There is an American city at the top of the world which is closer to Leningrad than to Los Angeles — closer to Istanbul than to Miami. The city, called Barrow, is located on the North Slope of Alaska, a land without edges, full of winds and silences. A land which is a part of the people who have lived there as long as any people in North or South America — The Inupiat Eskimos.

The Inupiat — which means the people — have survived four disasters on the North Slope. They are now in the midst of the Fifth — the American colonization of their homeland.

Eskimo legends tell of disasters, some of which occurred thousands of years ago, others less than 60 years ago. The First Disaster was The Cold Eclipse — a time when the moon covered the sun and the Eskimo's homeland turned from a very warm country to frigid desert. The Inupiat, the animals, the birds and the plants froze. The legend says only four families survived.

The Second Disaster was The Big Flood which followed a series of terrifying earthquakes and turned the mountains into an icy plain — all but a few Inupiat drowned.

The Third Disaster came during The Terrible Year of Two Winters when the Inupiat could not get food and died of starvation.

The Fourth Disaster came after the Inupiat's first contacts with white men — men who brought them The Terrible Sickness during the flu epidemic of 1918.

The Fifth Disaster is The Taking of the Land of the Eskimos. And because the whites are doing this, they may succeed where all past disasters have failed. The land is part of the Eskimos. It cannot be amputated — no more than the spirit can be separated from any human being. To take the land of the Eskimos is to take their life.
The great sea
Has sent me adrift,
It moves me as the weed in a great
deriver.
Earth and the great weather
Move me,
Have carried me away
And move my inward parts with joy.

Eskimo

For hundreds of generations the
Eskimos have lived in wealth
because an Eskimo was rich if he
had good luck in hunting, plenty of
strong weapons, nets and tools,
good boats, a strong body, and a
large happy family with lots of
children. The ocean has made the
Inupiat rich — it has given them
fish, seal, walrus and whale. For
heat and light it has given them
sea oil, drift wood, coal out­
croppings along the beaches and
natural oil seams.

The ocean has given them time.
Time beyond the time required
for survival in a harsh world and
cruel climate. Time to make art
and music, to dance and to hear
the stories of the old men.

Time to know every foot of their
land, the Arctic Slope, which
seems so ghostly and limitless to
others. Time to learn where to go
for caribou, rabbits, ducks and
fish. This knowledge in turn gave
them time to visit relatives on the
coast along trails worn by a
hundred generations.

The harsh world made them
strong, and their intimacy with
the wind and ice taught them that
one man cannot live alone in the
Arctic. The result was the Inupiat
people — a people governed by
consensus and the love for their
children. A gentle society in a
cruel climate.

In 1867, many years after the
Third Disaster, the United States
of America bought the territory
known as Alaska from Russia for
$7,200,000. It was a transaction
between two colonial powers.
Russia offered what it did not own
and America bought it.

Although the Russians were
trading and trapping animals
freely throughout most of Alaska
at the time of the "sale", they had
not yet penetrated the North
Slope. The Russians had
approached the area on a few occa­
sions but had been rebuffed by
the Eskimos and, because of the
horrible climate, they did not push
their exploration further and
instead retreated south.

The penetration of the North
Slope was no longer the interest or
the problem of the Russians after
they signed the Treaty of Cession
in 1867. The provisions of that
 treaty did not give the Americans
the land itself — only the rights to
control trading and to tax
proceeds from the territory. The
United States supposedly
recognized like Russia that the
land belonged to the original
 occupants.

Less than 20 years later, the
United States was having so much
difficulty managing the territory
that Congress passed the Organic
Act of 1884 to provide a civil

government for Alaska. The A
set up a temporary seat
government at Sitka, a settlement, designed to be
the protector of United
$7,200,000 investment. A goven­
was appointed, courts were
established and a land sales office
began to clear land titles for
settlers.

The Organic Act also called for
the Secretary of Interior to select
two officers to work with the
governor as "... a commission to
examine into and report upon the
condition of the Indians residin­
g in said Territory, what lands
any, should be reserved for thei­
use, what provisions shall be made for their education, what rights by
occupation of settlers should be
recognized, and all other fact
that may be necessary to enable
Congress to determine what
limitations or conditions should
be imposed when the land laws of
the United States shall be extended to
said district ...".

The United States was ready to colonize Alaska.
A Slow, But Brutal Penetration

Colonialism has one purpose — the acquisition of wealth and political power for the invader. Of necessity it then follows that the native population must lose wealth and power. Sometimes the process of penetration followed by the transfer of wealth and power occurs rapidly, sometimes it happens slowly, but it is always brutal.

