

**'Experts' Meeting' —**

# **Demmert will represent U.S. in Paris arctic studies meet**

Dennis Demmert, director of Native Studies at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, has been selected as the U.S. participant for an "Experts" Meeting on Arctic Cultural Studies" to be held in Paris, France on August 1, 2 and 3. The meeting is sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and will bring to-

gether nine scholars from eight circumpolar nations.

The purpose of the meeting is to review Arctic cultural development and the current status of research and studies on Arctic cultures and to discuss ways of implementing an inter-disciplinary program of Arctic cultural studies.

"I'm very pleased and honor-

ed to be chosen," said Demmert. "Native cultures are all experiencing extensive change, and this will be a great opportunity to compare information and experience across international lines. Even more important than the learning experience this will provide me is the prospect of developing an inter-disciplinary program of studies. I'd previously met some of the

participants and I look forward to working with all of them."

Demmert, who is also president of the Alaska Native Education Association, was nominated to attend the Paris meeting by the U.S. Commission on UNESCO and the Smithsonian Institution. The Smithsonian has also invited Demmert and his wife, Jane Demmert, to present a paper on "Changing

Educational, Economic and Political Requirements in the Native Community" to the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Houston, Texas in January.

Jane Demmert, formerly director of the Alaska State Museum in Juneau, is currently assistant to the president of the University of Alaska.