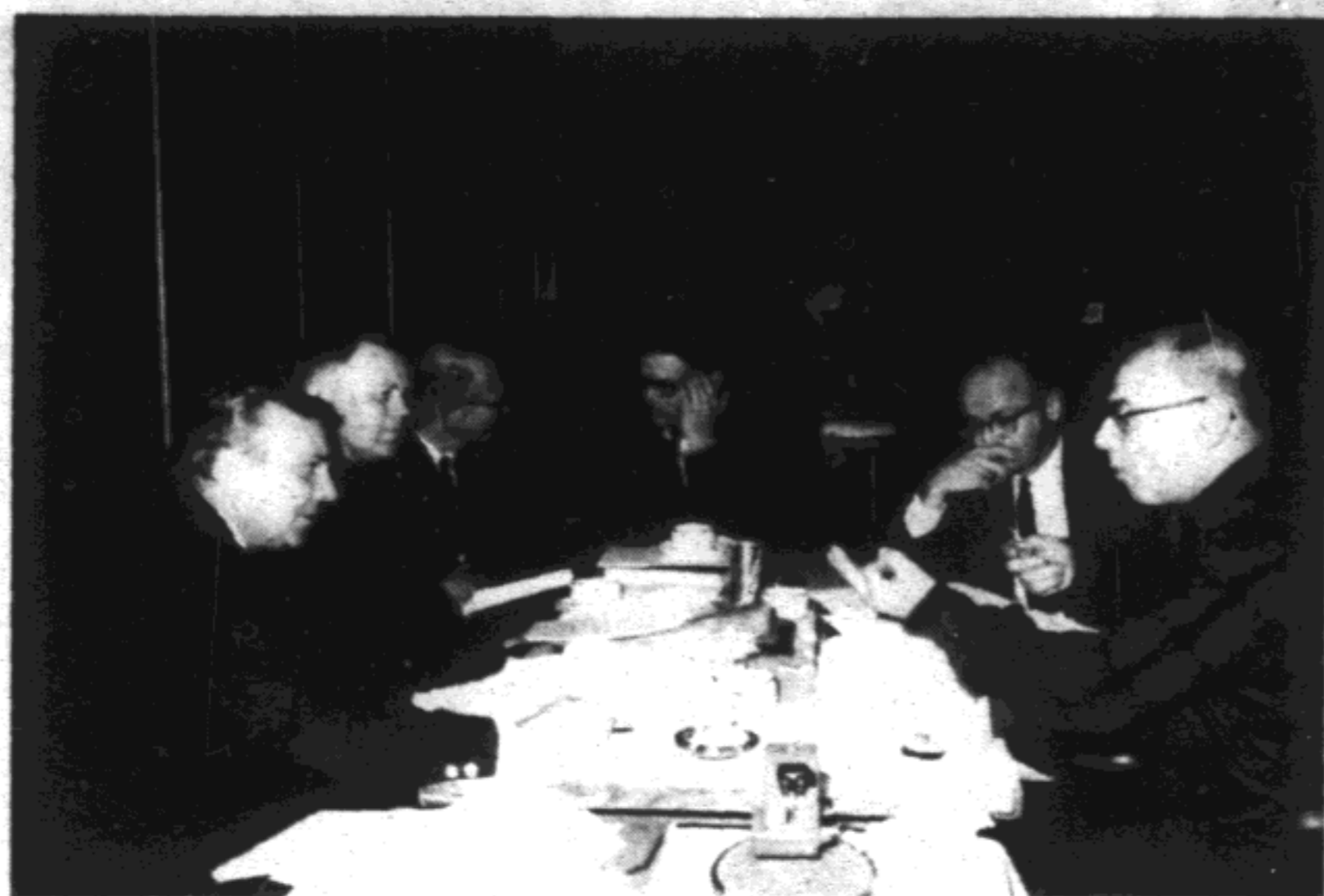


# RurALCAP Discusses Programming for Coming Year



**BOARD MEETING** in the Discovery Room of the Captain Cook Hotel. Elmer Armstrong, Harry Carter, Marlene Johnson are pictured with Carol Bahr, Secretary to the Executive Director.



**STAFF AND OTHER** interested people gathered to watch the proceeding of the Board meeting.

On October 15 and 16, the Rural Alaska Community Action Program Board of Directors met in Anchorage to discuss RurALCAP's goals and priorities for the upcoming program year.

Board members and other representatives from all over the state gathered in Anchorage bringing with them requests and suggestions for activities during 1970.

Sewing projects in Nome and Nelson Island were discussed as was statewide surplus heavy equipment acquisition. Needles and D-8 cats are all part of the program to help the rural people of Alaska help themselves.

Major priorities for 1970 on a statewide basis are: the development of human resources; communications on the Alaska Native Land Claims settlement; the development of community facilities; housing; health and nutrition.

Some regions of Alaska, of course, need more help with one specific problem and less with another. However, each of these goals has a definite relationship to the general need for improvement of living conditions in rural Alaska.

Byron Mallott, RurALCAP Executive Director, specifically pointed to the need to fully develop Alaska's human resources in a time when most people are looking to the development of our state's natural resources.

The development of natural resources and human resources must go hand-in-hand to insure real and lasting growth and improvement.

The Personnel, Human Resources, Community Development, Program Policy, and Finance Committees all met during the session to discuss special problems and planning.

These committees recommended continuation of programs such as Operation Mainstream, surplus equipment acquisition, youth programs, adult education, legal services, Head Start, and Parent-Child Centers.

It was also recommended that RurALCAP develop programs in the areas of alcoholism prevention, food stamp supplements, and commercial gardening.

George Irwin, OEO representative from the San Francisco Regional Office, commended the RurALCAP staff and the regional boards for their diligent work on their goals and priorities for the 1970 program year.



**BYRON MALLOTT**, RurALCAP Executive Director, chats with Charles Chong, Special Technical Assistant from Washington, D.C. George Irwin, OEO Representative from the San Francisco Regional Office and Jim Staley are also pictured.



**SEVERAL "executives"** meet informally to discuss the coordination of the program for 1970.

During the two-day meeting the Board also considered the application by the Kodiak Region to become a delegate agency of RurALCAP.

Since it is the object of the war on poverty to make each area self-sufficient, it is planned that all regions will be able to take over the management of their own programs in the next several years.

Board elections were held on the second day of the meeting. Mrs. Clifford (Marlene) Johnson of Hoonah was re-elected for her third year as president. Elmer Armstrong of Kotzebue was elected vice-president, while Robert Mott from Fort Yukon was elected secretary-treasurer. These

new officers will serve during the coming year.

The informal contact made among the many people attending the meeting were just as important as the formal committee and board discussions since the war on poverty depends on improved communications among people.

Through this communication will come the support and understanding necessary to make the 1970 plans of RurALCAP a reality.

The development of the human resources of our state through RurALCAP programs will give a means for the people to achieve political effectiveness, cultural identity and to create a meaningful life for themselves.



**JUNEAU**—A Fairbanks, Alaska miner utilized the true Alaskan way to pay a \$1,250.00 loan payment with the Division of Veterans' Affairs. He made payment in gold nuggets from his mine. Gold nuggets, used by jewelers in the manufacture of Alaskan jewelry, sells for \$75.00 an ounce in

Juneau. Shown admiring the two capsules of nuggets are left to right Department of Commerce employees: Twyla Lorenzen, Commissioner's Secretary, Dave Redeker, Director of Veterans' Affairs, Wally Kubley, Commissioner, and Doris Swensen, a secretary.