

# ***Alaska Airlines to Fly King Island Dancers to Olympics***

The Alaska Airlines has told Laura Bergt, chairman of the Eskimo Olympics, that it will fly the King Island Village Eskimo dancers from Nome to the Olympics so the group will compete in the Eskimo dance competition.

The fine King Island group will pit its dancing arts against the colorful offering of the Barrow Eskimo dancers who have won this Olympics category for the last several years.

Mabel Johnson of Kotzebue announced that Miss Arctic Circle of 1970, Miss Alice Weber, will be coming to compete at the Miss World Eskimo Olympics of 1970 queen pageant.

The Eskimo Olympics of 1970 at the University of Alaska's Patty gymnasium will start its evening programs on July 31 and August 1 at 7:30 p.m. on each of the two days.

Their performers for the Eskimo Olympics will be required to be on hand at the Patty Gym at 7:00 p.m., or a little earlier if possible, so they will be instructed to follow their assigned slots in the program.

Laura Bergt, chairman of the Olympics, will be coordinating the performers backstage so the program will flow along as smoothly as possible.

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directors that is also serving as the Eskimo Olympics Committee, urged that the two evening programs start promptly at 7:30 p.m. Every effort will be made so that the programs start promptly at that time.

The Olympics committee also made a decision that arrangements will be made to send the winner of the Olympics native queen pageant, if she qualifies at age 18, will be sent to compete at the Miss (Indian) America Pageant at the All American Indian Days event at Sheridan on August 2, 3 and 4.

If the winner of the queen contest is under the qualifying age of 18, the first runnerup will be chosen to make the trip. If she does not qualify on the age requirement then the second runnerup will be chosen.

Miss (Indian) America Pageant is a nationwide contest and to which Canadian native contestants are invited. The contestants are judged on the basis of poise, native characteristics, scholastic ability, and dedication to the advancement of the native people.

The Eskimo Olympics queen contestants are required to have their own native authentic costumes at the competition.

Awards for the winner, as well as awards for all contestants are being arranged. The entrants will also be given voice and poise instructions upon arrival in Fairbanks.

Six seals for the seal skinning contest and 50 pounds of bow-head whale muktuk have been lined up. These unusual props are from the big village of Barrow.

MacKenzie Delta Drum Dancers from Inuvik, N.W.T. have been invited to the Olympics but firm commitment has not been received as yet.

Colorful Barrow Eskimo dancers and Minto Athabaskan Indian dancers will be performing. Other dance groups are expected to join the program.

There will be many other exciting events in the Eskimo Olympics of 1970.