

ASSOCIATION TO FOSTER COMMUNICATION

Communication Between Bush and Offices Sought



TRAINING SESSION — The Hoonah PCC staff receives instruction. In background, cook and aide; seated, far left, Barbara Mahler, Director of the Child Development Laboratory, Chico State University, California, who gave the training. Also, PCC staff members, and Neighborhood Youth Corps workers with backs to camera.

At a recent meeting in Anchorage, directors from regional development corporations voted to form an organization aimed at fostering communication between their offices; advising regional training needs; evaluating and suggesting statewide Rural CAP priorities; and advocacy. They will also support and work on legislation to eliminate or alleviate problems in rural Alaska.

Rural CAP funds ten regional development corporations in the state, with the director of each being hired by their own board of directors.

Officers elected were, as President, Gordon Jackson from the Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program (SEA-CAP); Vice President, Donald Peter, Upper Yukon Development Corporation, Fort Yukon; and as Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Schaeffer, Kikiktugruk Area Community Development Corporation, Kotzebue.

The meeting was held during the week of July 31, during

which time the directors organized their association and heard speakers from Action and the State Economic Opportunity Office, among others.

Items discussed included housing and also, the relationship between the Rural CAP regions, state regional government and regional Native corporations.

Jackson commented that he felt communication and coordination were essential between the regional corporations.

He also said that their association could very probably be of assistance to agencies desiring to hire Natives, particularly in a supervisory capacity.