In Alaska the penetration was slow. The wealth and the power accumulated during the colonization of the lower 48 states was so great that America's demand for the additional resources available in Alaska was relatively small compared to the earlier exploitation of the lower 48 states. There were isolated blitzkriegs of exploiters for gold, other minerals and fish whose marks are still on the land. One reason white people in Alaska wanted statehood was to control this.

During this period the vastness of the area which encompassed some 375 million acres made the process of colonization less noticeable. The abundance of land in relation to both the native population and white settlers diluted the effects. This time there was little need to shoot people to obtain their land.

However, the same diseases that came with the first settlers, missionaries and trappers who settled the lower 48 states also came to Alaska. It was these subtler aspects of colonization that first hit the southern and western portions of Alaska and finally the North Slope home of the Inupiat.

The traders, trappers and explorers brought guns to ease the difficulties of the 'Eskimos' hunt. The Inupiat were in awe of this new source of power and its white-skinned creators. Then the first missionaries arrived, asking that the Eskimos reject their own traditions and give their loyalty to a new Christian god. Many Inupiat did just that — they adopted Christianity as quickly and as easily as they contracted the measles, whooping cough, diphtheria and the tuberculosis which the white men also brought.

After the Fourth Disaster of The Terrible Sickness in 1918 only a few villages on the North Slope remained intact — most of the rest of the villages and camps had lost all but a few individuals. The confusion, shame and isolation felt by the few surviving Inupiat after the flu epidemic were blurred by another "gift" of the white man — alcohol. This gift eased the message of the physical, mental and social inferiority which was inherent in the interaction between the two cultures.

For the first 50 years following the Fourth Disaster the Inupiat struggled to maintain themselves in the midst of the colonial process. They continued to welcome the white men into their homes and communities, showed them their hunting grounds, sent their children to their schools where they spoke the white man's language, and revered not only their God but their tools and diversions.

They pored over Sears & Roebuck catalogues which most Inupiat could not read and then struggled to model their houses — which before white contact were made of sod and burrowed into the ground — into forms similar to those seen in the catalogue or at whaling stations and missionary posts. The idea of separate rooms and cheerful windows appealed to the Inupiat. In their desire to have houses like the white men they built new ones — homes of driftwood, flattened petrol cans, shipping crates and tar paper. The results were shacks — which without insulation were a disaster to heat, hard to maintain and impossible to keep sanitary.

A HUSBAND'S SONG

Dear little wife, dear little wife,
Weep not, cease longing for your home,
Cease longing for your home,
You will be given suet to eat,
Delicious suet,
And eyes, luscious eyes,
All this you will be given.
And tender juicy shoulder pieces
Given you as gifts,
Tender juicy shoulder meat.

Eskimo

For centuries Inupiat culture has revolved around the hunt. The continuity of the race was dependent upon the success of the hunters.

During the Third Disaster — The Terrible Year of Two Winter — and other hard times sacrifices were made to keep the Eskimo hunter strong. This was done because when food was scarce, if the hunter did not have the strength required to continue the hunt, then all was lost — a Inupiat would die of starvation.
The Alaska Constitution—Another Kind of Promise To Be Broken

To the Alaska Natives, the land is their life; to the State of Alaska, it was a commodity to be bought and sold.

The Alaska Statehood movement began in the early 1950's. Ironically, the relatively small population of whites living in the Territory wanted to be free of control from the remote federal government and absentee corporate interests. The white residents perceived the federal agencies and fishing and mining interests as being entities which were holding back Alaska's basic social and economic development while exploiting its natural resources for short-term economic gains.

The delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention of 1955-1956 wanted the best possible constitution— one that avoided the pitfalls of the constitutions of the lower 48 states — one which was innovative and provided for maximum local control. Since local governments in Alaska were practically non-existent they had an open field.

What they developed was a provision for a system of "natural regions" — single units of local government in which all local executive and administrative functions were vested for geographic areas defined by mutual economic and social interests. The framers of the Alaskan Constitution called these units "boroughs" and they intended them to further a simple, flexible system of local government which would avoid the major errors of the older state constitutions.

The constitution was also advanced in other respects — it forbade any discrimination in the distribution of state services because of race and specifically protected the rights and claims of the Native peoples of the state. Alaska state law outlawed, even before the nationwide civil rights movement, any sort of discrimination in restaurants, hotels, schools, or jobs.

At the time of statehood all Alaskans — about 175,000 people, one-fifth of whom were Natives — voted on the constitutional referendum. On July 7, 1959, Alaska became a State.
The Duck-In, OEO and The Oil

In 1924 the federal government had staked out a large petroleum reserve of 23 million acres on the North Slope shortly after the Eskimos had pointed out oil seams to government officials in the land around Point Barrow. The Inupiat, having shared this knowledge, were then permitted to continue to hunt for subsistence purposes in the reserve and life went on pretty much as before.

