



#### **NATIVE YOUNGSTER MUNCHES ON A PIECE OF MUKTUK AT THE WORLD ESKIMO, INDIAN OLYMPICS**

Foods of all kinds are eaten throughout the world and Alaska's Native people are no different. They have their own diets established through centuries to nourish themselves and some of the nourishments they came up with are unique indeed. Although their foods have been altered a bit by Western type foods, such as ham and eggs, occasional chicken and beef, Alaska's Natives still largely prefer their traditional diets. These include caribou meat, moose, beaver, salmon, grayling, Arctic char, whitefish,

sheefish and other marine foods such as bowhead whale meat and muktuk, seals, oogruk, walrus and so on. Here a tiny youngster is munching on a piece of whale muktuk (considered a delicacy by the Eskimos). The piece of muktuk the child is eating on seems to be the size offered at one of the Tundra Times' Eskimo, Indian Olympics that takes place around the last part of July every year. This year, the spectacle will be on July 29-30-31 in Fairbanks.