

Jackson Elected Chairman of Rural CAP State Board

A former employee of the Statewide Anti-poverty agency funded presently by the federal Office of Economic Opportunity was recently elected Chairman of the State Board during their Annual meeting in Kodiak, Alaska.

The Rural Cap State Board of Directors unanimously elected Gordon Jackson, Chairman of the Board to serve in that capacity during the next year.

Jackson joined the Rural Alaska Community Action Pro-

gram as a Program Development Specialist following his graduation from the University of Alaska in 1969. He was then selected as the Executive Director, Southeast Alaska Community Action Program a year later.

In 1972, Jackson joined the new State Department of Community and Regional Affairs as Deputy Director, Division of Rural Development Assistance.

A year later he was selected Director of the AFN Johnson-O'Malley Program. Jackson now serves as the Vice-President for Human Resources, Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc.

In accepting the chairmanship, Jackson stated, "It seems rather strange to be up here directing the policies of the Statewide anti-poverty effort in rural Alaska. Four years ago I was sitting down there providing staff support and carrying out the wishes of the Board.

"Suddenly within four years you become the chairman. I suppose herein lies the greatest strength of the anti-poverty effort in Alaska. You've brought people with leadership potential through the career development ladder and central and regional offices and the results have been tremendous.

"You need only to look at the Rural Cap alumnus to detect this.

I appreciate your confidence and will do my best in this new area of responsibility."

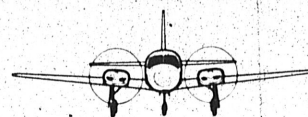
Other officers elected including Jonathan Solomon of Fort Yukon, Vice-Chairman; and Ellen Lang of Sitka, Secretary-Treasurer.

During the marathon three day meeting in Kodiak, the Board also accepted the Annual Work Program and budget, elected Brenda Iita the new lay member from the Northwest area, on the Legal Services Board, authorized the establishment of a new parent child center; and passed resolutions advocating a detox center in Copper River region, better communications in the Copper region, enforcement of wildlife regulations, supporting AFN Human Resource Committee, and advocating impact funds for unincorporated areas.

Commenting about the meeting the new Chairman stated, "It is indeed commendable to see such enthusiasm in the board and staff when the future funding is in doubt. The agency is on a continuing resolution until September 30, however, the confidence and planning by the board and staff makes me feel confident also that an independent advocacy anti-poverty agency will continue to exist in the future. What form it will be in is now up to Congress.

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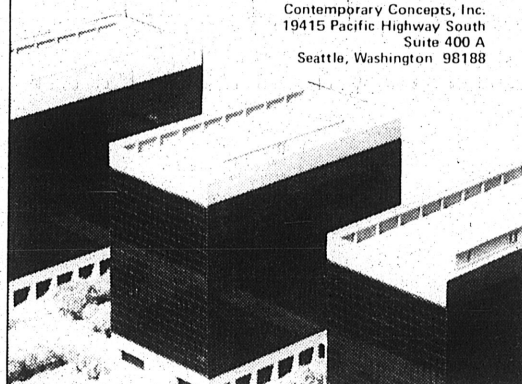
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