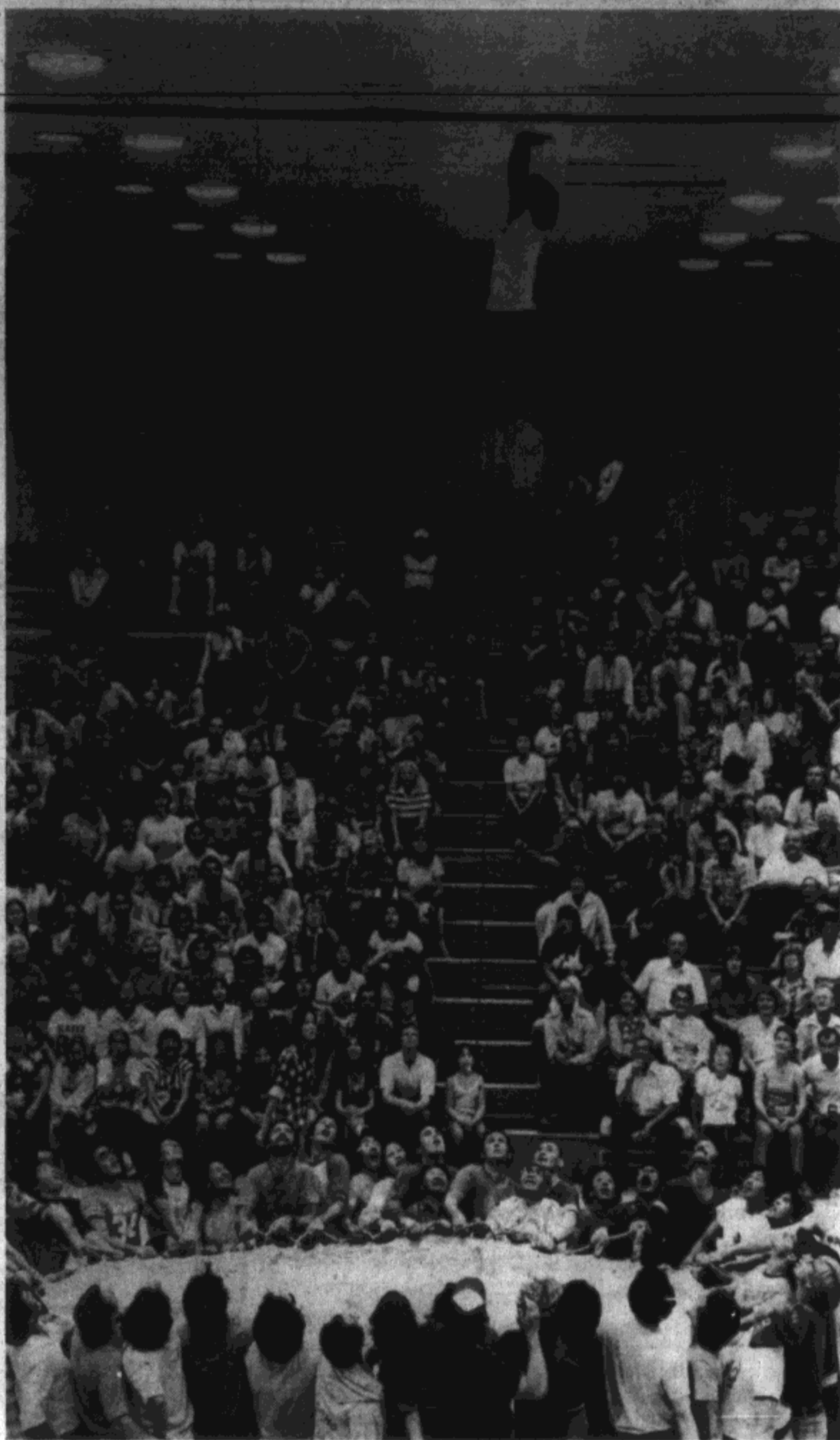


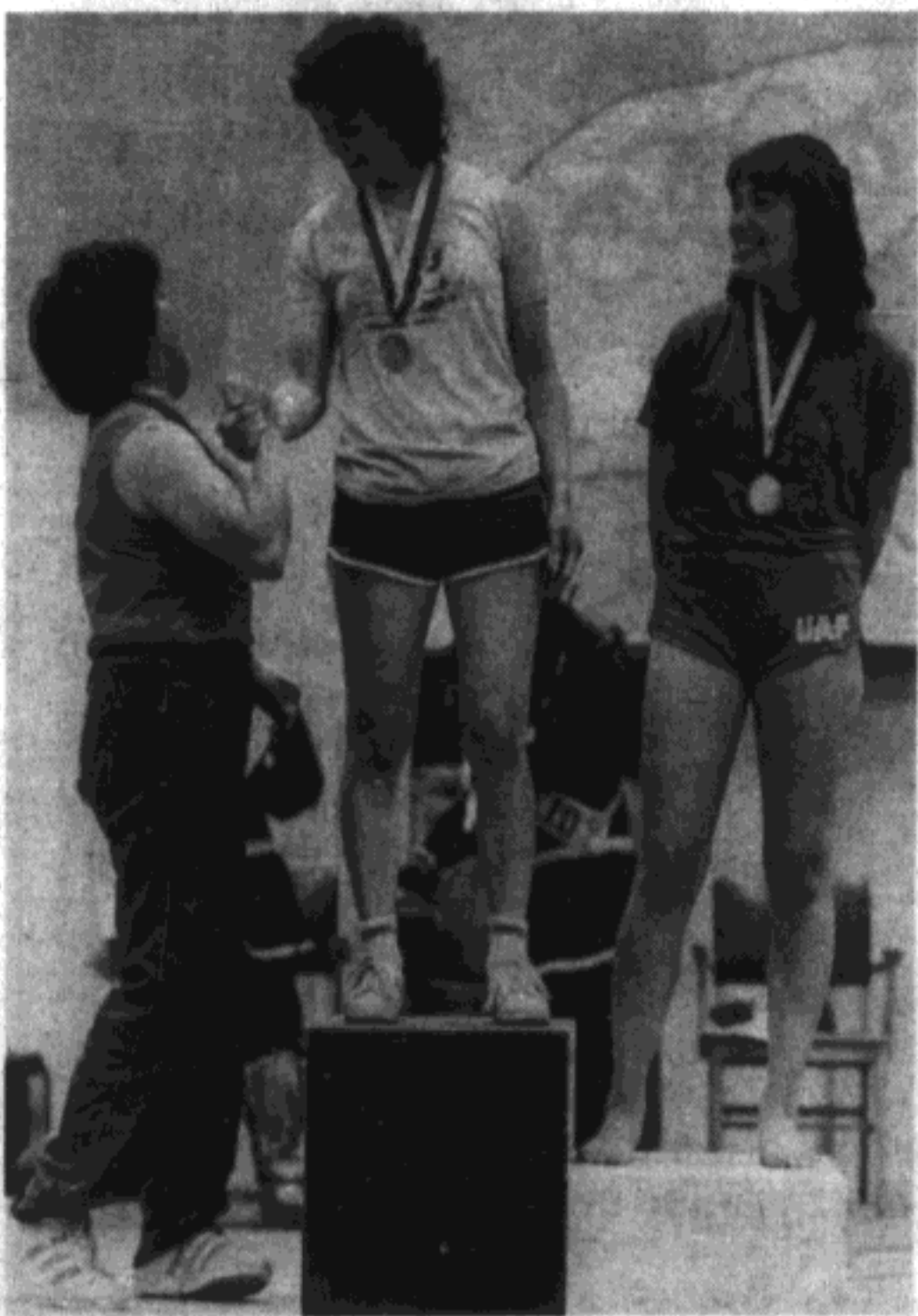
Scenes from 1983 WEIO



James Lampe, Jr. carried these 16 pound weights tied round his ear 1,080 feet to place second in the Ear Weight contest.



OUTER LIMITS—The only thing limiting the blanket toss participants these days is the roof. That's 35 feet off the floor and at least four participants managed to rearrange the ceiling tile at the 1983 World Eskimo-Indian Olympics.



CHAMPS—In the final event of the Olympics, the women's one-foot high kick, which ended at 3:50 Sunday morning, Louise Charles, Lady Laroux and Carol Pickett take their place on the winners' stand.

More and more young women are entering events at the Olympics and this is one of the reasons why they are running longer. Even with preliminary events during the day the field is so crowded that most nights don't end until the early hours of morning.

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Little Cynthia Ada Aanaqah Ahyakak, from Barrow won the baby contest. Her mother helps her as she parades around the floor.





REAL FOOT STOMPER—William Stevens, of Ft. Yukon, on fiddle and Vincent Yaska, of Koyukuk, on guitar really whipped up a storm at the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics. They played for the Ft. Yukon Dancers.

