more people don't read the Tundra Times. It's very important to know what's going on. Especially about the land claims.

Sincerely,
Harold Riach
P.O. Box 603
Wrangell, Alaska 99929

(Harold Riach is a Korean boy 12 years old who was adopted by Riach family of Wrangell. He has been a fine newsboy for Tundra Times in hometown of Wrangell.)

ONE VIEW

By BYRON MALLOTT
Yakutat, Alaska

There can be no doubt that Mike Gravel wants to be a U.S. Senator. There is doubt though as to whether or not he has the vote-getting ability to attain that high office.

Mike Gravel is now trying to determine that possibility of success if he challenges Senator Ernest Gruening in the August primary. People speak of a poll which Gravel is anxiously awaiting the results of. Presumably, the poll will reveal Gravel's potential strength at the ballot box, and presumably if that strength is significant the former Speaker of the Alaska House of Representatives will announce his candidacy.

People speak also of money raising problems, alluding to the rumor that Gravel's principal financial supporters in past campaigns will not support him in a race against Gruening.

Notwithstanding polls, many questions and other variables incidental to the vital question, "To run or not to run," persons close to Gravel speak in terms which seem to indicate that he is busily talking himself into running. Statements emitting from the Gravel camp about "residual strength" from the last campaign against Ralph Rivers, and, "our position is stronger than in any past campaign" seem to indicate also that he has his mind pretty well made up. Gravel is cognizant of the fact though that he has lost once in statewide campaigns and to lose a second time could very well mean near political oblivion. Thus the hesitancy, the need to have the fateful decision reinforced by all the supporting data possible.

Gravel was a strong vote getter in Alaska's rural areas in past campaigns, and indications suggest that he may be again.

Many persons, who in the past were either politically apathetic or who made their minds up quietly, have voiced doubt and concern over Senator Gruening's bid for re-election. They cite the Senator's age as their principal concern, and in many instances their only concern, for Ernest Gruening is a man highly respected.

Although it is felt that most people in the rural areas are "hawkish" concerning the Vietnam war, the war will probably be not as large an issue as the Senator's age unless the Senator chooses to make the war a major issue in the bush.

There is a rumor that several native leaders have pledged support to Mike Gravel if he should run, and many more are as yet undecided—a reflection of the concern over Gruening's bid for re-election. It is felt that native leaders with a strong party attachment will probably support Gruening.

No matter what support Gravel gets from native leaders, it is a fact that Gruening will be a strong, formidable opponent in the bush.

To run or not will therefore be an agonizing decision for Mike Gravel to make. His entire political future hangs in the balance. But if Gravel chooses not to run, there will probably linger in his mind for a long while to come, "Maybe if I had fun..." and it is hard to envision a man like Gravel, youthful, vigorous, hard driving, living comfortably with such a thought.

Villages Victimized— State Cracks Down on Crooked Fish Buyers

JUNEAU—A crackdown on fly-by-night fish buyers and processors got underway this week as Gov. Walter J. Hickel directed the Departments of Law, Labor and Revenue to intensify their prosecutions of operators who willfully defraud Alaskan workers.

Evidence has now been gathered, Hickel said, which indicates that some firms have avoided paying wages to Alaskan fishermen by deliberately going bankrupt, and then starting a new firm under a new name elsewhere in the state.

"For some firms this is a practice that is repeated year after year," Hickel said. "Many of these companies operate without licenses or bonding, moving to different locations each season, or declaring bankruptcy."

An amount in excess of \$84,000 in unpaid wages has built up, with northwest Alaskans being the principal victims, according to state records, Hickel said. He commented, "In some cases, whole villages have been victimized."

The Department of Labor has furnished information concerning these companies to the Attorney General's office, Hickel said, and currently 132 cases of unpaid wages are being studied for possible prosecutions.

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