

**"AMERICANIZATION DOES NOT DEMAND THAT WE MUST ALL BE ALIKE"**

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over 500 million dollars, and a two percent royalty interest in the resources.

Until Congress provides for the extinguishment of Native titles in Alaska, the state cannot obtain beneficial title to the lands it was given the right to select under the Statehood Act.

**Lands Not Locked Up**

The Natives are not going to lock up—physically or economically—the lands that are confirmed to them. It will be to their interest to make their lands productive, to promote their multiple use and development for purposes of recreation, environmental protection and resources production. Specifically, leases, contracts, and other valid existing rights involving lands confirmed to the Natives will not be disturbed. Anyone who fears that the Natives may be careless of the demands and of the essential character of the Native practices of conservation exhibits a profound want of knowledge of history and people.

Beyond the question of the nature and dimension of the settlement, is the critically important issue of its administration. How can the greatest benefits for the Native Alaskans be attained? You help people most by giving them the chance to help themselves. Nothing else works as well. We will not accept stifling paternalism—however well intentioned.

The idea of Native Development Corporations is as exciting as it is innovative. The dual purpose of profit and service to its public can be achieved by a statewide Native Development Corporation and Native controlled and directed regional development companies sensitive to vast local variations in need and opportunity.

Well-planned business corporations for

the dozen distinct geographic and demographic regions and service corporations responsive to the people served and controlled by them can improve health, build houses, educate and employ.

**Justice, Not Charity**

The time for a just and equitable settlement is now! The Alaska Natives seek justice, not charity.

We seek the dignity of being able to exercise the prerogative of choice—within the context of our needs, our goals and our desires.

Americanization does not demand that we must all be alike. Our Native culture and heritage can contribute a great deal to our society.

The Nation is now presented with what will probably be its last opportunity to deal justly with a native people who possess unextinguished aboriginal title to a vast land. It would be difficult to exaggerate the importance of the outcome to the Natives, the state and the Nation. But as certainly as history repeats itself the practice of inequity or parsimony at this time will cause disruptions in the future the cost of repairing which will certainly far exceed the cost of doing justice now."

(MJB)

**Answers to Written Questions from Floor:**

**Q:** (Edwin D. Berl) If reparations made to Alaskan natives why not American Indians? **A:** Rights of Alaskan natives well grounded in legality. Series of Supreme Court decisions say Indian title includes complete beneficial ownership based on exclusive and perpetual use which is derived by Indian people. Main difference: our lands have not been taken, still have and use them.

**Q:** Proper education and housing with reasonable income better for Alaskan natives than just money? **A:** We have been told by some we need to fit into the mainstream. We do not live on reservations in Alaska. Economic spillover would have great impact in Alaskan economy. (MJB)

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\*p.m. †15 minute Questions and Answers. ‡Hrs. Talk plus audience questions.