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Mrs. Van Valin, with a group of Eskimos, holds the Van Valins' youngest child, Billy, born during their two years at Point Barrow. Originally, she had not planned to accompany her husband to the Arctic, but soon after his departure they decided that after eleven years of marriage and frontier life together they could not stand the separation. Van Valin wrote Gordon "... our association is too sweet and life too short for such an alienation as we are facing. So, after a genuine siege of utter