

Were you in Kotzebue in 1951?

Mrs. BERGT. Yes; I was.

Mr. ASPINALL. There were a few of us who visited there. One of the outstanding personalities I remember was Abe Lincoln.

Mrs. BERGT. Yes; I know Abe very well.

Mr. ASPINALL. He was very, very articulate and in his way made a very good impression on the committee that was there. Also, we ate lunch. We made an awful trip that day. We went from Fairbanks—this was in November—to Kotzebue to Nome before the day was over. I never saw daylight in Nome, by the way. We had some kind of pie with berries out of the marshes. What kind of berries were those?

Mrs. BERGT. Blueberries.

Mr. ASPINALL. It was a blueberry pie and it certainly shook me. Blueberries north of the Arctic Circle. I could never get over that. I still remember the water situation, as you referred to, which was ice taken from partly fresh water and piled up next to the house. I can remember many other things. They were, and are in want. Don't get me wrong. I want to see the conditions in all of Alaska change. I want all of Alaska to have the same benefits. Some people in my district do not have any less hardship. They have just as much hardship as many of the natives in Alaska, much to my distress.

Thank you very much.

Mr. HALEY. The gentleman from South Dakota.

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Chairman, I join the chairman of the committee in complimenting you on your statement.

Mr. HALEY. The gentleman from Alaska.

Mr. POLLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I just want to compliment Laura, also, on your testimony. If you ever decide you need a brief respite from your toil in Alaska, I would be happy to have you in my office.

Mrs. BERGT. Thank you.

Mr. HALEY. We are very happy to have you here.

Mrs. BERGT. I am very glad to be here.

Mr. HALEY. The next witness is Mr. William Paul.

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM PAUL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, SPOKANE, WASH.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Chairman, I have been sitting back here sweating all day long.

Mr. HALEY. You won't have to sweat very long, Mr. Paul, because my time is running out.

Mr. PAUL. I have rewritten my speech a dozen times and I am going to confine it to the questions posed. My grandfather and grandmother on both sides were Indians. My legal residence is in Alaska. My domicile right now is in Seattle. I am one of the attorneys for the Arctic Slope Association, and they are the ones that have probably the richest area of oil in all of the North American Continent.

Referring to a remark of the chairman a while ago about Abraham Lincoln, it is perhaps some distinction to me that my mother was once betrothed to an Abraham Lincoln. Fortunately she got out of it. That is the reason my name is not Lincoln. The thing that I noticed as we went on with our subject was this: Continually it has come up and