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Tanana Nuchalawoyya Celebration, 6/10/72

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Notes: Original in 7-inch tape, master copy on CD. Produced by Roger McPherson. THESE TAPES WERE PRODUCED AS A PART OF AN EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM NOW DEFUNCT AND WERE BROADCAST OVER THE RADIO FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

Tape begins with drumming and singing.

At 3:13 an interviewer asks a man what kind of food he is making. He tells that they have moose and caribou, moose and caribou heads and bear. Moose head soup will be served at 6 o'clock. The head will boil for a couple of hours to extract all the fat and to make it rich. Then there will be potatoes, macaroni, tomatoes and rice added after the parts [bones?] have been taken out. It will be let boil about 30 minutes, after which all the canned vegetables will go in.

They are expecting to get enough food and they are expecting around 600 people. Some people are coming from Fairbanks. There are about 500 people living in Tanana. Another man says there are about 400 or 500 people coming in [from outside of Tanana] and that they have about 100 kids going to school in Tanana. The interviewer asks how they became the cooks. The other man says they were asked to do it and that he's been cooking for potlatches like that one for about 10 years. He hasn't kept track but just does it. Oftentimes he has to tell the boys how to cook but he doesn't mind.

At 6:59 another segment of the program begins with children's voices and somebody calling names and talking about prices [unclear what is going on, probably some kind of a competition].

At 8:57 a woman's voice talks about dancing after the potlatch. There is going to be a Tanana Group and then Eskimos afterwards. They are dancing inside the hall.

There is going to be old-fashioned dancing with 150 yards of cloth. [Children talking, dogs barking.] [Break in the recording.]

At 10:12 a man's voice gives a speech about donations and says "This is your celebration; let's make it a big one and a good one." [Break in the recording.]

An announcer announces old men's 400-yard dash. [Unclear talking.] [Break in the recording.]

At 10:53 Singing and drumming continues. [There are indistinct human noises between songs.]

[End of the recording.]