

Building of Boarding Home at Ft. Yukon to Resume in Spring

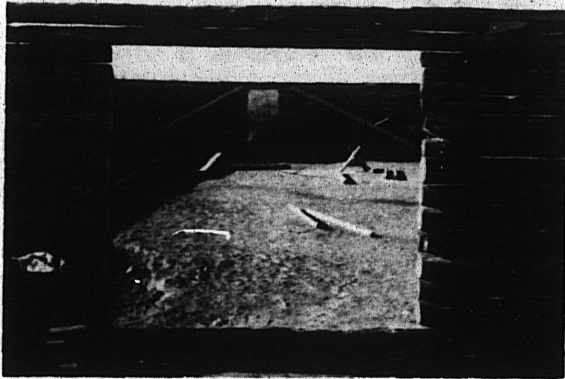
The Upper Yukon Development Corporation has reported that it feels the concrete results have come from its request for a State investigation of Operation Mainstream. The Corporation called for an investigation of the job training program the last of October because, it said, Mainstream had not upheld its commitment to Fort Yukon.

The corporation had begun the construction of a temporary boarding home facility in Fort Yukon so that 9th and 10th graders in the surrounding area could attend the Fort Yukon school rather than a school outside the region.

According to Donald Peter, president of the Fort Yukon City Council and Rural CAP, Operation Mainstream had agreed to grant Fort Yukon \$10,000 for wages for the construction of the facility and on a verbal authorization the men were put to work.

However, when the four walls of the log structure were up, the men were told by the director of the program that they had no authorization to work and were pulled off the job—leaving Fort Yukon without a boarding home.

However, following the request for an investigation, Peter said, several men from the State



UNFINISHED DORM—The temporary log boarding home facility for 9th and 10th graders of interior Alaska lays unfinished at Ft. Yukon. The work was progressing on the structure when Operation Mainstream suddenly pulled off the workers last summer. A request by Upper Yukon Development Corporation for investigation of Operation Mainstream by the state that the OM had not upheld its commitment apparently caused rescheduling of the work on the structure which will begin next spring.

visited Fort Yukon, met with the City Council, and verbally assured the council that the remaining \$10,000 would be coming through next spring.

It is already much too cold to work on the building this winter, Peter added, "We will

have to wait until spring."

But, he seemed optimistic that at that time the money would be available and the workers would be able to finish the dorm. He stressed that this time he plans to get the agreement in writing.