

## ***Preflood Fight Meeting—***

# **Agencies Organize To Fight Flood**

The Alaska Disaster Office, in cooperation with the U.S. Army District Corps of Engineers, the Alaskan Command and the City of Fairbanks, has scheduled a preflood fight meeting for Fairbanks on Tuesday, March 16, 1971.

The meeting, scheduled to start at 8:00 a.m. at Alaskaland, will feature an up-to-date review of the Fairbanks flood potential, organization of agencies participating in conducting a flood fight, concept of operations and aerial dusting.

Ray Willman, Natural Disaster Coordinator from the Office of Emergency Preparedness, will conduct a briefing on the new Public Law 91-606, the Federal Disaster Assistance Act of 1970.

During the afternoon of the 16th, participating agencies will review the flood potential of the Yukon, Kuskokwim and other river areas, and discuss the concept of operations to handle those flood-prone areas.

On March 17 the U.S. Army District Corps of Engineers will conduct a day-long flood fight exercise designed to test the organization and capabilities of all federal, State, local and independent agencies who would be involved in an actual emergency. The location of the exercise will be announced at a later date.

Over 40 government and independent agencies will be noti-

fied at an early date as to their participation during the meeting and exercise.

The flood fight meeting planned for this year will be the most extensive and well attended meeting held, due to the heavy snowfall already experienced in the Fairbanks area.

Although neither the briefing nor the exercise will be open to the general public, the news media will be invited.