Then at the end of the Eisenhower administration, and before statehood, the federal government decided to declare the entire North Slope an Arctic Wildlife Refuge. In an act of restraint, the Department of Interior finally settled on only 6 million acres, which turned out to be almost the entire eastern portion of the Slope. Again the Inupiat were forced to readjust their homeland habits.

The fantastic whaling years of the late 1800's had finally taken their toll and conservationists around the world were campaigning to stop the killing of all whales. The whaling season shapes the year for the Inupiat. It is their major source of food — a good catch can provide full stomachs for months. It is considered an honor for an Eskimo to kill a whale.

The Inupiats became fearful, and still are, that the conservationists would succeed and that there will be no more whaling seasons at Barrow. They knew that the results would be disastrous.

In the midst of coping with this fear and the anxiety caused by the setting aside of the petroleum reserve and the taking of the eastern portion of the slope for the Wildlife Refuge — there came the threat to detonate an atomic bomb at Point Hope, an Inupiat village. Point Hope is believed to be the oldest continuously inhabited community in North or South America. The Atomic Energy Commission wanted to demonstrate the peaceful use of atomic energy by creating a large harbor precisely on the village site.

Atomic testing had already done irreparable damage to the Slope. The fallout from testing in Siberia and the Pacific was dropping contaminated Cesium 137 and Strontium 90 on the mosses and lichen of the tundra. The caribou, eating the mosses, were absorbing the radiation and the Eskimos, who were eating the caribou, were too.

At one time the levels of accumulation were so high that one of the Atomic Energy Commissioners recommended that Eskimos be fed entirely on foods brought up from the lower 48 states.

The harpoon that broke the whale's back, so to speak, came in 1961 when Mexico protested that American poachers from California, Arizona and Texas were violating the terms of the Migratory Bird Treaty of 1916. The federal government decided that it would be easier to stop the Inupiats from hunting Eider ducks, an essential part of their subsistence diet, than to stop the poachers in the politically powerful states of Arizona, California and Texas. So on May 31, 1961, a federal game warden came to Barrow to enforce the treaty and the Inupiats found themselves standing up to the insane forces that were passing through their lives.

Since it was the midst of the spring duck season it took no time at all for the federal game warden to arrest a number of Inupiats. Two days later the agent was confronted with 138 Inupiats all holding ducks and their guns — it was the Barrow Duck-In of 1961! The federal government backed off. Perhaps the trustee sensed that the Duck-In was the beginning of change in their Inupiat world.
The Inupiat group which was formed in 1964 was called the Arctic Slope Native Association (ASNA). The Inupiat had decided to change their nature and to fight. It was a difficult transition which took a terrible personal toll on the Inupiat leaders.

This period was also the beginning of the development of the Office of Economic Opportunity. With the emphasis on community action and local planning that OEO programs provided, it was only two years until the statewide Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) was formed to champion Native rights. It rapidly became the principal voice of the Alaska Native claims movement.

Eskimo culture, with its non-aggression, courtesy, and consensus was being whipped by white entrepreneurs and an incredibly thoughtless trustee. The cultural values of sharing, self-confidence, and presumption of good will in others were precisely what was not needed if the land, the whale, and the Inupiat way of life were to survive the colonial onslaught.

Until the Statehood Act of 1958 there was no massive threat to Alaskan Native land rights, except perhaps to the Inupiat. For the most part colonization had been restricted to the transfer of white religious beliefs, language, and educational processes. After Statehood, there was never a question that most of the land being used by the Natives would be taken from them.

Despite the fact that the Alaska State Constitutional Congress provided that the “State and its people do agree and declare that they forever disclaim all right and title . . . to any lands or other property (including fishing rights) the right or title to which may be held by any Indians, Eskimos or Aleuts . . ." the State soon moved to take over lands clearly used and occupied by Native villages and to claim, under the Statehood Act, royalties from Federal oil and gas leases on Native lands.

The Department of Interior, the Natives’ trustee, without informing those Native villages affected while also ignoring the claims they had on file, began to process the State’s selections. The Indians of Tanacross Village were to hear only through the mukluk telegraph that their lands on Lake George were being sold at the New York’s World Fair as “Wilderness Estates.” As word of the State’s actions spread from village to village, the Natives began to organize regional associations for their common defense.

No. One Wall Street West

Right after statehood, Alaska had selected large tracts of lands east of Barrow on the North Slope in an area known as Prudhoe Bay. These had been routinely transferred to the State under the terms of the Statehood Act with the approval of the Department of Interior’s Bureau of Land Management, but without the approval of the Inupiats.

