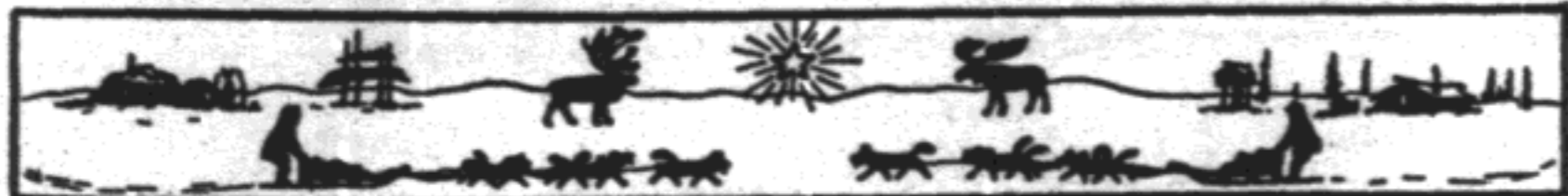


"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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Letters to the Editor

Aniak, Alaska 99557
May 20, 1970

Dear Editor:

As the deadline for filing for the different political seats draws near, people seem to become a little more serious in their outlook toward politics. At first, I felt I may only do this for a reaction; to stimulate a stronger platform, or a more aggressive fight by those concerned. I have since decided—after talking to hundreds of people and flying thousands of miles—to "go all the way." If anyone feels that they can do a better job than that which is being done, they are derelict if they refuse to answer the call to public service.

Although I have not spoken to Larry Carr during this campaign, I strongly support his position paper on education. I for one, know how hard it is for a village person to receive a college education. With all of our potential wealth—if we don't give it back to the oil companies—we can give every Alaskan resident a college education through a state program of scholarships or grants. If this program can be implemented, you will find me strongly supporting any candidate who has the foresight to present our wide cultural differences and lack of advanced education possibilities to the Alaska village people as a handicap to the whole state.

Furthermore, on the issue of candidates, I urge the people of the villages, to look into the issues by the candidates before they vote for them. Don't give anyone your vote only because he may have sent you a calendar or given you a package of sewing needles. Make them earn your vote.

Before the primaries, I will be in every village in district 15, I hope I may speak to every-one of the residents and with any luck, I may bring a state-wide candidate with me. Naturally, my good friend Ali Gosh (Fred Stickman), of Nulato, will travel with me whenever he can.

Sincerely,
Fred A. Notti

Hope Cottage
Pouch 7000
Anchorage, Alaska 9950
May 11, 1970

Dear Howard,

Now that some of the scurry involved with the Walk for Hope is beginning to subside, I want to take the opportunity to thank you for the fine coverage you

have given Hope Cottage during the past several months. I was elated at the response we received from such communities as Gambell, Toksook and Unalakleet and can only attribute it, in part, to your efforts through the Tundra Times.

It is the news media which has helped us most in making this campaign for Alaska's retarded children the success that it was. At this time, it appears as though Hope will indeed have sufficient funds to clear up its past debts and to budget for the future. Only as the pledges continue to come in, will we have a more accurate idea of just how well we did.

Again, on behalf of the children of Hope Cottage and its board of directors, I thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Robert J. Halcro
Chairman
Executive Committee

(Editor's Note: Larry Peterson of Ft. Yukon is a Democratic candidate. The following letter states his platform. Since it is lengthy, it will be published in three parts)

Box 19
Ft. Yukon, Alaska

Dear Sir,

As you may or may not already know, I have filed to run as a candidate for the Alaska House of Representatives on the Democratic Party ticket. I would be most appreciative if you could place the following article in your paper. The article explains in part the platform which I will adopt.

I realize it is quite lengthy but hope you can allot the space and not have to delete portions of it as I fear taking statements out of context may lead to misinterpretation.

I am 31 years old, Athabascan Indian, born and raised in Ft. Yukon, Alaska. I attended high school at Mt. Edgecumbe in Sitka and enrolled in the University of Alaska after that and then Sheldon Jackson Junior College for one semester. I attended the University for one year, next I went to Los Angeles, Calif. for an 18 month training in electronics. Upon completion of this training, I returned to Alaska and was employed at Gilmore Creek in Fairbanks then the White Alice System since 1965. Since 1966 I have been employed in Ft. Yukon, Alaska at the White Alcic Site in operation there.

