

RurAL CAP—

But Plans Continue

Operating under an almost congressional mandate to continue the Office of Economic Opportunity, RurAL CAP is gearing up for its 1975 program year.

At a meeting in Kodiak in September, the CAP Board gave the go-ahead for some major changes in the corporation's funding structure during 1975. Included in the changes are:

1. A merger was approved between the Upper Yukon Development Corporation and

Gwitcha Gwitchin Ginkye (3-G's) in Fort Yukon. The "3-G's" (Yukon Flats People Speak) will be the RurAL CAP region, directed by Nancy James.

2. Similarly, a merger between the Bristol Bay Native Association was approved. Trefon Angasan, Jr. is presently Acting Director of the BBNA.

3. In the Copper Valley/Tanana Region, two entities now receive the funding originally allocated to one development corporation. These are the Copper River Native Association, headed by Christine Yazzi, and the Upper Tanana Development Corporation, headquartered in Tok.

4. The North Pacific Rim Native Corporation, under the executive direction of Archie Gottschalk, will receive CAP funds for the first time, resulting from an effort to align boundaries in conformity with the Land Claims Corporation boundaries of Chugach, Inc. and Koniag, Inc.

Of the changes, Acting Director Phil Smith commented, "We're confident that these moves will go even further to strengthen the regional structures which were established six years ago. With other grants and contracts, the regions are becoming administratively sound and responsive to the needs of the people in the regions. With the OEO/RurAL CAP funding they can be effective advocates for their village constituencies. We think it's going to be a good year."