In 1964, just at the time ASNA had been founded, the State leased some of these tracts to Sinclair, Atlantic Richfield and British Petroleum who started exploration immediately. Then on July 18, 1968, Atlantic Richfield announced that it had discovered oil at Prudhoe Bay on the Arctic Slope. The strike was on — oil fever was about to change the North Slope and the Inupiats forever.
On the North Slope it is hard to throw anything away. It can't be buried because 18 inches down is a concrete-like layer of permafrost. It can't be taken away because there is no "away", only thousands of miles of ice pack in front and hundreds of miles of impassable tundra behind.

So things stay where they are left and each North Slope village is an incredible collection of debris, everything that's ever been brought there—rusted bulldozers, tin cans, wrecked snowmobiles, dismantled cranes, 50-gallon drums, broken sleds and holed boats.

The discovery of oil brought the boomers, the get-rich-quick artists, the great New York banks and the great corporations. There was an airlift of oil equipment and supplies—14 oil companies were soon on the Slope using 500 million pounds of equipment: pipes, derricks, fuel cans and helicopters.

Then on February 11, 1969, three of the major oil companies announced that they had decided to build a $900 million pipeline across Alaska.

The white people had what one Inupiat called a "financial orgasm". The oil companies literally trampled over the Inupiat. Gentle, but newly resolved to fight, they were moved to protest—but no one heard them, particularly not the state of Alaska.

A few months later, in April, 1969, the State announced that 400,000 additional acres of land held by the State under the original BLM transfer which were adjacent to the Prudhoe Bay field were going to be sold by competitive bid. When they were sold it was in the midst of an incredible financial ritual. The final proceeds in bonus bids paid to Alaska in one day for the Inupiats' homeland totaled $900,220,590.21. During and after the bidding which was held in Anchorage, a single Inupiat, Charlie Edwardsen, Jr., led a small crowd of supporters in a picketing of the proceedings. Not even $.21 of these revenues gained by the State were to be channeled back into the North Slope—an area larger than the 36 of the 50 states which was without a hospital, a high school, roads or sewage and water systems.

I know what it will take to make the white nation act. It is here, it is all around us, under the ground. It is oil.

Charlie Edwardsen, Jr., Inupiat before the 1968 Prudhoe Bay oil strike.

Back in 1966, then-Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall had put on his federal fiduciary hat and moved on behalf of the Alaska Natives to block any further transfer of their lands to the state. His left arm, the Bureau of Land Management, had tentatively approved the transfer of another 12 million acres to Alaska. Udall was courageous in the face of enormous pressures and he halted this pending transfer and suspended the issuance of new federal oil and gas leases pending Congressional "settlement" of Native lands.

Alaska's then-Governor Walter J. Hickel had condemned Udall's act as illegal and the State filed suit to force him to transfer the land. The local district court upheld Alaska, but Udall appealed. Just before he resigned in November, 1969 as Secretary of the Interior, he formalized his "land freeze" with the issuance of Public Land Order 4582. A month later, in December, 1969, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld his action and the taking of lands by the State was legally put in abeyance.
Ironically, Governor Walter Hickel succeeded Udall as Secretary of the Interior. Walter Hickel, the oil companies, the state and the private interests soon recognized that they were now going to have to deal with the Native land issue.

Udall had known this. When he issued his formalized "land freeze" he said:

"This action will give opportunity for Congress to consider how the legislative commitment that the Natives shall not be disturbed in their traditional use and occupations of the lands in Alaska should be implemented... to allow these lands to pass into other ownership in the face of the Natives’ claim would, in my opinion, preclude a fair and equitable settlement of the matter by Congress. It would also deny the Natives of Alaska an opportunity to acquire title to the lands which they have admittedly used and occupied for centuries."

The hopes of the Native people had also gained new force when in July, 1969, Arthur J. Goldberg, former Supreme Court Justice and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, agreed to represent the Natives' cause before Congress as a public service. Also joining Goldberg were Ramsey Clark, former Attorney General, and Thomas Kuchel, former U.S. Senator from California.

There was no question about the validity of their claim to the land in the minds of the Alaskan Natives, and even the white man's laws indicated on all fronts that they were either entitled to their land or to just compensation for it by the federal trustee.

A long series of federal statutes and Supreme Court decisions had established a rule that aboriginal occupancy creates a property right which the United States alone has power to extinguish and that Native land rights carry with them the right of the tribe or Native group to enjoy the protection of the United States against interference from all others, including state governments.

As early as 1783 a Congress of the Confederation issued a proclamation prohibiting all persons from making settlements "on lands inhabited or claimed by Indians" and "from purchasing or receiving any gift for cession of such lands or claim without the express authority and direction of the United States in Congress assembled".

The Ordinance for the Northwest Territory provided that the land and the property of the Indians shall "never be taken from them without their consent" and that "their property, rights, and liberty shall never be invaded or disturbed, unless in just and lawful war authorized by Congress".