Currently I am president of

Mrs. William Paul, Sr. Dies In Seattle

Mrs. William L. Paul, Sr. died in Seattle, Wash. on May 19. Mrs. Paul was 80 years old. She was well known for her efforts to help Alaska native people, principally the Tlingits and Haidas of southeastern Alaska.

Born Francis Lackey on Dec. 12, 1889, she married William Paul in 1911 in Aberdeen, Wash. The couple met while attending Whitworth College.

Paul, Sr. is one of the original organizers of Alaska's oldest native organizations, the Alaska Native Brotherhood. He is the president emeritus of the ANB.

Mrs. Paul gave birth to four children, three boys and one girl, all of them now living in Seattle. One of her sons, L. Frederick Paul, is the attorney for the Arctic Slope Native Association.

Another son, William Paul, Jr., is the assistant chief civil deputy to the King County Prosecuting Attorney in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul moved to Wrangell, Alaska in 1920. Mrs. Paul began teaching for the Bureau of Education, the forerunner of the current Bureau of Indian Affairs, in 1930 in Ketchikan.

She later taught in Juneau and Kake, Alaska, until 1947. The

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the Ft. Yukon Native Association and a member of the City Council. Also I am vice-president of the Tanana Chiefs and President of the DNH Corporation. I am most concerned about Alaska and its future—both for the Native people and the other people of Alaska. For this reason I have decided to run for the House of Representatives. I would hope that in this capacity (if I am elected) I could best serve the people of Alaska.

I feel this is a very crucial period in the development of our state—a time that calls for serious in depth thinking as to what direction we want to take into the future. Much attention is focused on Alaska these days due to the oil sale and due to the Native Land Claims issue. True, since this sale, Alaska is considered a wealthy state but when one begins to appraise the situation in our State, a different picture emerges. With the oil sale, however, and the money we have received from this sale, I am optimistic that we can begin to develop and improve our State in the areas of employment, education, sanitation, housing, etc.

Without a doubt, we must have a just settlement of the Native Land Claims issue. The Alaskan Natives—be they Aleut, Eskimo, or Athabascan are encountering serious problems which should be of importance to our entire state. Although the Natives make up only 20% of the State's population, we cannot be simply talked out of existence. We are undergoing a rapid cultural transition and in many instances find ourselves without the education and training to fit into the more highly technological age we are entering. The State must recognize our situation and assume the responsibility to initiate and subsidize programs to help us actualize our potential. Alaska can prosper but to do so she must remember the well-being of all her residents. If some of her people are continuously discriminated against, degraded and deprived of their rights, the State as a whole may eventually deteriorate.

(NEXT: Education system, oil companies, etc.)

Native Persons Sought For Teacher Aides

Recruitment for a new program designed to attract capable native persons to careers in teaching will begin next week, Commissioner of Education Cliff R. Hartman announced today.

Sixty applicants will be recruited for teacher aide training and employment in selected village schools; 17 locations for the 1970-71 school year have been tentatively picked.

Three types of teacher aide positions will be open, the first not requiring high school graduation, the second requiring one year (30 semester hours) of college and some experience in teaching in a program such as Head Start, and the third requiring two years (60 semester hours) of college.

Applicants for the Teacher Corps-Career Opportunity Program (TC-COP) need only to have a desire to teach, particularly in Alaska villages, in order to qualify for the Teacher Aide I position.

Preference will be given to applicants who are familiar with the language or dialect of their

region or village. A team at each selected village will consist of a team leader and from two to five students or "interns."

The team leader will be a highly qualified instructor; the interns will be both teacher corpsman and students under the Career Opportunity Program. Federal funds will pay training and travel costs; the State will salary the 60 teacher aides.

The Teacher Corps-Career Opportunity Program, the first of its kind in Alaska is designed specifically to develop native teachers for schools in native communities.

