



MISS WORLD ESKIMO OLYMPICS—Miss Flora Bergman of Allakaket is the entry of the Eskimo Olympics and the Tundra Times in the Miss Alaska Pageant in Anchorage this week. The charming Athabascan Indian girl, 19, will present a legend of her people--The Moon Legend--in her native tongue as an assignment for her talent part in the pageant.

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Miss Flora Bergman to Represent TT, Olympics at Alaska Pageant

An enchanting Indian maiden from Allakaket will represent the Eskimo Olympics in the Miss Alaska Pageant next week in Anchorage.

Flora Bergman, 19, is a petite (barely 5'1"), beautiful young lady with a lot of experience in presenting an image of her people to visitors from the lower 48 and beyond. From March 20 to 28 the brown-haired, brown-eyed girl will compete with girls from all over Alaska for the Miss Alaska honors.

Last summer, Flora worked

as hostess on the Riverboat Discovery, one of Fairbanks' main recreation and tourist attractions.

"The experience was thoroughly enjoyable," she says, "as I was able to meet many people who were interested in Alaska and my culture and great heritage."

Also last summer, Flora was a winner in the Miss Eskimo Olympics contest and now will compete for the Miss Alaska crown.

At the present time, Flora spends most of her time at home

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in Allakaket, with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bergman. She graduated from Lathrop H.S. in January of this year and expects to start her studies in education at Alaska Methodist University in September.

This year, she works as teacher aide in the state school in her village. Her greatest ambition is to be a school teacher and to have "lots of children of her own as well."

For the talent part of the pageant, which counts 50 per cent in each girl's final score, Flora will present a legend of her people—The Moon Legend—in her native Indian language.

For the presentation, she will don her native costume—a natural moosehide dress, decorated with beads in an intricate floral design pattern of the Wild Sitka Rose, the State flower. The sleeves and hem of her dress are fringed and the waist is tied with a moose hide belt.

Although she is confident in her native costume, Flora is apprehensive about the rehearsals and pageant she must go through in a long gown and 3 inch high heels—neither of which she has ever worn.

However, the Tundra Times is confident that our "Miss Congeniality" (one of her titles from the Eskimo Olympics pageant) will charm the judges as easily as she charmed our bachelor editor.

Tundra Times, sponsor of the Eskimo Olympics, is sponsoring Flora in the Miss Alaska Pageant.