It looked like there was about to be a war in Alaska. In any case there was no doubt that the United States was going to extinguish some of the Natives' rights, and so along with former Justice Goldberg and the others, a bevy of claims lawyers had begun working with various Alaskan Native groups in the preparation of a proposed Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act. At the same time so had the Department of Interior and several congressional committees and the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska, a Presidential Commission left over from the 1964 earthquake. 1970 three different proposals to settle the Alaska Land Controversy were before Congress.

The Alaskan Natives' new trustee (and old governor), Secretary Hickel, proposed that the Natives be given restricted title to approximately 12 million acres of land stripped of oil and gas rights, to be selected from the public domain at the same time as the State had an opportunity to pick 103 million acres. He also stated that the Natives should receive cash compensation in the amount of $500 million, payable over a 20-year period without interest, for the over 300 million acres they were giving up.

The lands around my dwelling
Are more beautiful
From the day
When it is given me to see
Faces I have never seen before.
All is more beautiful,
And life is thankfulness.
The Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska recommended a Congressional settlement with these provisions: fee simple title for the Alaskan villages to approximately 5 million acres of land, with full mineral rights and protection of hunting and fishing rights over larger areas; and cash compensation ranging from a minimum of $100 million to $1 billion, the exact amount to be contingent upon the size of the Federal oil and gas royalties in Alaska, and to be paid over a 10-year period without any interest.

Finally, the Alaska Federation of Natives on behalf of 60,000 Native people offered its solutions. AFN asked for conveyance to Native villages of fee simple title to 40 million acres of land with mineral rights to be held by Native regional development corporations, and cash compensation in the amount of $500 million (roughly $1.50 per acre) payable over a nine-year period with interest paid at 4%; and a 2% residual royalty on gross revenues from the Federal lands to which Native title was being extinguished.

Given the vast amount of land in Alaska and the extent of the Native land rights and needs, 40 million acres seemed a rock bottom request to AFN. It represented 10% of the land for nearly 20% of the people who actually had valid claims to nearly 100% of the land. The state would still find ample land from which to make its selection of 103 million acres set aside under the Statehood Act Provision, and the balance of about 230 million acres of Alaska would be retained by the federal government.

Considering the fact that the lands to which the Natives had legal rights had a value conservatively estimated in the tens of billions of dollars, the cash settlement proposed by the AFN based on the $1.50 per acre figure was an extremely modest one.

Alaska had gotten almost $1 billion in bonus bids alone from sale of rights to the oil companies to explore the 400,000 acres of land. Further, when measured against the actual needs of the Natives, the cash compensation was not substantial. Far more would have been required to raise their family income and standards of living to even half that of the white Alaskan residents.

The (Alaska Natives) claim title to over 300 millions acres of land in the first place. Now we are saying when they comprise 2% of the population and are getting 4% of the land, how generous we are.

Senator Edward Kennedy, Addressing the Senate Committee considering the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, July 15, 1970

After the 1970 proposals were in, it took almost two years of intense negotiation in Congress to work out the final Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The pressures to settle were enormous. The world and the United States were moving into the midst of the world energy crisis, the environmentalists were protesting the possible effects of building the pipeline and the oil companies were saying that without the pipeline America would be at the mercy of foreign powers.

The pressures were so great that they almost wreaked as much havoc among the various member groups of the AFN as they did between the various senators, legislative committees and federal agencies within the Department of Interior. The Inupiats in particular often felt at a disadvantage as various proposals for dividing up the land on a per capita basis instead of a lands loss basis, were formulated. They knew it had taken virtually all of their 56.5 million acre Slope to sustain them in the past.

They were not sure they could survive with the solutions their fellow Native Alaskans were settling for. They were learning how time with bureaucrats leads to becoming more "reasonable and negotiable" just at the precise moment in their history when they needed to be anything but reasonable.

The final settlement package passed by Congress provided Alaska Natives title to surface land and sub-surface resources for 40 million acres, plus $462,500,000 from the United States to be paid over an 11-year period. It also provided a guaranteed income of $500 million from mineral reserves. The Settlement Act was accepted by all the members of the Alaskan Federation of Natives except the Inupiats of the North Slope who continued to oppose it right up until the time it was signed into law by President Nixon on December 18, 1971.
Mobil Oil Company v. Local Boundary Commission
The Oil Companies v. The Inupiats

You must understand that we Eskimos are here forever. The others just came to extract and exploit these resources. When they are through they will leave. If they want to stay a little while fine. They can pay a little rent.

Joe Upicksoun, Inupiats

The juxtaposition of their impoverished villages with an economy based on subsistence, against a massive infusion of capital investment at Prudhoe Bay, gave the Eskimos some hope that they would benefit from the newly discovered wealth of their Arctic Slope homeland.

