



AIE MEMBERS—The people within the Association of Interior Eskimos are listening as the subject of BIA contracts is being discussed.

Review Committee — **JOMRC Identity**

ANCHORAGE — The Johnson-O'Malley Review Committee (JOMRC) is facing an identity crisis now that local parent committee control has begun to be established throughout the state.

The statewide review committee was established under the Alaska Federation of Natives, which has been prime contractor for the federal supplementary

education funds for two years. Chaired by Robert Clark of the Bristol Bay Native Association, the committee has served as reviewer of programs to receive JOM funding while riding herd over the JOM staff in Anchorage.

"Where I see problems for you as a review committee is in the definition of your own role under new regulation," explained Roger

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JOMRC Identity Crisis . . .

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Lang, AFN president, during a Feb. 4 meeting of the JOMRC, the minutes of which were distributed to members of the AFN Human Resources meeting Feb. 13-14. "There should be specific targets and specific dates in determining what role each of you have."

The new JOM regulations require direct parent participation in programs paid for with the funds. Concern was expressed by several persons present that BIA would have to establish state-wide criteria and education plans if Alaska Natives didn't take the initiative. Lack of flexibility in the AFN contract with BIA for the funds was also considered as one of the problems with the program at present.

The group also discussed the

fact that federal auditors are due to be in Alaska March 5 for a review of the fiscal year 1974 JOM program administered by Gordon Jackson. Concern was

also expressed about the proposal by Cook Inlet Native Association to contract directly to BIA for fiscal year 1976 rather than going through AFN.