

16-Member CrossCultural Education Set

JUNEAU—A 16-member Commission on Cross-Cultural Education has been named by Governor Keith H. Miller to replace the Governor's Committee on Education.

"For the first time, students will be included on a State-wide education commission," Governor Miller stated.

The Commission will be composed of educators, laymen and students and will assume the duties of the former committee as well as additional, broader functions.

"It is my belief that students should be involved in determining their own educational destiny," the Governor said.

The long-range education plans include a schedule for transition of Bureau of Indian Affairs schools to a single State school system, with a provision for continued study and revision of the plan.

The initial purposes of the Commission are: to prepare a statement of findings, identifying the need for planning for cross-cultural education; and to recommend actions that should be taken by the State of Alaska and others to make cross-cultural education a reality.

Invited to serve on the Commission are student council presidents, representatives from both houses of the State Legislature, representatives from school administrations, the Alaska Federation of Natives and members of the State Administration.

"It is my hope," Governor Miller said, "that this Commission will give direction to all levels of education beginning with the elementary level, to bring about a better understanding of the traditions and customs of our Alaskan natives.

"We must have an appreciation of each individual in order to assist each citizen of our State to reach the full potential in all of his endeavors."



YOUNG ESKIMO GIRLS at Barrow are perhaps shyly laughing at the antics of photographer Gary Miller. The young Barrow Eskimos had another reason to display happiness. School was dismissed for the arrival of the S.S. Manhattan from the east, and the supply-laden North Star from the opposite direction.

—Photograph by GARY B. MILLER