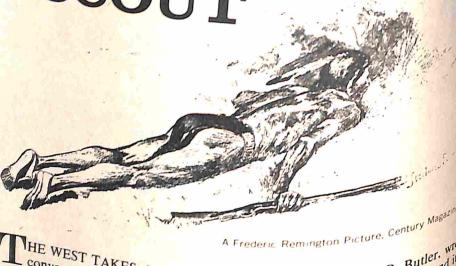
THE EDITOR SPEAKS



HE WEST TAKES this occasion to convey the deep concern felt by the personnel of this magazine over the catastrophe experienced by Alaska generally and by the city of Fairbanks specifically late in August. Knowing the courage and resourcefulness of the citizens of this great state, we are confident they will overcome this tremendous set-back and continue to build toward their tri-goals of industry, culture and progress. A suggestion: how about an atomic plant to create electricity—and heat—for Alaska?

WE ARE PROUD to publish in this issue a story by Joan Kyllo titled "Escape From Sioux Captivity," (page 14). Two more theme, will appear in coming issues Miss theme, will appear in coming issues. Miss Kyllo authored the memorable "Blankets and Chains, for us in the October, 1966

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