



**LOSES JOB**—Roxey Siverly, left, was terminated as director of the Fairbanks Native Community and Referral Center this week by the North Star Borough Community Action Agency's Executive Director C. Maurice

Sorenson. Siverly is talking with Mo Mathieson Reed, center, and an unidentified lady during the open house at the Center last Friday. See story on Page 5.

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# Center Director Roxey Siverly Fired by CAA

Roxey Siverly, director of the Community Action Agency's Native Community Center was fired this week by the CAA Director C. Maurice Sorenson.

Siverly, an Athabascan, has been the director of the center since February. He has, since that time, been busy renovating the building on 727 First Avenue in Fairbanks the CAA acquired for the center.

The center is roomy and pleasant with new paint job, new toilet facilities, snack bar and furniture from the General Service Administration surplus.

Siverly was responsible in getting some local business firms to donate material such as lumber and services like plumbing.

There has been rumors for sometime that Sorenson was trying to terminate Siverly.

Last Tuesday at the Fairbanks Native Association meeting, Sorenson was asked questions by the FNA members who had been favoring Siverly's retention as the director of the Native Community and Referral Center.

"He didn't say much but he skirted around the questions," said Siverly. "Even then, the Fairbanks Native Association came out solidly behind me."

The Center opened last Friday and Siverly was terminated the following Monday.

An open house was held Friday evening and "we've

had a pretty good turnout," said Betty Johnson, a board member of the Center and secretary of the FNA.

"It's going to be a really fine Center when it really gets going," said Betty Johnson. "People have already started calling for information."

The Center is set up to furnish information on employment, legal aid, Bureau of Indian Affairs, housing and on "anything the native people want to know, we will try and get the information," added Betty Johnson.

No replacement for Director Siverly has been announced to date.