

Our Girl Most Congenial— **Flora Is Alaska's** **'Miss Congeniality'**



MISS ESKIMO OLYMPICS

"I'll never be the same, I loved it," exclaimed Flora Bergman, Alaska's Miss Congeniality on her return from the Miss Alaska Pageant in Anchorage last

weekend.

"They kept us so busy, I didn't have time to think," reported lovely Miss Eskimo Olympics about her week as one of 20 contestants for the Miss Alaska crown.

The crown went to Linda Joy Smith, 19, Miss Elmendorf, who will represent Alaska in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City this September.

Yet, Flora impressed all who met her - with the colorful native Indian dress she wore for her talent presentation and the exuberant personality which won her the coveted title of Miss Congeniality and a \$250 scholarship award presented by the Mt. McKinley Lions Club of Anchorage.

On her return to Fairbanks en route back to her Native Allakaket, Flora retreated for 14 hours to make up for the rest she lost during the hectic pageant rehearsal, social and pres-

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entation schedule.

"I miss all the girls already," she said of the other contestants who obviously thought the same of her.

During the week long pageant preparation and presentation the girls spent most of their time at the Anchorage Westward Hotel busily rehearsing their parts in the performance. At the end, exhausted, Flora was elated after the exciting experience of wearing the unique Eskimo Olympics crown in the pageant.

On Thursday, April 1, she returns to her native village of Allakaket in time to attend the spring dog races.

This year, the Allakaket races will honor Flora's father, Edward Bergman, who died last fall.