



21-PEOPLE ON AN ICE-FLOE—Although it is summer now, there is ice on the face of Fyodor Zayats, senior engineer-meteorologist. This is the fifth time Fyodor has worked on a drifting research station near the North Pole where the Soviet research station North Pole-22 is situated.

Twenty-one people are at present working in the Arctic Ocean, among them are hydrologists, geophysicists, meteorologists, matnetologists, ionosphericists, radiomen, doctors, etc.

A radiosonde is released in the air twice daily in any weather. Its signals are picked up by the radar aerial which is constantly pointed at the radio-sonde.

The station sends information to the mainland on weather, conditions of ice, oceans, magnetic phenomena and northern lights. People stand on watch at the station for a year at a time.

The scientific data collected by the Soviet drifting research station North Pole-22 is used for making up weather reports, hydrological, ice and other forecasts, and helps the study of the interconnection between the ocean and atmosphere in the arctic, which influences the weather in Europe, Asia and America down to the subtropics.

—Photo by V. BELOKOLODOV, APN, June 1976

Record crowd views Eskimo films

Every seat was taken and the aisles were jammed Sunday night when Fairbanks turned out more than 1,000 strong to honor and meet Leonard Kamerling and Sarah Elder and to see their award-winning Alaskan films.

"On the Spring Ice," a portrayal of an Eskimo walrus hunt, and "At the Time of Whaling," a document of Eskimo whale hunting, were shown free of charge to what Sarah Elder excitedly described later as the largest turnout she had ever seen in the University of Alaska's Concert Hall.

The films were introduced with a great deal of pride by Dr. Howard Cutler, chancellor of the Fairbanks campus, who expressed explicitly what was implicit in the number of people who came to see them—the university and Alaskans think these films are great.

The two films were shot in Gambell on St. Lawrence Island

in 1974 and are what film-makers call "community determined" projects. Both were recorded in the villagers' Yupik language with English subtitles, both were the products of Gambell's decisions on what should be portrayed and how, and both are winners of the American Film Festival blue ribbon award, "Whaling" in 1975 and "Ice" in 1976.

At intermission, Sarah Elder introduced translator Vera Kaneshiro from Gambell and expressed special thanks to Frank Darnell, director of the university's Center for Northern Educational Research, who supported them "and took the risk" on the films from the beginning.

After the showings, which also included a film by Hilary Harris called "Organism," a reception was held in the Great Hall for the public to talk to Kamerling, producer, director

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for all Alaskans. Many persons, unfortunately, believe that transit and roads can be separated, but actually the two go hand-in hand. In the long run, the existence of better roads in

Alaska will contribute to the feasibility of public transit. It should also be recognized that public transit is not only for the state's larger communities, but for all communities where mobility is restricted by high prices and a limited number of vehicles.

"I commend Barrow for its commitment to the concept of public transit and am proud of the cooperative efforts that made this grant possible. We look forward to working with the North Slope Borough in making the system a success. Experience gained through this demonstration will help promote development of similar systems in other Alaskan communities.

festivities are:

Chairpersons—John Heffle, Sr. and George Bell,

Queen Committee—Helen Lee; Baby Contest—Carroll Drake;

Games—Roger Kunayak and Jerry Woods with Ray Titus;

Housing—Toni Jones; Publicity—Tundra Times;

Tickets, Programs, Concessions, Refreshments—Eva Heffle and Daphne Gustafson.

World Eskimo Indian Olympics . . .

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year the committees will locate muskrats early in the season and freeze them right away.

But there will be other new things in this year's games. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to winners instead of the trophies presented in the past. In addition to the medals, certificates of merit will be presented which will have the name, event and place of each winner.

Each contestant will be required to wear a button with a silk ribbon for the purposes of identification. Heffle says that better control of people in the contestant area is needed.

World Eskimo Indian Olympics t-shirts will go on sale this year and will feature the Olympic bear and the five rings symbolizing each of the native groups participating in the contests.

Heffle reports that he has heard from people all over the state including St. Marys, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Kenai and Tanana, who plan to enter the competition. Because Canada's Northern Games coincide with the Fairbanks games, not many Canadian natives are expected to compete and Alaska will not be sending a team to Canada. Heffle says though he wouldn't be surprised if some Canadians return to defend titles won in previous years.

In the past, tickets have been sold without a strict tally kept and the gym has been filled beyond its capacity. "We just sent the tickets out and

crammed them in," says Heffle. But this year a count will be kept so as not to overcrowd the gym's capacity.

Another cautionary warning from Heffle is that the usual practice of spectators sitting on the floor in front of the bleachers will not be allowed. That area is a firelane and must be kept free for health and safety reasons. Those who do not cooperate when asked to move will be removed by the police.

Housing and food service for the participants is being handled by the university which Heffle says deserves a compliment this year for their work. And an extra thanks needs to go to the Eskimo Indian Aleut Printing Company staff who have "bent over backwards" to print up the contestants' badges and brochures on time. Security forces will again be volunteered by the Fairbanks Auxiliary Police.

The 1976 World Eskimo

Indian Olympics begin at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 29, with speeches in memory of Howard Rock and will close on Saturday night, July 31, with awards to the winners and an all-tribal dance finale.

Masters of ceremonies this year will be Tommy Richards Jr. and Roger Lang. Lamplighters are Poldine Carlo and Edith Tegoseak and Dr. Walter Soboloff will deliver the invocation.

Games start each evening at 7:00 p.m. with doors to the gym opening at 5:30 p.m. Arts and crafts, souvenirs, and food will be sold in the lobby and Kish-Tu, Inc. will be on hand with information on native enrollment under the Land Claims Act. Tickets are \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children each night and can be obtained at the door. Season tickets for all three nights are also available at \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.

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Othniel Oomittuk of North Slope Borough, Housing Executive Director, recently was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the National Leased Housing Association (NLHA).

Founded in 1972, National Leased Housing Association (NLHA) consists of approximately four hundred (400) members representing approximately all sectors of the housing field—developers, financiers, managers, architects, local housing authorities, state agencies, and non-profits. It is the only organization devoted exclusively to making Section Eight (8) Leased Housing Program work. Through a monthly "Bulletin" and Seminars, the Association informs its members of Key Section Eight (8) developments as well as representing member's interests before HUD and Congress.

The Board of Directors meets several times during the year to formulate policy guidelines for the Association.

Through this new position Mr. Oomittuk hopes to secure additional aid for the North Slope Borough residents.

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