

Profits, non-profits to merge —

AFN groups to get back together

The board of directors of the Alaska Federation of Natives, meeting in Anchorage on September 8, approved the concept of a merger plan designed to set the Native non-profit regional corporations up on a partnership basis with the profit corporations on the AFN board.

The reorganization plan will provide for a simple merger of the two parallel organizations. The non-profit Native corporations are now represented by the AFN Human Resources Commit-

tee. The regional profit corporations are members of AFN, Inc.

The problem of how the two groups of corporations relate to each other, and their respective roles in setting policy, has been a difficult situation for the Native organizations for several years.

Under the reorganizational plan, approved in concept Friday, the two groups of corporations will be represented on a 24 member board. The board would be the singularly consti-

tuted body representing the Native people of Alaska. It is to meet bi-annually to decide policy questions.

A by-laws change would be required to accomplish the reorganization. The plan was assigned to executive staff for refinement and is expected to be acted upon at the next regular board meeting, prior to the annual convention of the AFN.

At the request of AFN board chairman Emil Notti, the board adopted a resolution requesting

the governor to direct the Commissioner of Public Safety to determine if the homicidal rate for Native women in urban areas and along roadways is unusually high as suspected. If the suspect rate is confirmed, the resolution asks a concerted effort to apprehend and prosecute the murderers.

The AFN board also took a position opposing proposed legislation to provide land in Alaska for the 13th Regional Corporation.