

The people are very close spiritually to their environment. Perhaps because ~~they~~ man and animal & sea are so interdependent upon each other.

After this we visited the jade factory, no one was working. There is a so called Jade mountain which is the source of their jade.

The eskimos ~~then~~ did a series of dances beginning with a Welcome dance & ending with a goodbye dance. The dances were somewhat reminiscent of polynesian dances - but not so much hip motion. Their footwork was more akin to the American (Western) Indian, but not as vigorous.

The local eskimo could mingle with any crowd and not be noticed.

I broke down and bought one of the Christmas ornaments which ~~for~~ we purchased from the natives. Also an eskimo yo-yo for our Christmas party. I thought it would be a challenge for the grandchildren - (I have to eat all my words about the "junk" souvenirs.)

We flew to Nome after noon. Nome was cold, & cloudy but fortunately not raining.

Nome was founded on Gold. In 1889 three Swedes found gold & within two years, the Yukon gold lusters had floated down the river into Nome.

One difference in the Nome gold experience was that much of the gold mining was done on the sea shore and since the sea shore was public domain a man could mark a ~~space~~^{shovel} length all around him (at 10-12')?