Instead, they soon found that the more likely consequence of petroleum development would be damage to the basis of their livelihood — hunting — without any real compensation.

Because they were undereducated, this lack of education was of greater moment each day as it became necessary for them to deal with the white world and also as the new, petroleum-related employment opportunities were denied to the uneducated Inupiat. In 1971, of some 800 petroleum-related jobs on the North Slope only 8 were held by Natives.

The price of even a high school education on the North Slope has always been semi-permanent separation of a child from its Inupiat family as he or she was forced to attend boarding school hundreds or thousands of miles from home. It meant more colonization — that these children had to stop speaking their native tongue; to experience food, clothing and housing totally different from that of their villages; to be gone from their families for six to nine months at a time; and then to return only to find themselves aliens in their own culture — no longer comfortable on the Slope or "Outside" either.

Seeing this alienation destroying their young people and their culture's future — and also seeing that their people had serious health problems (in an area of 56.5 million acres there was no hospital) and that no village on the Slope had a sanitation or water system, the Inupiat leaders moved.

At first they were very uncomfortable, but they were also determined not to see their people destroyed or displaced by the encroachment of "civilization".

Coincidentally this new Inupiat movement came at about the same time that the Native American Rights Fund was establishing itself as a national legal program in Boulder, Colorado. And soon the Inupiats would be drawing on this new resource to protect what remained of their existence.

Just before the Claims Act became final, the Arctic Slope Native Association had begun formal efforts to try to use the Alaska State Constitution to some advantage for the Eskimos. They began to try to establish one of the local government units or boroughs provided for under state law, a local government unit for Inupiats which would encompass the vast Arctic Slope and provide them some measure of protection from the state, federal and corporate interests and furnish a vehicle for their own self-determination.

At the time, North Slope local powers rested with the Alaska State Legislature hundreds of miles away in Juneau and the legislature's unresponsiveness on the Slope had been shown by its willingness to absorb the proceeds of the lucrative $900 million Arctic Slope oil lease sale without paying the slightest attention to the North Slope's critical human needs.

The Eskimos thought that if they could control their own fairs — according to the white man's ways — they could then regulate development that threatened their way of life, and impose taxes to finance education and other of their needs as a people. It was the lack of a high school in the immense region that was the greatest single impetus to the borough's development.

In an airplane crash on Labor Day, 1971, Barrow lost a whole generation of high school students on their way to boarding school in the lower 48.
The process of meeting legal requirements to form a borough on the North Slope took about a year. ASNA began circulating the necessary petitions to incorporate as a borough and ASNA's attorney, Frederick Paul, requested NARF's legal assistance with the complicated administrative procedures and regulations. NARF's Founding Director, David H. Getches, was assigned to the matter and traveled to Alaska for the innumerable hearings and meetings which were held. The State's Local Boundary Commission assembled a vast record before it decided in February, 1972, to accept the Eskimo's petition.

Suddenly alarmed at the prospect of Eskimo control and taxation, seven of the world's largest oil companies with substantial investments at Prudhoe Bay filed a lawsuit to stop the Inupiat's formation of the incipient North Slope Borough. These companies included Mobil Oil Corporation, Amercada Hess Corporation, Amoco Production Company, British Petroleum Company, Exxon Corporation, Union Oil of California, and Phillips Petroleum Company.

The oil companies charged that the Eskimo's petition to form a borough was improper because of technical deficiencies in the record. They also asserted a number of grounds based on the fact that the new borough's assembly would not be properly apportioned (even though 95% of the borough's isolated voters had approved the composition and apportionment of the assembly).

Finally, the oil companies claimed that certain legal standards for the organization of the borough had not been met. For instance, they said that much of the North Slope Borough was "unused" land. But the Court later found that virtually all of the 56.5 million acre area was utilized by the Eskimos for subsistence hunting.

The companies belatedly claimed the borough was unconstitutional inasmuch as they as the major property owners on the Slope would have to bear most of the tax burdens and would get no benefit from a local government because the companies — whose employees lived in self-contained luxury units and dormitories — were supplying such services as sewage and water for themselves.

In April of 1972, just after the oil companies had sued the Boundary Commission, the Arctic Slope Native Association (which had sponsored the petition to incorporate) along with the five cities of the North Slope (Anaktuvuk Pass, Barrow, Kaktovik, Point Hope, and Wainwright) and two other individuals residing in the area moved to intervene in the oil companies' suit.
Protecting the World’s Largest Native Government

These people could become millionaires many times over. This generation of Eskimos are hunters and fishermen. The next generation will probably be tax lawyers.

