

"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." - Voltaire

Editorial—

OLYMPICS QUEEN'S CROWN MEANS MANY THINGS

To be crowned queen of the World Eskimo Olympics is developing into something desirable which our finest young native womanhood should aspire to attain. It is gaining in stature and dignity it deserves and it should be sought after by our lovely young ladies as one of the finest milestones in their lives. Attaining the crown of the Olympics can be a beautiful memory in the making. It can be a stepping stone for useful things in life because its attainment embodies, or should embody, the finest attributes of the young native womanhood of our rural and urban areas.

The Olympics native beauty pageant will be staged in much more proper settings than others were formerly. The event has been held under open skies and under an old, dilapidated circus tent. This year, the pageant, along with all the other events, will unfold under the imposing gold dome of the Seward Hall on the grounds of the Alaskaland, or, the grounds of last year's centennial exposition.

The Eskimo Olympics Committee, charged with the planning of the program, has also discussed the possibility of constructing a platform on which the queen candidates would parade before the audience. The implementation of this plan would greatly enhance the best attributes of the young ladies.

Plans are definitely afoot for a better than ever atmosphere for the queen candidates as well as for the rest of the performers. This is more the reason why our beautiful native girls of Alaska and Canada who will be competing at the World Eskimo Olympics beauty pageant should look to the event as a milestone in their lives. The plans and preparations are being made so the pageant can be a memorable experience for the native beauties. Deservingly, the spotlight will be on them, each one representing her particular area. One of them will be crowned the World Eskimo Olympics Queen of 1968.

The chosen queen should, by all means, represent the finest young womanhood of all our native people—a queen of whom our people can be justly proud. This means that she should be of good character, wholesome as well as beautiful. She can become the source of inspiration for our young people everywhere—an honor she should be ready to assume. She should reign and represent them with charm, friendliness, kindness, goodwill, dignity and with diplomacy.

We don't think we are asking too much of our young contestants because we know they possess these qualities. Our World Eskimo Olympics queen should personify these attributes and she would truly represent the finest young womanhood among our people. This is a challenging responsibility but one that can be a definite and rewarding asset in the future for our Olympics queen this year and for our queens in the following years.