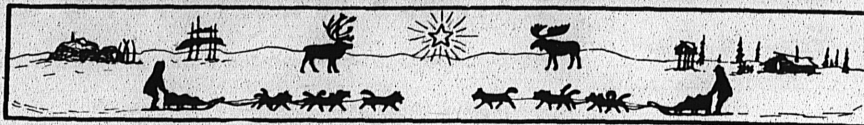


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Oodles of Native Foods—

FNA Annual Potlatch To be on March 20

By MARGIE BAUMAN

FAIRBANKS—Fairbanks Native Association's annual potlatch, a colorful night of dancing and feasting in traditional Alaska Native style, has been set for March 20.

Organizers hope that it will feature this year a wider than usual variety of the state's varied Native cultures, by holding over participants in Native Culture Week at the University of Alaska.

"We hope to have dance groups representing different areas throughout the state," said Jerry Woods, acting chairman for the potlatch and head of the entertainment committee.

In any event, the potlatch is expected to attract a number of spectators and participants in colorful Native attire, as the date comes at the conclusion of the North American Championship Dog Sled Races and on the evening of Doyon, Limited annual meeting, both in Fairbanks. Additionally it is the wrap-up of Tanana Chiefs Conference's Annual Meeting which is held on March 17, 18 and 19.

Though FNA lies in the heart of Athabaskan country, it has over the years represented a number of other Alaska Natives who lived here. Its presidency has been filled by Natives of Athabaskan, Eskimo and Tlingit descent.

FNA has been a strong voice for preserving family ties, tradition and social rights of Native people. Through its ranks have come some of the most prominent of the state's Native leaders.

This year's potlatch will pay special tribute to past presidents of FNA and dog mushing champions, Woods said.

Masters of ceremony will be Sam Kito Jr., president of FNA and the Alaska Federation of Natives, and Al Grant, humorist and community leader from Tanana.

A highlight of the potlatch, as usual, will be the crowning of the queen—a young woman who must show poise and knowledge of her Native heritage in the competition.

All contenders must appear in traditional attire. The winner will earn not only a number of prizes but the right to compete in the All American Indian Pageant this summer. Young women interested in participating should contact Dorothy Perdue at Perdue Jewelry in Fairbanks or FNA, as soon as possible.

The potlatch is tentatively set to begin at 6 p.m. at Lathrop High School on the evening of March 20, with a feast of tasty traditional foods ranging from Eskimo and Indian ice cream to muktuk and shee fish.

Donations of food are being



ANNUAL FEAST AT FNA POTLATCH—The scene above will be repeated many fold on the evening of March 20 this year. There will be Native dancing, oodles of Native foods and all kinds of people attending. A rich array of Native costumes will be seen. The annual affair will honor past potlatch presidents and dogmushing champions.

Recommendations

AAIA researches

Indian child care

for Juvenile Justice

(From the INDIAN
FAMILY DEFENSE)

The Juvenile Justice Standards Project of the American Bar Association recently asked the Association on American Indian Affairs to do a study of the special problems of American Indian youth. The following draft recommendations pertaining to child welfare, to be included in the study, are based on discussions with Indian communities over a considerable period of time. They are offered here for review, criticisms, and suggestions.

Surveys of sixteen states with large Indian populations conducted by the Association on American Indian Affairs in 1969 and again in 1974 indicate that approximately 25-35 per cent of all Indian children are separated from their families and placed in foster homes, adoptive homes, or institutions. (In some communities the incidence may be twice as high.) This rate, when applied nationwide to an estimated 400,000 American Indians under eighteen years of age, indicates that 100-140,000 Indian children are not living with their natural parents. Of this number, approximately 61-85,000 are children who live

on or near federal Indian reservations and are thus, without question, entitled to the special protection of the United States.

The disparity in placement rates for Indians and non-Indians is shocking. In Minnesota, Indian children are placed in foster care or in adoptive homes at a per capita rate five times (500%) greater than non-Indian children. In Montana, the ratio of Indian foster-care placement is at least thirteen times (1300%) greater. In South Dakota 40 per cent of all adoptions made by the State's Department of Public Welfare since 1967-68 are of Indian children, yet Indians make up only seven per cent of the juvenile population. The number of South Dakota Indian children living in foster homes is, per capita, nearly sixteen times (1600%) greater than the non-Indian rate. In the State of Washington, the Indian adoption rate is nineteen times (1900%) greater and the foster-care rate ten times (1000%) greater. In Wisconsin, the risk run by Indian children. In Alaska, Alaska Naive (Indian, Eskimo and Aleut) children are out of their homes and in foster homes,

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Attla wins 'Rondy' again

By SUE GAMACHE

"This is the first time my lead dog has ever gotten the golden bone," George Attla, now, six-time winner of the World Championship Sled Dog Races, commented at the finish. "Every other time I won with someone else's lead dog."

Attla covered the three-day 75-mile race with a time of 303:35, 1:59 ahead of second-place finisher Donna Gentry.

"This is the first time I've ever won a championship race without winning at least one of the 25-mile day heads," George commented. "That Donna sure gave me a run for my money."

Ms. Gentry won two out of three 25-mile heats, while Alfred Attla, George's little brother, took top honors in the other.

Placing behind Gentry was Alfred Attla, followed by Dr. Roland Lombard, 8-time winner of the championship. Lombard was followed closely by Merv Hillpipe, who was followed by Earl Norris. Norris has raced in every championship race but two.

Roxy Brooks, the 1976 Women's Championship winner, finished eighth. This is the first time in World Championship history that two women have placed in the top ten.



GEORGE ATTILA, five-time winner of the World Championship Sled Dog Race mashes his way to another victory.

Race Results:

1. George Attla 3:03:35
2. Donna Gentry 3:05:34
3. Alfred Attla 3:14:16
4. Dr. Roland Lombard 3:16:54
5. Merv Hillpipe 3:18:21

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Kawerak Native Garment making

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Twenty women from 10 villages in the Bering Straits region attended a garment making class held at the Northwest Community College building Jan. 31 through Feb. 8. They were taught how to sew summer parkas (kuspiks) in a certain way so that the garments could be marketed.

Each lady was given a new Singer Golden Touch and Sew sewing machine to take back to the village so that they can make kuspiks for Kawerak, Inc. Kawerak, Inc. has an order for 1,000 kuspiks from areas outside of Alaska.

The purpose of the class is to start a cooperative cottage industry in the villages. The

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