

## ***Concerning Bush—***

# **Legislative Confab**

RurAL CAP, in conjunction with Alaska Federation of Natives and the Department of Community and Regional Affairs is in the process of preparing for a Bush Legislative Conference to be held at the Willowaw Lodge the week-end of December 14 and 15.

Gordon Jackson, Vice President for Human Resources at AFN, Reed Stoops, SEOO Director, Jackie Dailey, RurAL CAP Planner and Phil Smith, Deputy Director of RurAL CAP have engaged in the planning process, identified the areas to be discussed with concurrent workshops, nailed down resource people as well as invite all 60 legislators to the conference.

Governor Hammond is expected to address to the crowd

which could number in excess of 80.

Mike Harper, Director of RurAL CAP stated that "we are funding rural participation from every part of the State and expect at least 25 people from rural areas to appear." Housing, Education, Communication, Health & Social Services, and Justice are the workshops that will be going on simultaneously in hopes of not only educating the legislators to rural priorities but also to formulate key points of possible legislation that could be proposed this coming term.

Gordon Jackson of AFN said the Chief Justice had accepted an invitation to attend the conference as well as other distinguished administrators and key policy-makers.