Oil company lawyer, 1974

The Association and the cities asked that NARF, in the face of such formidable adversaries, continue to help them through this suit to help them protect their hard-won borough. NARF agreed and its motion for intervention on their behalf was granted by the court over the objections of all of the oil companies.

The oil companies then promptly moved for a stay of the elections needed to select a mayor and other officials for the new borough. NARF defended the need for the election successfully in court and the elections were held.

It was then the task of the Lieutenant Governor to certify the election results at which time the borough could begin to put together the desperately needed services for the Inupiat people.

The oil companies, however, again moved the court for a stay. This time they sought to enjoin the Lieutenant Governor from making his certification pending the outcome of this first lawsuit against the Commission. The Superior Court denied the request and a few days later the oil companies asked the Supreme Court of Alaska to rule on the question. Three of the justices had to disqualify themselves for reasons of apparent connections with oil interests on the North Slope. The motion was decided by one of the two remaining justices who affirmed the decision of the Superior Court and allowed the Inupiat election to be certified.

With their lawsuit still pending, the oil companies continued to hold a cloud of litigation over the Inupiat. Because of it the borough had difficulty obtaining financing for planning and organization of the new government.

An additional complicating factor was that it was a totally new form of government being superimposed on a society governed previously by consensus. Now after 70 years, during which time there had been nothing in the colonial process to encourage self-respect and self-reliance in Inupiat people, it was time for self-determination. The oil companies were not making it any easier.

After more than a year of unsuccessful legal maneuvers by the oil companies to prevent the borough from actually beginning its operation, the Superior Court issued a memorandum decision on January 19, 1973. The Court found in favor of the Inupiat on every point, specifically rejecting each of the contentions raised by the oil companies.

However, in what had been a war of financial attrition from the beginning, the oil companies with endless legal resources at their hands then appealed the Superior Court decision to the Supreme Court.

Once again NARF was in court on behalf of the Inupiat. Another year passed; the long tense days and nights of preparation of briefs were repeated. The strange silences in the court before and after oral arguments were there again. Then finally the decision came.

The system had worked for the Inupiat. The Alaska State Supreme Court upheld the decision of the Superior Court. The new Inupiat government was free to continue to move ahead with its plans.
Winning the Battle, Losing the War

Like the miner's canary, the Indian marks the shift from fresh air to poison gas in our political atmosphere; and our treatment of Indians . . . reflects the rise and fall of our democratic faith.

— the late Felix Cohen, Esq.

Many problems were still ahead for the Eskimos in their giant borough, however. Hedging their bets in case the State Supreme Court failed to approve their appeal against the borough, the oil companies launched a bevy of lawsuits challenging the borough’s taxing powers. They also sued the State of Alaska, attacking legislation providing for taxation and regulation of the oil industry by the State.

In September, 1974, Governor William Egan announced that as a result of secret talks with the oil industry growing out of their lawsuit against the State, a special session in the state legislature would be called.

This was an extraordinary move and showed how high the stakes were. Only twice before in the State’s history had special legislative sessions been called: once in reaction to the disastrous Fairbanks Flood in 1967 and the other following the tragic 1964 earthquake.

It was clear that the oil companies had said that if certain legislation was passed, their suit against the State could be settled. Built into the proposed emergency legislative package were severe limitations on the power of the North Slope borough to tax the oil companies.

During the special session oil industry lobbyists in Juneau reportedly out-numbered state legislators. This factor, coupled

Self-Determination After Colonization

The Shamans were the Eskimos’ television . . . revealing good and evil, past and future events — like looking at the bottom of a bucket of water.

The North Slope Borough is like a shaman predicting the future of local Native government and self-determination in Alaska. If it can continue to stand the tests of litigation and legislation, more than the intent of the draftsmen of Alaska’s constitution may be vindicated. It may be the real beginning of Indian self-determination after colonization. If it fails it may mean cultural genocide cannot be avoided even in the modern colonial process.

It was, of course predictable that the State of Alaska itself would become swept up in the role of the invader to the detriment of its individual Native citizens. Although the result will probably not totally destroy these determined people, nonetheless if the oil companies have their way too much, history may repeat itself.

Meanwhile, the North Slope Borough government is moving forward. The Inupiat are still 18 months away from having their first high school at Anaktuvuk Pass, but it does have temporary high school quarters for students who do not want to leave home in Point Hope and similar temporary facilities will soon be finished in Wainwright.

The master plan for Barrow has been completed and the large proposed high school and community complex there which includes the original BIA elementary school is being revamped with new architecture and engineering requirements.

It will take three more years to implement fully a Department of Health for the whole Borough, but village health helpers are being trained and are continuing to gain new skills.