Administered by the Division of State-Operated Schools, it will also provide college course work on the campus of Alaska Methodist University or the University of Alaska during the summer; on-the-job training and university course work during the school year; and salaried employment for 12 months a year for up to four years.

Participants will receive the college degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education and a teaching credential upon satisfactory completion of the program.

Applicants who enter the program will begin as temporary employees of the State at salaries ranging from \$506 to \$631 per month.

Upon successful completion of the first six-week session and approval of the State Department of Personnel, interns will get a small salary increase, plus the same benefits as all other classified State employees.

Round trip transportation for all interns will be provided between their villages and the university of their choice.

Following training, interns will work in the school and with the community, learning through experience and college work developed by the two universities and taught by the team leader.

Each summer, interns will continue university training and then return to their village assignments in the fall. Salary will continue twelve months of the year, and transportation will be provided to and from the campus.

Upon successful completion of the program, the intern will receive his college degree from his chosen university and will be certified to teach in Alaska.

More information is available by writing or calling the Division of State-Operated Schools, 650 International Airport Road, Anchorage 99502. A representative will visit each of the selected villages to interview applicants and provide assistance in applying.

Carr, Egan Debate North Haul Road

A televised confrontation between democratic gubernatorial candidates Larry Carr and William Egan was rebroadcast in Fairbanks last night. It will again be shown tonight.

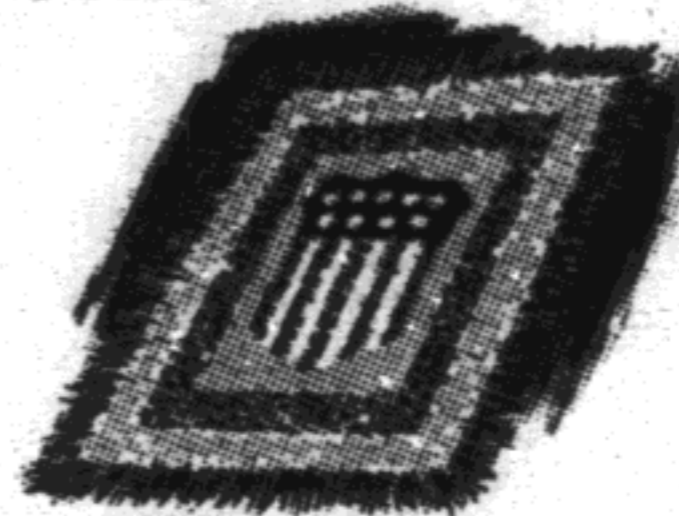
Carr and Egan debated the advisability of the State of Alaska providing \$120 million to build a haul road to the North Slope in Fairbanks last week.

A spokesman for Larry Carr stated, "The debate is being rebroadcast in Fairbanks so more citizens can understand the complexity and the seriousness of the move the state is contemplating with taxpayer's money."

Carr is opposing the use of

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Poem—



In Memorium— KESHORNA

How cold the sward about you,
Keshorna,
Glinting frosts, swirling drifts
of snow,
Driven by unfeeling wind!

Then a brief respite of a single
moon, whence
The great sun traverses the sky
around,
Defying the accustomed horizon,
nourishing therefore,
A cluster of forget-me-nots that
burst into a soulstirring blue
upon your simple Arctic grave.

How slight and frail you were,
But you faced with humble
courage
The unkind elements, that were
your lot,
And, thus, emerged triumphant
With a generous share of love
for your fellow man.

I was blessed with deeper love
You bestowed upon me,
Keshorna.
Love, divinely tender,
Love that seemed caressed with
a touch of heaven.

Recollections fail me now.
You uttered no words of
endearment,
But I remember well a
gentle hug,
Adoring light within your eyes
that told me of love more
than ten thousand words.

How cold the sward about you,
Keshorna.
Glinting frosts, swirling drifts
of snow,
Driven by unfeeling wind!

However cold your resting place,
My heart within me whispers,
"Your rest is blessed in quiet
peace.
Because you gave so well your
love
To your fellow man and me,
A son to you, Keshorna."

—HOWARD ROCK