

## Northern Games Invite Alaskans To Inuvik

Alaskan Natives are invited to participate in the 1971 Northern Games to begin July 23 in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, Canada.

The event will include Eskimo and Indian sports, dances, drumming competitions, displays and crafts. Also listed is the "Good Woman Contest" which proved a great success last year.

For this one entrants must be married, wear native dress, bring some handicraft or article of clothing they have made in the past year and be prepared to participate in such events as seal and rat skinning, roasting and boiling fish, bannock and dry fish making and tea boiling.

Some travel assistance will be available and accommodation and meals will be provided all officially registered participants.

For information contact the Secretary of Northern Games, Box 1184, Inuvik, N.W.T. Canada.

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# Civil Service Status Retained If Tribe Hires Indian

What happens when an Indian works for the government and gets elected to a tribal office? Usually, if he works for any other federal agency than the Bureau of Indian Affairs, he has to quit his job, even if he will be in office only one year.

The unfairness of losing a position for such a short time to work with your own people has been brought out in complaints by Indians to the White House, according to Brad Patterson, special assistant.

As a result, the White House asked the Civil Service Commission to look into the matter and make clear its leave policy in such cases so that, where possible, Indian people do not have to lose their civil service status and benefits to work for their tribe.

Nicholas J. Oganovic, execu-

tive director of the Civil Service Commission, has directed agencies having Indian employees

who are involved in situations of this type to review carefully all the facts and, if at all pos-

sible, preserve federal employment benefits by a grant of extended leave without pay.

## SBA Approves Noorvik Store Expansion Loan

A Small Business Administration loan has been approved for expansion of a grocery and general merchandise store at Noorvik, U.S. Senator Ted Stevens reports.

The \$49,500 S.B.A. loan and the \$5,500 from the Native Economic Development Corporation will be used to help the Noorvik native community in the project.

The funds will be used to finance construction of a new store and purchase of new equipment. The store staff will be expanded from 2 to 4 employees.

Noorvik is on the Kobuk River in Northwestern Alaska.

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