

# Stevens Asks William Rogers—

## *Officer Asked to Help Get Siberian Eskimos to Olympics*

Senator Ted Stevens announced last week that he has written William P. Rogers, the Secretary of State, requesting that the United States assist the 1972 Eskimo Olympics in expanding participation in the Olympics to include Siberian Eskimos from the Soviet Union.

His action was taken in response to a request from Eskimo Olympics officials.

Said Stevens, "As well as helping to bring about better relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, such a program would have significant additional advantages. Preliminary response indicate tremendous support for the proposal.

"The Olympics are presently being expanded. It is my hope that they can lead to a greater exchange of ideas and that common problems can be resolved between people of various countries living in the far north.

"People-to-people programs such as this go to the very heart of international relations. Athletes from all nations speak a

common tongue. Eskimos around the world share many of the same interests and problems. I am asking the assistance of the State Department so that the Eskimo Olympics may be made truly 'olympic' in the very best sense of the word."

Eskimo Olympics, held each summer in Fairbanks, Alaska is sponsored by the board of the Indian, Eskimo, Aleut Publishing Co., which publishes the TUNDRA TIMES.

The 1972 Olympics will be on July 30-31 and August 1 in Fairbanks.