

ACROSS SNOW-LADEN FORESTS— The U.P. 200 Sled Dog Championship ACKOSS SNOW-LONDEN FORESTO— THE U.P. 200 Step Dog Championship healtens back to the days when trappers, treight haulers and mail carriers trekked with their teams across frozen forests and lakes.

## Marquette's for mushers!

Marquette, Michigan-The U.P. 200 Sled Dog

Championship reawakens the heritage of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Billed as the "premier mid-distance race in the lower continental United States," the U.P. 200 begins Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. in Marmette winds in the states of the U.P. Marquette, winds its way south to Escanaba for a 12-hour layover, and then books northward again to Marquette for the finish on Feb. 17. The southern leg includes a 15-mile trek across frozen Little Bay De Noc from Rapid River to Escanaba.

Between 50 and 60 professional mushers from all over the northern United States are expected to enter

10-dog teams for a shot at the \$20,000 purse. Another \$10,000 has been set aside for the six-dog teams competing in the Midnight Run, an 80-mile sprint from Chatham, south of Marquette, to Escanaba in the wee hours of Feb. 16.

Some of the best viewing spots-are downtown Marquette for the start and finish, the Escanaba harbor area. and along the Ford River from

Escanaba northward.
For more information on the U.P. 200 Sled Dog Championship, call 906-786-2192.

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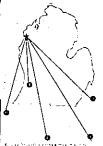
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