

# Alfred Attla

## Wins North American

Alfred Attla of Hughes won the Open North American Sled Dog Championship in Fairbanks Sunday with a three-day, 70-mile total elapsed time of 254.91.

Meanwhile, his brother, George, was not so fortunate, being forced Sunday to drop out of the Anchorage to Nome Iditarod Trail race because he feared for his dogs' well being.

As Alfred reveled in his Fairbanks victory, George faced the difficult decision to quit while holding second place in the marathon. He made the decision in Galena, only 400 miles from Nome and possible top prize money of \$12,000.

In Fairbanks, Alfred had a race on his hands in the familiar form of 62-year-old Dr. Roland Lombard, Wayland, Mass., who placed second with a time of 255.92. The doctor won Sunday's 30-mile heat in 108.21 and Attla finished second with 108.49.

Third place in over-all time was won by Leonard Kriska, "the Koyukuk Kid," with a three-day total of 257.22. The race was witnessed by hundreds of spectators, including many Natives who were visiting Fairbanks for the Tanana Chiefs Conference convention, Doyon Ltd. stockholders meeting, the races and the Fairbanks Native Association Potlatch.

Dr. Lombard won the championship six times in the events' 29-year history. Defending champion Harold Greenway of Fairbanks left the shoot Sunday with only eight dogs and had to basket two dogs only 10 miles out. He ended eighth best that day and dropped to fifth place over-all.

Alfred ran 11 of George's sprint dogs on the final day.

The remainder of the field finished in the following order: fourth, Dick Moulton, Center Harbor, N.H., 259.72; sixth, John Verbeek, Fairbanks, 264.49; seventh, Merv Hillpiper, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 265.35; eighth, Earl Norris, Willow, 266.81; ninth, Bob Loveless, Fairbanks, 268.77; tenth, Rollie Hood, Anchorage, 281.84, and eleventh, Lane Riley, Minto, 282.27, twelfth, Milton Moses Jr., Tanana, 289.30, and thirteenth, Roger Reitano, Tok, 289.88.