

Editorial—

Tundra Times and The Eskimo Olympics

The board of directors of the Tundra Times is taking on the added load of taking charge of the World Eskimo Olympics. The board also thinks that the existing officials of the newspaper will be well qualified to handle the operation of the famous native program because quite a few of the members have had working experiences with the program. In taking over the sponsorship from the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, the board would also like to commend the chamber for work well done in successfully staging the Olympics in years past.

Speaking from experience, the staging of the World Eskimo Olympics is not an easy task. There is a lot of work involved by those in charge and this is without pay. Chairman Laura Bergt, with the help of the rest of the board members of the Tundra Times, will have a big job to do. All they ask is a good measure of cooperation from the village people and from the City of Fairbanks itself. Fairbanks does benefit from the Olympics because of the influx of a large number of people, including tourists, who come specifically to see the native program.

The Tundra Times board will also need help in the staging of the event. We hope that a good number of volunteers will come forward from the city to help put on one of the most unique and interesting shows in Alaska. Villages that will have participants in the Olympics should also help to raise funds for transportation of the people they plan to send to Fairbanks. Once they arrive in the city, their meals and lodging will be taken care of as in the past.

The newspaper's board is taking on an added working load. The board also thinks that the Olympics is an important program in that it helps to perpetuate the charming facets of native cultures in Alaska and that it falls right in line with the paper's effort to encourage the retention of the fine old traditions of our people. In taking on the added responsibility, the Tundra Times board only asks a good spirit of cooperation from the native people and the city so all of us can keep putting on one of the most charming native shows anywhere in the world.