The North Slope Borough assembly set a firm policy of unconditionally providing jobs for Natives on construction contracts for all of the public works projects on the Slope. Rare exceptions for non-Native people are made only for those jobs which require engineering or other professional skills not available yet among the Inupiat.

The Borough has more plans and its leaders are working hard to piece together a viable, Inupiat society in a rapidly changing homeland.
On the North Slope milk is $2.95 a half gallon; bread, $1.05 a loaf; beer, $14 a case; Coke, 40 cents a can.

The Slope also has a Native Regional Corporation like 11 others throughout the state set up under the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act. Each Native owns 100 shares in his respective Corporation. These Corporations have hired geologists, consultants and attorneys. They have filed land selections, funds are being distributed to them under the Act and there are many lawsuits and squabbles. Get-rich-quick types and con-artists smell the money and not all of the regions have been able to keep clear of them. Even today most of the Natives have yet to receive the bulk of either their money or their land.

The Alaska pipeline has of course been approved. Its construction has begun and it will have an impact upon the North Slope villages throughout Alaska greater than even the first contact with white man.

Ahead lies a struggle between economic expedience and cultural genocide. The outcome for the Inupiats depends on whether the North Slope of Alaska will be dominated by the oil companies or by its original inhabitants.

The Role of The Native American Rights Fund

The role played by NARF in the establishment of the Inupiats' North Slope Borough is reflective of what NARF is trying to do all across the country — that is, to use legal tools to help Indian people preserve and protect their tribal existence and their resources, as well as to guarantee equal human rights and the accountability of the federal and state governments.

NARF was just coming into existence at the time the first proposals for the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act were being put together, and for this reason NARF attorneys were not asked to comment on the AFN proposal. Had they been asked, it is likely that NARF's role would have been limited, not only because the program was new, but because other legal resources were readily available to the Alaska Natives. In addition to lawyers like former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, a bevy of claims attorneys were assisting whose fees, which totalled millions of dollars, will be paid as a part of a special $2 million provision in the settlement package.

The effort to establish the North Slope Borough presented entirely different issues and circumstances. When the Inupiat people asked NARF to assist them they had little funds to pay their attorneys. The Claims Act had yet to be implemented and eventually payments would be made to the new Regional Corporations and not to the Arctic Slope Native Association which was spearheading the borough movement.

Further, the concept of establishing a Native-controlled government was high among those priorities set by NARF's all-Indian Steering Committee for the use of NARF's limited legal resources. The borough concept was one of the few remaining options open to the Inupiat as they struggled to keep their people and their culture alive following colonization. It was the first major step towards a program of self-determination in the more than 100-year-old Inupiat-American relationship.

Once the establishment of the borough was reaffirmed by the Supreme Court and the fledgling government was able to use part of its own revenues for legal counsel, NARF's role was reduced to providing only research and comments on the litigation strategies used in the other suits filed by the oil companies to limit the borough's taxing power. These suits, settled out of court, were, of course, critical to the borough's ability to raise adequate revenues to service the 56.5 million acre area. However, the borough government also had, unlike before, its own financial resources which enabled it to retain private counsel.

Each year since 1971 NARF has faced a steadily increasing demand for its services. In allocating NARF resources the staff must follow the specific policy guidelines set by the Steering Committee, as well as deal with the practical realities of whether or not a particular client's problem can be solved through legal remedies.

There are always difficulties involved in raising the financial resources needed to operate a non-profit program. One promising new method, however, which NARF is exploring is court awarded attorney's fees which reimburse the program for resources expended in winning cases.
THE NATIONAL INDIAN LAW LIBRARY

The National Indian Law Library (NILL) is a project of the Native American Rights Fund. Established in 1972 with a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, its main purpose is to serve as a national clearinghouse for attorneys and scholars working in the area of Indian law.

The recognition of the need for an Indian law library came from the practical experiences of NARF attorneys and others practicing Indian law. They found that the standard commercial reporting systems employed indexing systems that failed to reflect major portions of this specialized law, and that therefore there was no method for keeping up-to-date in this rapidly growing field. Many who were working on reservations and in rural Indian Communities lacked law libraries or other resources. Finally, until NILL was established, there was no center where current litigation in Indian law was being collected, assembled and made available to attorneys.

Since May, 1972, NILL has been collecting, cataloguing, and making available materials on Indian litigation and other matters concerning Indian law. Its holdings include legal memoranda and opinions, law review articles, special studies and governmental documents. In an effort to make NILL's holdings more accessible to tribes and attorneys, a comprehensive General Index to Indian law with more than 400 subject headings has been prepared by NARF and all of NILL's holdings are catalogued under this index. In addition, NILL materials are catalogued by tribe, state, plaintiff-defendant, and author-title.

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Hydaburg Cooperative Association v. Morton, Rogers C.B.
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