

# CAP BOARD ELECTS JACKSON PRESIDENT

## Jonathan Solomon VP, Ellen Lang Again Secretary-Treasurer



JAY HAMMOND speaks to RurAL CAP Board with Ellen Lang, and Walter Simeonoff to the left.

The RurAL CAP Board of Directors held their 10th annual meeting in Kodiak, at which time, they elected Gordon Jackson as their new president, Jonathan Solomon of Fort Yukon as vice president, and Ellen Lang of Sitka was re-elected as secretary/treasurer.

Jackson is no newcomer to the 27-member board, having recently served as vice-president, and at one time, executive director of the Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program (SEACAP) in Juneau; and also worked for RurAL CAP. He is presently vice president of Human Resources for the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Gov. William A. Egan addressed the board, speaking on

The North Pacific Rim Native Corporation, headed by Archie Gottschalk, will meet with poverty groups in those areas to discuss problems they face and develop local community action councils, and to help them organize into effective councils of their own.

One of the responsibilities of the RurAL CAP Board of Directors is to select lay members of the Alaska Legal Services Board. Having received recommendations from areas concerned, Ms. Brenda Itta from Barrow was chosen to have a seat on the Legal Services Board, with Tim Towark, also of Barrow, to be an alternate.

Action was tabled to replace an alternate for the Southcentral seat, pending receipt of further information.

Regular business included approving of the agency's 1975 grant application to the Office of Economic Opportunity. Charles Hodges, Alaska representative from the OEO Seattle office, spoke optimistically about the future of Community Action, and indicated that there should be some word from Washington, D.C. about the middle of October.

A resolution was adopted requesting that the Governor's Office of Telecommunications hold off on the RCA proposal until a needs analysis has been completed that the RCA plan be made public so that the consumer input could be obtained.

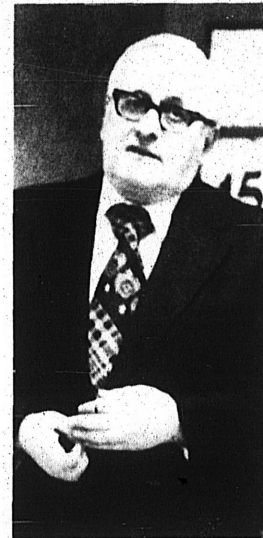
Another resolution supported the request to the Copper Valley Tanana Development Corporation for adequate telephone service to villages in their region, and another supported their request for assistance from appropriate agencies in trying to take care of pipeline impact related problems.

Another resolution urged that the University of Alaska approve Associate Degree Programs for approximately 500 para-professional teachers in the rural areas.

The two-day meeting was saddened by the death of Archie Demmert, executive director of SEACAP, and although he had been with the agency only a short time, he was well-known and highly respected. It is felt that his passing will be a great loss not only to RurAL CAP, but to the entire State of Alaska.

Some visitors to the meeting included Whittier Williams, John Sackett, Reed Stoops, Susan Murphy, Wayne Morse, Tommy Frost, mayor of Kodiak.

New members seated were the Rev. Charles H. Eddy of Anchorage for the Alaska Christian Conference, and Miss Bonnie R. Adams of Beaver, boarding home student in Fairbanks, as youth representative.



GOVERNOR WILLIAM A. EGAN speaks on issues of the day.

issues of the day, and showing great concern for problems of the rural areas. Jay Hammond also spoke on current matters of interest, although, at a different time.

It had been hoped to have a panel discussion between the two gubernatorial candidates, but this was not possible, due to their conflicting schedules.

In regular business conducted by the governing body of RurAL CAP, a third Parent-Child Center was approved for Tok, to service the Copper Valley/Tanana Regional Development Corporation area, and the New Upper Tanana Development Corporation Region.

Also approved, was a merging of the Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation with the Regional Health and Native Corporations in that region; and the Upper Yukon Development Corporation with the Gwitcha Gwitchin Ginhkye (3 G's - "The Yukon Flat People Speak") of Fort Yukon.

It was felt that one of the advantages of the mergings would be to coordinate services of the non-profit corporations. A new corporation was accepted to serve the Chugach Region which includes Port Graham, English Bay, Tatitlek, Valdez, Seward and Cordova.