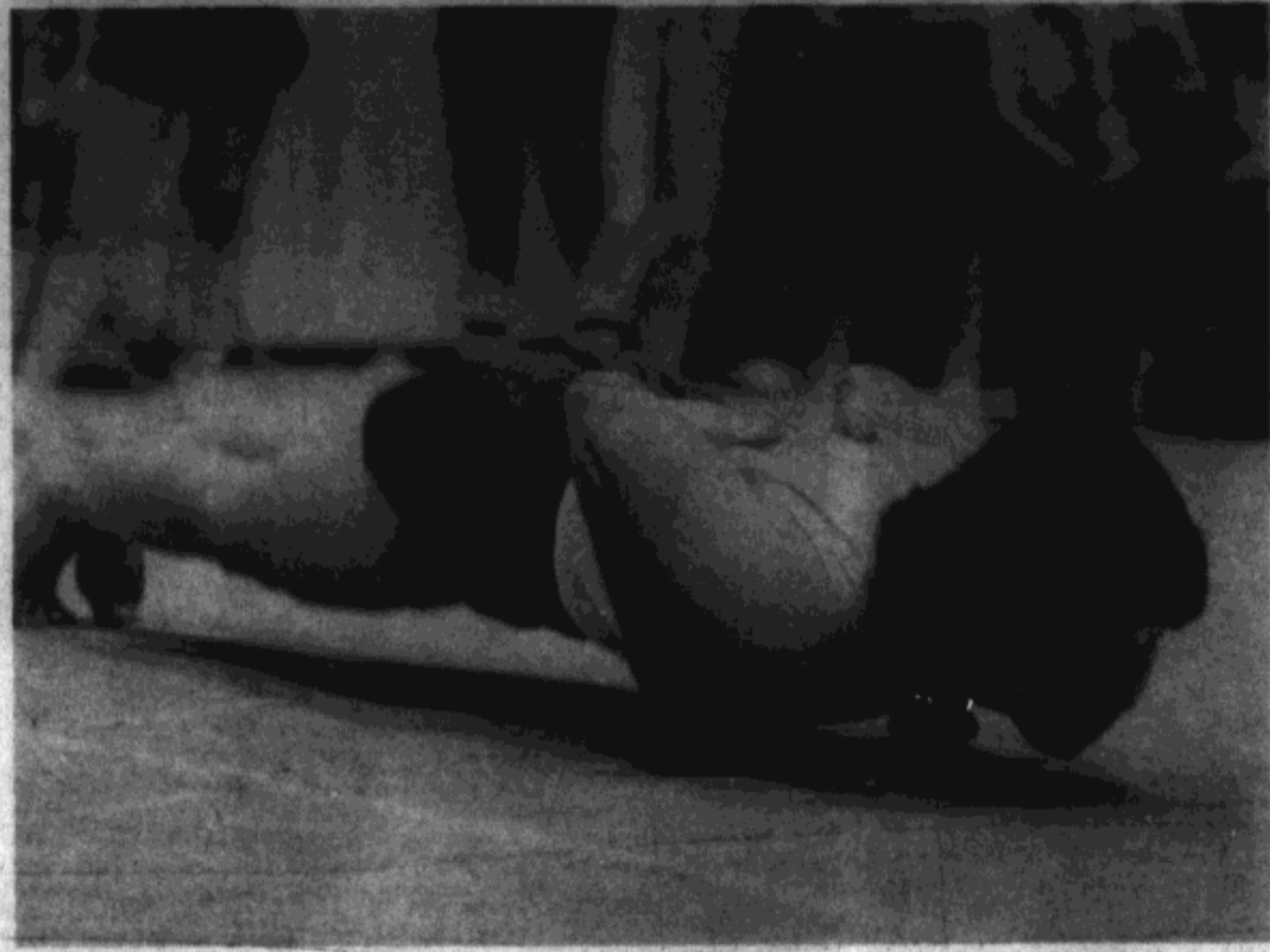
"This is the first year that we've had Athabascan style fiddling at the Olympics," said John Alexander, the young leader of the Ft. Yukon group. The event was a real crowd-pleaser with people of all ages joining in with foot stomping and hand clapping. Too bad there wasn't enough time for the audience to get on the dance floor and do a little jigging to the music too.

"We're going to have an Athabascan Oldtime Fiddling Festival in Fairbanks November 10 and 11," said Bill Stevens. The event is sponsored by the Institute of Alaska Native Arts and will be held downtown at the Eagles Hall. They expect to have 20 to 30 Athabascan fiddlers attend.

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CROWD PLEASER—Albert Grant, one of the announcers for the Olympics, gets on the floor to do a little jigging to the music of the Athabascan fiddlers.



FINE FORM—Last year only one woman entered the women's knuckle hop event. That was Elizabeth Koutchak with a distance of 5 feet. This year nine women entered the event and the distances traveled were quadrupled. In this photo Paul Vivian White, last year's Miss World Eskimo-Indian Olympics and a fine athlete, traveled 20 feet on her knuckles. But the winner of the event, Louise Charles, won with 24 feet. Lady Laraux took second with 20.5 feet.