

# **Fairbanks scene of cross-cultural education seminars**

Fairbanks will be the scene of the first in a series of International seminars discussing Cross-Cultural Education in the Far North. Participants and observers from the Circumpolar nations of Norway, Greenland, Arctic Canada and the United States will be joining their Alaskan counterparts in three days of discussion beginning October 5, 1976.

Sponsored jointly by the Scott Polar Research Institute of Cambridge University, the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Center for Northern Educational Research of the University of Alaska, the Fairbanks meeting will be the first of the Seminar series with successive meetings to be convened in Greenland, Lapland and Arctic Canada.

Chairman of the international steering committee for the series is Roger Lang of Sitka. The steering committee has designated that the Series will revolve around the central theme of "Indigenous Peoples'

Involvement in Decision-Making Throughout the circumpolar North."

Topics to be discussed during the Fairbanks seminar include: cultural identity in education, education reform, land claims and education, and society and education. Among those making presentations will be William Demmert of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Sam Kito of the Alaska Federation of Natives; W. Phillips Rockefeller of the U.S. Office of Education and Ingemar Egede of the Greenland Teacher Training College.

Invitations have been discussed for Alaska participation in the Fairbanks Seminar to the Chairpersons of the twenty-one new Regional Educational Attendance Area school boards. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to attend as observers should make their interest known to Roger Lang or to the Center for Northern Educational Research at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.