

CONCERNING INDIANS OF ALASKA - OIL COMPANIES

the best interest for the Indians or the Natives of Alaska, as well as the other natives in Alaska and we do know that they are supported by their rich oil country. And we do know that there are some oil companies that are interested in lifting this freeze for their best interest. But we are concerned that our Secretary of Interior will remain and hold this freeze until he does see the best interest for the Natives of Alaska. And we did see an article in the "TIME" magazine where a company, an oil company that was operating in California, that had sprung a leak and damaged an area, killing the fish, the birds and taking a size of oil companies or sued for a settlement when they are hesitating to settle this suit. Then we have some hungry people in the state of Oklahoma, and those people are as concerned with their support or I should say the adjustment for their needs. The Secretary of Interior should fit in to correct these needs for these lower class of people--those that are in need, and take care of these smaller matters before before these lands that are frozen, should be last to think about lifting the restricting--the freezes on 'em.

(I see, well George, was that incident in California there, was that the oil company that sprung the leak, and it sorta blackened the coastline up and down by Santa Barbara there? I think I remember reading something about it.) Yes, quite a few of the people there were really concerned about the leak that was damaging along the coastlines at that time.

(Oh, was the Secretary of the Interior involved in that in any way?)

Yes, he was. And today, we are concerned that this Secretary of the Interior will make these corrections or those mistakes corrections which will not happen again to our Indians. He should be aware by now how to correct these mistakes before they happen.