

RurALCAP Brd. Meets To Consider Refunding

The Board of Directors of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program met in Anchorage on November 12. The board members came from all over the state to review and take final action on the 1970 refunding applications for RurALCAP.

In a meeting on October 15 and 16, in Anchorage, the Board approved plans and priorities for the coming year.

With these plans and priorities, which were prepared from suggestions and recommendations made by the nine RurALCAP regional centers and the central administrative staff, programs for community and human resource development were formulated.

Tom Mercer, newly appointed Director for the Office of Economic Opportunity's Region 10 spoke before the Board. Region 10 consists of four states—Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska.

Mercer told the Board that Community Action can be one

of the strongest and most vital forces in the war on poverty. He said that OEO looks to the Community Action efforts for total support and commitment.

Byron Mallott, RurALCAP Executive Director, gave an overall view of the entire funding request prior to the board members meeting in separate committees to discuss the specific program accounts.

Personnel, Program Policy, Finance, Human Resources, and Community Development Committees all met to study various program and funding plans for 1970.

In the coming year RurALCAP activities in Alaska's poverty areas will range from health and education programs to the creation of viable industry where none has existed before.

Head Start, surplus heavy equipment acquisition, housing, advocacy of the Native Land Claims, and emergency food and medical assistance are just a few of the 1970 programs.

The entire refunding application package will now be sent to OEO for funding approval.

In action taken during the evening session the Board approved the appointment of John Shively as RurALCAP's new Deputy Director and Walter Baldwin as Controller. Shively has served RurALCAP as a special consultant for program development while Baldwin has been serving as acting deputy director.