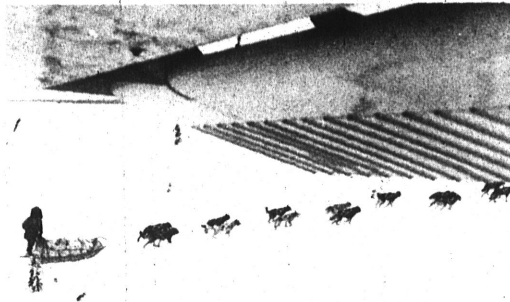


Attla Leads Iditarod Pack



ATTLA IN IDITAROD LEAD — George Attla still in lead entering the fifth day of the Iditarod.

The roughest, toughest, longest race in the history of Alaska dog mushing was proving tough on both men and dogs. Going into the fifth day, seven-time champion George Attla was still in the lead with Bobby Vent of Huslia and Johnny Coffin of Noorvik trying to close the gap and 30 other teams spread out along the trail.

Close to forty dogs have been dropped along the route, suffering from cut feet, sore muscles, and sore tendons. A U.S. Air Force veterinarian is flying along the route to treat the dogs as they're dropped off at checkpoints.

As for the racers, they may be developing a few sore muscles and tendons of their own.