

Call number: 00-00-178-05 PT 3

Eskimo Olympics, 1972 (KUAC) Interviews and Dances

Summary created by: Summer Dougherty

Date(s) of creation of summary: 2/22/2013

Notes: Originals on 7 inch reels. Master and circulation copies on CD.

Man introduces Roger Kunayak who went to Whitehorse and made the All-Northern team. The man references an interview Roger did previously with a journalist in which Roger said that Eskimos have these demanding and sometimes painful or torturous games in order to prepare themselves for life in the harsh Arctic environment.

Roger speaks about his experiences in Whitehorse.

The tape cuts out.

The announcer introduces the "beauties" giving the name of each woman and where she is from. There is a talent show.

Kathy Alexander(?) from Fort Yukon sings a song called "I Walk in Beauty" that she learned at Upward Bound.

A woman, sounds like Kathy Alexander(?), sings an Athabaskan version of "Jesus Loves Me."

Anouska Matouak(?) from Togiak does an Eskimo dance that her grandmother taught her. It is about a woman going ice fishing.

A woman uses dolls to tell a story about a grandmother and grandchild. The grandmother would make grass baskets and the grandchild would clean the house. When the grandchild was done cleaning she would go out to play. The other girls did not want to play with the grandchild. The grandchild would come home and cry and cry. The grandmother gave the grandchild a little doll and asked the grandchild to sing to the doll and if you see the girls that won't play with you just keep singing to your doll while it dances. The grandmother starts singing a song and the little doll danced. So the grandchild ran outside with the doll. The girls who would not play with her were outside. The girl sand to the doll and the little doll danced. The two girls looked around. They could not tell where the singing was coming from but they saw the little doll dancing. They came running, but the grandchild took the little doll and ran inside to her grandmother. The grandmother hid the doll behind a pillow. The little girl went outside to play with the girls and the girls let her play with them. The grandchild became hungry and went home to eat. The girls walked with her and said, "We will play with you next time." The grandchild went inside and told the grandmother that the girls played with her. The mother of one of the girls came to the grandmother's house with some seal meat and said that her daughter had been crying and crying

because she wanted the little dancing doll. The grandmother pretended like she did not know what the woman was talking about but invited her to have coffee or tea. The girl's mother declined. The grandmother invited the mother to come over another time. Later on the other girl's mother came with some crackers and said she had come to trade some crackers for the little dancing doll. The grandmother pretended to be surprised, like she did not know what the woman was talking about. The mother left and said she would come back and visit later.

From that point on the girls would play with the grandchild. Time passed.

The tape cuts out.