

# Kuskokwim Native Association Don't Want Blasts on River

At the request of representatives of the Kuskokwim Native Association and the Bethel City Council, a series of blasts planned to open flow channels in the Kuskokwim River ice has been cancelled, according to the Major General C.F. Necrason, adjutant general of Alaska.

The series was a part of the Corps of Engineers "Operation Foresight," designed to reduce flooding along Alaskan rivers during ice breakup. The blasting was intended to open paths in the ice at critical points along the Kuskokwim, allowing a smooth flow of ice and preventing a back-up of river waters.

Corps of Engineers flood control specialists have indicated that in order for the blasting to be effective, it must be performed before the end of April.

Explosion of the charges in

three areas of the Kuskokwim was to have been done by Alaska National Guardsmen under supervision of the Corps of Engineers.

Gen. Necrason indicated that the State's Department of Military Affairs, and its Alaska Disaster Office would provide all possible assistance, in conjunction with the Corps of Engineers, should flooding occur in the area.