

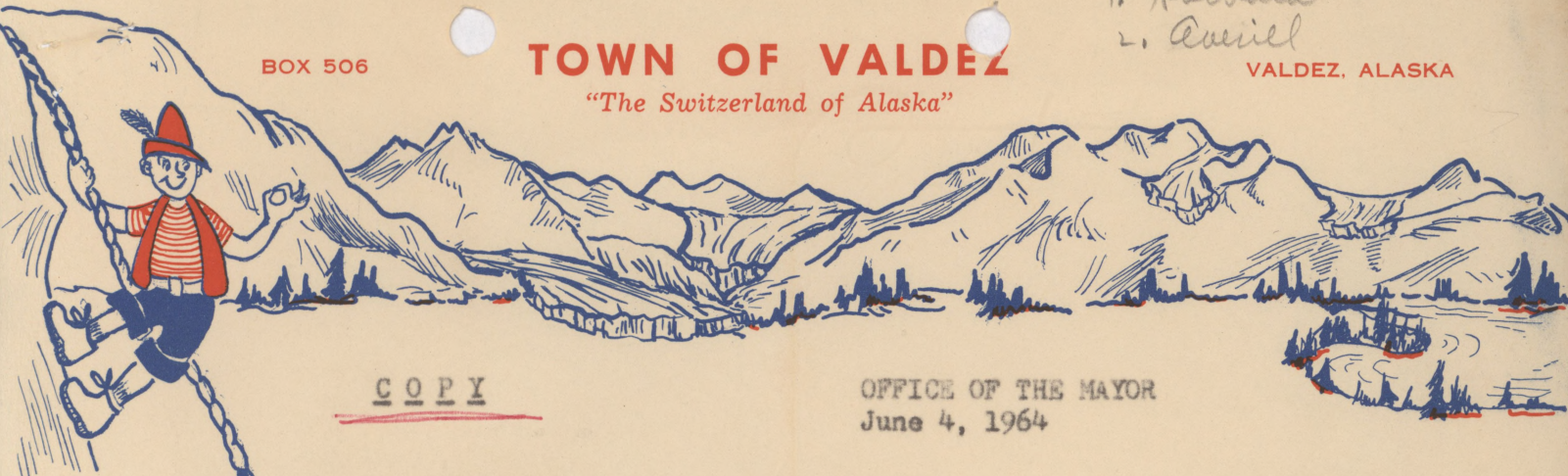
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"The Switzerland of Alaska"

VALDEZ, ALASKA

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
June 4, 1964

Don Moser
LIFE Magazine
540 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Don:

Your article in the May 29th issue of Life is, to me, the most shocking example of mis-statement that I have ever read!

We here in Valdez feel that the many government agencies that have come to Valdez have gathered valuable information; and after all of it has been analyzed, we know that the very best will be done for our community.

This is already very evident in the forward strides that we are now making. I feel that a portion of your titly - "-Too Many Cooks-" is unjust and uncalled for.

Reading farther in the article, we come to a Mrs. Paul Palfy, and a picture -- no less! Mrs. Palfy understandably could get no land at the time she talked to you, as there was no land to be given.

To go further, in regard to Mrs. Palfy; she was associated in a canning plant here in Valdez, several years ago. After the cannery went broke, and to this day, she still owes many thousands of dollars, in and around town, to people who worked with, and for, her in good faith. If she is so anxious for the people of Valdez to have an income, then why does she not pay what she owes them, with the money that supposedly "went out the door"?

I am very disappointed in your article, Don, and think it does a great injustice to the people of Valdez, and to the people of Alaska. Mrs. Palfy does not deserve space in a magazine such as LIFE, and you certainly should have checked her out, before printing.

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Don Moser, LIFE reporter

When I think of all the excellent script that Mrs. Jack Devault gave you, and the many hours she spent assisting you, it makes me just a little sick to note that no mention of her, or her comments, is noted.

I could go on, but the more I write, the more provoked I become; so I shall close for now.

Respectfully;

H. Bruce Woodford, Mayor

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