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AFN PRES. PLANS TO ENTER DOGSLED RACE

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Notti Wants Fast Dogs for Race In Anchorage

The president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Emil Notti, is in the process of grooming himself into a racing dogmusher at the next dogsled race of the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous in February of 1968.

"As a child, I trapped on the Koyukuk River and handled dogteams," Notti said in his letter to the Federation members.

He said it was his hope that the AFN would be able to enter a championship team in the February race if the team can be put together.

"Since the AFN is state-wide, I hope to put together a team that will have a dog from all areas of Alaska," the Federation president wrote. "Would you look around your village and find the fastest dog to be sent to Anchorage for this race?"

Notti said the dog should have its own harness and that the AFN would supply the sled and the tow line.

"May I hear from you right away so I can start planning and training to enter a team.

"If we should win any money, it will go one hundred per cent to the Federation. The dog will be returned after the race.

"As a Federation, we should be able to put a tough team on the road. Can I hear from you within ten days?" Notti concluded.

The Tundra Times heartily joins President Notti's appeal. Let's give the President a fast start and a strong finish at the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous dog races!