

Fairbanks Hosts Intl. Seminar

Delegates from Arctic Quebec, Greenland, Norway, Denmark, Finland, England, the Yukon Territories and the lower forty-eight are meeting with their Alaskan counterparts from Bethel, Sitka, Nome, Tanana, Kotzebue, Anchorage and Fairbanks at a unique meeting Oct. 5-8 on the campus of the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

Co-sponsored by the Alaska Federation of Natives, the Scott Polar Institute of Cambridge University and the Center for Northern Educational Research of the University of Alaska, approximately 75 delegates will discuss mutual concerns about cross-cultural education in the circumpolar regions of the world.

Entitled "Education and the Land," the Fairbanks Seminar is the first in a two-year series which will reconvene in Greenland, Lapland and Arctic Canada. The Fairbanks Seminar will present the delegates with information about educational programs as related to such developments as the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and its implications on education, the recent creation of 21 new school districts as a method of increasing the local control of educational services in the rural parts of the state, and a review of programs in education which occur in various parts of the state.

Of special interest to Fairbanksans are free showings of two American Film Festival prize-winning films by Sarah Elder and Leonard Kamenling made on St. Lawrence Island. Showing whale and walrus hunting, respectively, "At the Time

of Whaling," will be shown Wednesday evening and "On the Spring Ice," will be presented Thursday evening. Both films will begin at 8 p.m. in the Wood Center Ballroom.

The public is invited to attend any sessions of the seminar.

Information of schedules for the seminar can be obtained by calling 479-7143.