



**CANADIAN QUEEN CONTESTANT**—Annie Aleekuk will represent Inuvik, N.W.T. and Canada at the 1967 World Eskimo Olympics August 9-12 in Fairbanks. Miss Aleekuk was chosen by judges Kenneth and Rosie Peeloolook, Thomas Kalinek, Elmira Soupay and Erastus Oliver after much consideration over the only other contestant, Miss Gloria Allen. Miss Aleekuk's parents, Johnny and Ida Aleekuk are residents of Reindeer Station near Inuvik. See picture of Drum Dancers on page 6.

—Photo By B. A. DEER, Inuvik, N.W.T.

## 100 Performers Expected at Eskimo Olympics

"We expect at least 70 dancers and athletic performers from all over the State," said Laura Bergt, chairman of the Eskimo Olympics. "The number may even reach a hundred."

This will be the biggest turnout of performers in the seven-year history of the World Eskimo Olympics. In addition to those who will put on the show, plane charters loaded with interested spectators will be winging to Fairbanks next week. Many will come by regular scheduled airlines from all corners of the

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State.

"The people are coming by air, water and road," said Laura Bergt.

One group that has created interest this year is the MacKenzie Delta Drummers from Inuvik, N.W.T. This will be the first time a Canadian group will be participating in the Olympics.

The Drummers will arrive next week in a charter load of 40 people including some spectators.

Byron Mallott contacted the Olympics chairman and said that ten dancers from

"seven to 70 years old" will be coming to Fairbanks from Yakutat in Southeastern Alaska.

Twenty-seven dancers will be driving up the highway from Northway and Tetlin. Minto dancers will come by boat. St. Mary's dancers will be coming for the first time to perform.

Nome is sending Betty Ann Hoogendorn, Miss Midnight Sun, to compete in the queen pageant that will be held at the Growden Memorial Park. Around 15 native Alaskan beauties will vie for the Miss World Eskimo Olympics for 1967.

Ludwig Rowinski of the University of Alaska Museum is ready to furnish the

Olympics with an ancient whale oil lamp that will be kept burning throughout the four days of the performance.

World Eskimo Olympics will start on August 9 and run through 12 at the Growden Memorial Park, the home of the Fairbanks Goldpanners.