



PROUD ESKIMO BOY SCOUT—Luther Leavitt, Jr., 15, center, is being congratulated by his fellow Boy Scouts in Barrow after being chosen recently as one of the top 17 Boy Scouts and Explorers in the nation. Luther, along with the other 16 boys will report to President Richard Nixon next Thursday, Feb. 5 at the nation's

capitol. The boys will also appear on Ed Sullivan's national television show and tour the New York Stock Exchange among other important appearances before seeing the President. About 35 fingers of his Boy Scout fellows at Barrow are pawing happily over Luther paying tribute to his good fortune. —D. GULLICKSON Photograph

Young Barrow Eskimo Boy Scout To Report to President Nixon

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J.—To celebrate its 60th anniversary, the nation's largest youth organization, the Boy Scouts of America, has selected a Barrow, Alaska youth to report to President Richard Nixon and other top government officials in observance of Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7-13.

Luther Leavitt, Jr., 15, son of Luther Leavitt, Barrow, is one of 17 top Boy Scouts and Explorers chosen to represent the 6-million boy and adult members of the BSA on a special Report to the Nation team.

Members were selected on the basis of outstanding records in Scouting, school, church, and community services.

Luther will join the other team members in New York City, Saturday, (tomorrow) Jan. 31, to begin their week-long itinerary that will take them from New York to Washington.

The trip's highlight and at the request of the White House, the Scouts will visit President Nixon on Thursday, February 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Final details have not been

worked out, but the boy's 2 days in New York will include a meeting with leaders of the United Nations, church attendance, a tour with the president of the New York Stock Exchange, a visit to the Ed Sullivan television show, and other sight-seeing.

Tuesday the group will be in North Brunswick, N.J., at the national BSA headquarters to consult with top executives and visit the Johnston Historical Museum, the national Boy Scout museum.

On the way to Washington each boy will tour the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and have dinner with midshipmen from his state.

Wednesday, Feb. 4 will begin with a breakfast on Capitol Hill with members of Congress—many of whom were Scouts themselves.

Other Washington stops include the Supreme Court and lunch with one of the Justices; a visit with Health Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch; George Romney, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Herb Klein, the Pres-

ident's Director of Communications, and several agency directors.

At each visit the young men

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will present their host with a bound report of Scouting's progress in Boypower '76, the long-range plan attempting to bring the advantages of Scouting to all boys regardless of race, creed, or economic status.

Several imaginative features are included in the program, which began last year, to make Scouting more relevant to the needs and concerns of today's youth. The slogan of the Boypower '76 program is America's Manpower begins with Boypower.

By 1976 the BSA plans to reach one in every three boys of Scouting age, instead of one in four boys who are now Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Explorers.

Luther has been in Scouting 7 years, starting as a Cub Scout. Presently he is a member of Boy Scout Troop 58, sponsored by the Barrow Lions Club. In his troop he is now the junior assistant Scoutmaster and has held several other leadership positions during his 4 years as a Boy Scout.

One of the highlights of his Scouting experiences was attending the 7th National Jamboree, held last summer at Farragut State Park, Idaho.

He is a member of the Utkeagvik Presbyterian Church in Barrow, and is involved in the church's youth group.

As a Barrow Junior High School student in the 8th grade, Luther has the honor of being the youngest Scout to earn a place on the Report to the Nation team.

In school he is the choir treasurer, a member of the student council, and the Jaycees Youth Club.