



**CUTS CAKE WITH ULU** — Recently, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson celebrated his birthday at his office in the Bureau of Indian Affairs building in Washington, D. C. Morris is probably doing "a first" by cutting his birthday cake using an Eskimo woman's knife (ulu). Some of the BIA employees are watching.

# BIA Commissioner Thompson Enjoys Birthday



**NALUKATUK (blanket toss)** — During his birthday picnic, BIA Commissioner climbed aboard the toss blanket and up in the air he went. "For the first time in a blanket toss, Morry did very well," reported Laura Bergt.



**RUMMAGING** — Thompson, left, is rummaging in his attache case during his birthday party in Washington. Seated, second from right, is Laura Bergt of Fairbanks, Alaska (close friend of the BIA Commissioner) who brought the Eskimo ulu with which Morris cut his cake.



**FRUIT PUNCH AND CAKE** — Happily relishing the birthday goodies is Commissioner Thompson eating his cake and drinking his fruit punch. Morris is an Athabaskan Indian from the village of Tanana, Alaska located at the confluence of Tanana and Yukon Rivers.



**BIRTHDAY PICNIC** — Commissioner Thompson, with young daughter and his wife Thelma, right bottom corner, are joining a host of friends on his birthday.