

RurAL CAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET HERE

New Deputy Director Replaces Nels Anderson

FAIRBANKS — The RurAL CAP Board of Directors met April 26 and 27 in Fairbanks for their second meeting of the year. An important item on the agenda was the hiring of a new deputy director to replace Nels A. Anderson, Jr., who resigned to return to his hometown of Dillingham as director of the Bristol Bay Native Association.

Mike Harper, Planner on the RurAL CAP staff, was hired by the Board to fill this key position in the agency. Elmer Armstrong, chairman of the 24-member board, expressed their very sincere regret in accepting Anderson's resignation and commended him for his work and dedication to the agency.

Regular business was conducted and resolutions supporting bills in the Legislature were passed which included HB224 to allow regions and local communities to plan and operate their own health and social services programs; Senate Bills 421, 422, 423 and 424 regarding bi-lingual education.

Also passed was a resolution to endorse and support the efforts of the Alaska Federation of Natives to acquire Wildwood Air Force facility for an educational

center.

The board voted to endorse a resolution passed by the Bristol Bay Native Association regarding supplemental funds for the State Human Rights Commission; a resolution on a pending Senate Bill to appropriate funds to the regions to help form regional native corporations, and also a resolution supporting HB549 which would provide tuition assistance to Alaska students.

Father Frank Muller of the Roman Catholic Church, Fairbanks Diocese, speaking as vice president of the Alaska Christian Conference, addressed the board and offered support to the agency.

He said they represented a great many people and were ready to assist RurAL CAP to achieve its aims and goals in any way they could.

Other visitors included Don Peterson and Linda Ledbetter from the office of Economic Opportunity regional office in Seattle; Bill Davis, vice president of Alaska Methodist University and Rosemary Davidson with the Head Start program at the university.