

# AFN loses control of JOM

As of June 30, the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. will no longer run the Johnson O'Malley program for the State of Alaska. This means that if you need any help with JOM you must contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Juneau.

They will assume the functions handled by AFN during the past few years and

handle the entire administration of JOM monies for the upcoming year.

In the future it will be up to the BIA to provide you with technical assistance to write your proposals and set up parent committees.

They will make sure you receive the help you need starting your program for FY '77.

They will provide you with information on JOM regulations and keep you abreast of any legislative changes which might affect you. They will provide you with assistance in developing classroom instruction, where and how to broaden the content and scope of your programs, and where and how to gather better program materials. They will assist you set up educational and parent committee workshops.

Of course, the bureau will provide you with basic administrative and management skills from how to set up and run an efficient JOM office to the basic skills of how to handle and submit accountable reimbursement requests.

AFN has offered to assist the bureau in this effort but negotiations seem complicated and slow (see accompanying JOM article). Unless the BIA will agree to some immediate arrangement, AFN will have to let its staff go and with it will go some valuable Johnson O'Malley experience.

Those who have worked with employees such as Jan Cardwell, Jacqueline Bressers, Don Peter, Richard Krause and so many others, have come to appreciate the intricacies of the JOM program and the enthusiasm of people who have helped to make JOM operation simple and successful.

This staff (with the exception of the small close-out group) will only work for two more weeks after which any assistance they may provide and experience they have gathered will be channeled into new jobs.

In the event that a technical assistance proposal does not materialize with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, these talented people will be forced to seek employment elsewhere. If you wish to contact any of the staff after June 30 you may do so through AFN, 670 Fireweed Lane, Anchorage, 99503.