

Canadians May Be Invited To Native Beauty Pageant

Under the energetic leadership of its chairman, Mrs. Laura Bergt, the Eskimo Olympics Committee is hard at work planning the program of the event tentatively

set for July 23-24-25-26-27 here in Fairbanks.

For the first time in the four-year history of the Olympics, two Canadian towns might be invited to participate in the Native queen pageant. The towns are Inuvik and Aklavik in the Canadian Arctic.

This was suggested by the committee "to give the event a little international flavor and publicity."

"It would be charming to have queen contestants from those towns," said Laura Bergt. "And those Canadian Eskimos have such beautiful parkas too and their beautiful Eskimo girls could really show them off to the audiences."

As usual, the queen contestants will be required to bring their best native costumes to enhance the beauty of the girls who will wear them.

This year, villages that will be represented by their most charming girls will be asked to help defray at least part of the expenses of their entries. This would enable the girls to further develop their charm and poise.

NEW EVENTS

A number of new events are being considered one of which, the kayak race on the Chena River, excites the planners, but where to get the kayaks and the racers is one problem the committee is faced with at the present time.

The members would appreciate any suggestions as to where they could get the services of the racers and their tricky kayaks.

Other new events that might be included are:

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Arctic piggy-back-baby race, Eskimo yo-yo contest, knuckle hop contest, muk-tuk eating contest, harpoon throwing contest, hand hop contest, wrist-broom contest, a few women's Eskimo games, and seal hunting demonstration.

The old standbys of the Olympics have been: seal hook throwing contest, hi-kick contest, blanket toss (nalukatuk), Native beauty pageant, seal skinning contest, and baby parka demonstration.

Chairman Bergt is now on the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce goodwill tour of Barrow, Kotzebue, and Nome and she will contact village leaders in those locations and talk to them about participating in the Eskimo Olympics.