

Sending Queen To Sheridan Called Off

Mrs. Rhoda Forslund Fox, chairman of the Eskimo Olympics of 1970 native queen pageant reluctantly called off sending the Olympics queen to the National Miss (Indian) America Pageant of the All American Indian Days in Sheridan, Wyoming July 29-31 and August 1-2.

The plans were to send Miss Eskimo Olympics of 1969, Miss Sara Seeberger of Kotzebue to Sheridan but Sara said at Kotzebue she was scheduled to have a minor operation at the time when it would conflict with the Sheridan queen pageant.

It was first thought that the winner of the 1970 Olympics pageant would be sent to the Mid-western city but it was found that she would not have qualified because she would not have reigned the minimum of 45 days required by Miss (Indian) America Pageant.

It is now planned that the winner of the 1970 pageant, if she qualified at the minimum age of 17 years, will be sent to Sheridan next year.

Sheridan pageant requires that the native girls be between 17 years and 26 years, of one half or more native blood, must have never been married and have no dependents.

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For the first time this year, the winning queen will receive a \$400 scholarship made available by the Board of Directors of the Fairbanks Native Association.

Along with the FNA scholarship award, the new queen will receive many fine gifts from local merchants. Rhoda Fox, chairman of the pageant, said the complete list of businesses that donated will be publicized soon.

So Far, applicants for Miss World Eskimo Olympics of 1970 are: Miss Jo Ann Joseph, Stevens Village also Miss Fairbanks; Miss Shirley Holmberg, Fairbanks Native Community Center; Miss Cynthia S. Smzyd, Miss Chamber of Commerce, Fairbanks; Miss Kathleen Ketzler, Nenana; and Helen Beth Andon, Miss Nuchalawoyya, Tanana.

The latest to enter the native queen contest is Miss Flora Bergman of the village of Allakaket. She is being sponsored by the Fairbanks Native Association. She is 19 years old.

Miss Janet Woods, Manley Hot Springs and Alice Weber, Kotzebue have indicated they would enter but have not sent in formal applications.