

Greenland's Tukak Theatre to tour Alaska

The schedule for the upcoming Tukak Theatre tour of Alaska has been released and includes stops in Kodiak, Bethel, Nome, Tooksook Bay and several North Slope villages.

Tukak' Theatre performances have been praised by the press across the United States and Canada where the troupe has been touring for the past several months.

"The Tukak' Theatre's INUIT combined words, song, images and movement in a very rich, yet accessible piece of compelling theatre," wrote Peter Vaughn, critic of the

Minneapolis Star and Tribune.

Nancy Scott, the critic for the San Francisco Examiner awarded INUIT the paper's top rating - four stars - and advised, "Hurry, if you wish to see a stunning piece of theatre that is not quite like any other theatre anywhere ... professional stagecraft and stylized storytelling that is absolutely breathtaking in its movement, its suspense, its comedy and joy."

In a cooperative effort with local sponsors in tour communities, supporters across the state, and the Institute of Alas-

ka Native Arts, Alaska Repertory Theatre has slated the Tukak' Theatre tour for eighteen communities. Tukak' Theatre will arrive in Alaska on October 15, 1982.

The plays of Tukak' are modern theatre pieces based on ancient stories and mythology. The plots are simple, but "the visual and gestural expression is rich," according to Director Nilsson. The productions, which include vivid acting, dancing, chants, and the inspired use of costumes and masks, are the results of improvisation by the actors and director.

Speaking of the planning of

their works, Mr. Nilsson has written, "We have to search into our inner selves, into our own world of symbols. We find it necessary to start with our old culture. We must build a bridge to the new Greenland. Therefore, we keep our-

selves oriented to the happenings of Greenland today. Through a thorough study of old myths, legends, and songs, we find starting points for our improvisations. We form our plays from the material which is still alive inside us."