REB invites people Since last Thursday, December 11th, the REB members from the outlying communities have been learning about and discussing such available funding resources for education such as the State Foundation program, Public Law 874, Title I, Indian Education Act, (Parts A, B, C, D, E, & F) Johnson O'Malley, Public Law 815 and others such as Adult Basic Education and Vocational Education resources. "For the concerns and

The Regional Education Board (REB), which parent comm which is an areawide committee, organized organized al Indian parent committee, organized pursuant to federal Indian Education Act and Johnson O'Malley Act regulations, interrupted their week-long workshop on school finance yesterday by convening a special meeting to formally invite two important people to attend and participate in a meeting to participate in a meeting to resolve the high school dropout situation within the Kodiak Island Borough School District.

The persons invited to Kodiak The persons invited to Kodiak are Commissioner Marshall Lind of the Alaska Department of Education Alaska Areat Director Clarence Antioquia of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The problem for which the REB is requesting top—level assistance for is the severe

dropout rate of those eligible high school students from the Island village communities—an estimated 60 students of whom have been boarded in private houses in Kodiak since the beginning of this school year.

The workshop on School Finance is here

reginning of this school year.

The workshop on School Finance is being conducted by Mrs. Nettie Peratrovich, formerly employed with the Alaska State Operated School System now called the Alaska Unorganized Borough Unorganized Borough School Unorganized Borough District.

Mrs. Peratrovich is retained by the Kodiak Community College in a consulting capacity as an instructor on School capacity as an instructor on School Finance under a subcontract arrangement with the Kodiak Area Native

Association.

Janet Wente, Education Unit
Director of KANA is
coordinating the workshop which is being sponsored under the auspices of a subcontract between the Kodiak Area Native Association and the Alaska Federation of Natives, Johnson O'Malley Program.

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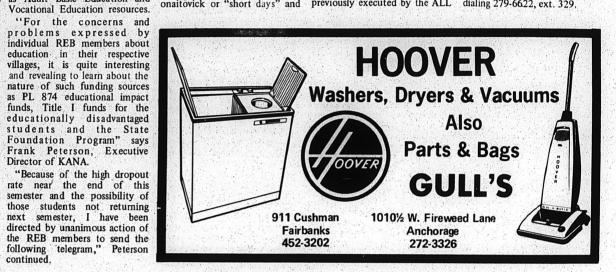
The month of iralull'er is just around the corner according to a new 1976 calendar produced by the Adult Literacy Laboratory the University of Alaska,

Iralull'er is the Yupic word for January meaning "cold month."
The calendar features the English word for each month along with the Yupic, Northern Eskimo and Koyukon word.
January in Northern Eskimo is onaitovick or "short days" and the Koyukon language describes January as Neetk'aa nodzaan dilaayee or "time long and short days divide."

The calendar has statewide appeal because of the three Native languages as well as the Aleut and Southeastern cultures represented in the art work. The various pictures were done especially for the calendar or are from skill books and posters from skill books and posters previously executed by the ALL

Project staff.
The ALL Project staff writes and produces materials for village adult education. Some 50 publications have been produced.

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