

*"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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print articles on what it believes to be an extremely important subject, the culture of the Arctic. We will cover whaling, hunting and fishing, the Eskimo dance, the dog-team, the family unit, legends, celebrations, both ancient and current, customs of the past and present and other things that fall in the category of the Arctic culture. We will include articles on the culture of the Indian and the Aleut.

Politically, the Tundra Times will follow a firm policy. It will not support any political party. Its policy will be independent. It will be non-partisan in airing the views of individual candidates. Occasionally, the paper in its editorial columns, may favor a candidate or certain elected official. If this occurs, it will be because of his stand on native issues rather than the political party to which he belongs.

A reminder: Natives of Alaska, the Tundra Times is your paper. It is here to express your ideas, you thoughts and opinions on issues that vitally affect you. When you have a subject that you feel needs to be written about, pass that subject along. If you have something to offer, such as a good photograph, you think would add to the paper, pass that along too.

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With this humble beginning we hope, not for any distinction, but to serve with dedication the truthful presentations of native problems, issues and interests. The paper asks your kind reception and wishes for success and Godspeed.

## TT makes no endorsement

It may seem redundant to remind some of our readers that it is an important and vital concern to exercise their rights by voting in this bi-centennial year. After all though, Alaska Natives were not allowed to vote until the Citizenship Act of 1924.

In the past the Tundra Times has endorsed certain candidates and strongly supported issues. The paper has been politically active many times. This year we will not endorse any of the candidates for local, state or national offices. This does not mean we do not approve of some of their personal contributions, their abilities, their integrity or their platforms.

The Tundra Times will encourage all Alaskans to vote for one measure on the November 2 ballot. This is Bonding Proposition Number Two, the Rural School Bond. By voting for the bond you will provide funding for 21 regional educational attendance areas. The \$59.2 million bond will provide for construction and repair and upgrading for both elementary and secondary schools.

By voting for the bond you will allow thousands of students to remain with their families and homes. The advantages and opportunities toward local control has recently been recognized. By voting for the bond it may help realize and reaffirm the struggle in supporting the education of the rural Alaskans. The passage of the bond will be a milestone in communication, education and self-determination. It will also be a boost in the economic, social and academic development of the state. It is for those students affected that we must show our support, for they shall soon be the trustees of the future of the state.

-MJTR

## Letters from Here and There

510 Moore Hall  
U of A, Fairbanks  
October 25, 1976

Guns and furs. Things that we need and depend on here in Alaska.

San Diego, Ca  
September 27, 1976

Tundra Times:

Our organization "SCANA" South California Alaska Native Assoc., are proud to claim Howard Rock as a great contributor to our Alaska Native Heritage, as an Editor of Tundra Times and a great artist.

How can we get a large size picture of him and his life history? Also some of his pictures.

We would be very happy to display this in our club activities or in our S. D. Indian Center.

Sincerely,

Erika L. Fuller  
"SCANA" Treasure  
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San Diego, Ca 92115

Postal Box 1195  
Seward, Alaska  
22 October, 1976

Editor  
Tundra Times  
Box 1287  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Editor:

In my adult life I have seen little that is good and decent about this country as it is personified by our governmental bodies.

During the past 15 years our most gifted political and spiritual leaders have been assassinated. We have interfered in the internal affairs of Vietnam, slaughtering multitudes of simple agrarian peasants, until they succeeded in driving us from their land. All levels of American government from the White House to City Hall are permeated by deceitful, plundering and often violent humans.

The question is: Are we so benumbed by the daily insensitivities of our society that we cannot respond positively to the gravity of our situation? The coming election will be a good indicator of whether or not we can so respond. If we blow it again in 1976, as we did in 1972, it is possible that the holding of future elections will be deprived of practical significance.

This message is a plea to vote on November 2nd against the narrow policies of those individuals who would negate humanity in favor of moneyed or militaristic interests. Vote for those candidates who at least show a glimmer of caring about mankind. I refer here to Jimmy Carter for President and Eben Hopson for the U. S. House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Tom Taggart  
Seward

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ada Wilson  
Kenny Lake  
Copper Center, Alaska 99573

State of Alaska  
Office of the Governor  
Alaska Fisheries Council  
October 22, 1976

Dear Editor:

Salmon hatcheries can be good business for all Alaskans. To quote Dr. William J. McNeil, a world-recognized authority on salmon production techniques:

"Alaska can ill afford further delay in the implementation of artificial recruitment for several reasons, including the following:

(1) Alaskan salmon fisheries are more depressed than stocks from any other country or region.

(2) Alaska lags at least 25 years behind other salmon-producing areas in the implementation of technology for artificial recruitment.

(3) Present technology is not perfect but is yielding very beneficial results in Japan, U.S.S.R., Canada, and the Pacific Northwest states.

"Information from Hokkaido indicates that their coastal fisheries are receiving \$15 to \$45 return for each \$1 invested in their salmon hatcheries."

Benefits for Alaskans can also be very great.

Realistic calculations indicate that a 50-million fry chum hatchery in Alaska can return a net profit to the State of well over \$1 million annually. Many more king and silver salmon can be produced for Alaskan fishermen.

Salmon hatcheries can be good business for all Alaskans. Let's vote "YES" on November 2 on the Hatchery Bond issue.

W. I. "Bob" Palmer  
Project Coordinator  
The Alaska Fisheries Council

10-11-76

Dear Editor,

I heard on the news that Eben Hopson will be supporting presidential nominee Jimmy Carter. I know that Mr. Hopson and Jimmy Carter are both Democrats, and that during elections one party is suppose to support the other party NO MATTER WHAT.

I'm wondering if Eben Hopson knows Jimmy Carters' stand on Gun Control. Jimmy Carter has been quoted as saying "within five years we'll break the National Rifle Ass'n", that is if he is president. N.R.A. is the reason that we still have our guns today. My gun is my protection and it also puts meat on the table, it has to, with all the high meat prices. And as far as I can remember guns were given away in our Native potlatches for the well being of others that we loved.

So Mr. Hopson please consider your fellow Native Alaskans when you go to bat for Jimmy Carter. He'll put restrictions on

#### CORRECTION

Both Tundra Times and the Alaska Native Foundation, which published the Native claims textbook, erred in reporting Alice Brown, Kenaitze, was the only woman on the State of Alaska's Land Claims Task Force. Mrs. Laura Bergt also served. Mrs. Brown has since passed away.

## TT thanks helpers

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