

# Regional director's meeting held

During the beginning of April, RurAL CAP sponsored a two-day session in Anchorage to review and discuss numerous statewide issues applicable to regional non-profit organizations to which RurAL CAP provides financial and technical assistance.

Central Office staff gave up-to-date reports on the Winterization Program, subsistence considerations, proposed Federal food stamp legislation, Head Start activities for FY 76-77, and Central Office/regional evaluations.

Regional Directors in attendance represented the Aleutian Planning Commission (Anchorage); Bristol Bay Native Association (Dillingham); Copper River Native Association (Copper Center); Gwitcha Gwitchin Ginhyke (Fort Yukon); Kodiak Area Community Development Corp. (Kodiak); Koyukon Development Corp. (Galena); Mauneluk Association (Kotzebue); SEACAP (Juneau); Upper Tanana Development Corp. (Tok); and Yupiktak Bista (Bethel).

One highlight of the meeting was the presentation given on rural earth station construction in Alaska.

Robert Walp, Director of the State Office of Telecommunications, explained the functions of that office, past and present activities in coordination with the Alaska Federation of Natives Advisory Committee on Telecommunications, and possible earth station applications in the future.

The first 20 earth stations are to be in service by the end of April; the sites of the second 50 earth stations, which are to be constructed this year, were selected by the AFN committee

after considering a wide range of criteria in all regions of the state.

During the summer of 1977, 30 more stations (possibly 50) will be considered for construction in rural Alaska. Problems needing to be resolved are inadequate electrical power in the communities and ownership.

The Regional Directors were also asked to compile and prepare certain types of information/data for the upcoming RurAL CAP Board of Directors Meeting to be held in Cordova on May 12-14th.