

# Ft. Yukon Corp. Calls for State Probe of Oper. Mainstream

The Upper Yukon Development Corporation announced today that it is calling for a State investigation of Operation Mainstream on the basis that the State-operated program has not upheld its commitment to Fort Yukon.

According to Donald Peter, regional director of RurAL CAP and president of the Fort Yukon City Council, Operation Mainstream agreed to grant Fort Yukon \$10,000 for wages for the construction of a temporary boarding home facility there.

He put the men to work on what he said was a verbal authorization from the Operation Mainstream office.

However, after two weeks work, he said Joe Nichols, director of Mainstream, contended that the State agency had given no such authorization.

So the men were pulled off the job. Currently, the roofless building comprised of four log walls is merely gathering snow.

The facility was to have enabled ninth and tenth graders in the Fort Yukon area to attend school at Fort Yukon this year rather than going out of the region for schooling. The residents of Fort Yukon, Peter said, are unable to take boarding students into their homes due to a lack of room.

The men have been paid for their two weeks work, but Fort Yukon would like the remainder of the \$10,000 so that it can complete the building.

On Sept. 23 Nichols wrote Peter that Operation Mainstream would grant the remainder of the \$10,000 if Peter would send plans insuring that the building, especially the foundation, would be properly constructed and the necessary materials to complete the building could be obtained.

On Oct. 5 Peter sent the requested plans to Nichols. He has said he feels the village has sufficient materials on hand to complete the building.

Desiring to resume construc-

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tion before winter sets in, Peter requested that Nichols approve the plans and authorize a resumption of work within 10 days.

As of Oct. 27, the Development Corporation spokesman said that he had heard nothing from the Operation Mainstream and felt that no recourse remained but to protest the holdup publicly and to call for an investigation.