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World Eskimo Olympics

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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.

The recording begins with shouting and applauding. [Sounds like some kind of a competition is underway.]

The announcer says that the next competitor is from Barrow, Fairbanks and Anchorage, Jenny [unclear, sounds like Felder]. [Applause, cheering. Unclear talking.] The announcer hopes that the ceiling is high enough for Jenny who goes pretty high. [Competition noises for blanket tossing.] People who jump on the blanket are: Lara [Unclear], Martha Stackhouse who is from Point Hope and Mary Rexford from Barrow. They get two tries per competitor and they aren't jumping as high as usually since their blanket is oblong instead of a round. [Break in the recording.]

7:03 [Unclear talking.] Roger asks someone if he can talk with him. The man introduces himself as Tasoak Pequniak [sp?]. He competed in knuckle hop and he went about 23 feet. He stopped because his fingers started hurting. Roger asks if that's the only reason people stop. Tasoak tells they get burns in their fingers. Roger asks if he had done knuckle hopping before and he says it was his first time. Roger's follow up question is to ask if lots of teenagers of Tasoak's age do it. He tells that there are about 50 of them who do it. They get together [unclear]. [Talking in a Native language.]

There's an announcement for the tug-o-war. Roger asks on what kind of a surface they do the knuckle hopping. The interviewees say they don't do it on any surface, but then Tasoak tells they practice at the Junior High floor which is wood. Roger says that people in Barrow must have strong knuckles. Tasoak tells that they eat walrus and fish and that they don't eat white man's stuff.

At 9:46 Roger asks someone who is the oldest person who does knuckle hooping regularly. The interviewee says he doesn't know. He claims that they haven't told him. He has been at school in Fairbanks.

[End of the recording.]