

Could Be Most Significant—

Legislative Conference Scheduled In Juneau on March 24 and 25

Preparations are under way for the third in a series of Rural Legislative Conferences, co-sponsored by the Alaska Federation of Natives, Rural CAP, and the Department of Community and Regional Affairs. The conference, scheduled to take

place in Juneau on March 24 and 25, will examine legislative response to the recommendations that came from the two earlier meetings.

According to Gordon Jackson, Executive Vice President for Human Resources at AFN (and

president of the Rural CAP Board of Directors), the conference "will be the most significant one we've held. In the past, we've talked about what is needed for the rural areas; this time, we'll take a good hard look at what is being proposed."

Phil Smith, Rural CAP Executive Director, explains that "the conference will focus on bills that have been introduced in seven areas; housing, education, justice, communication, health and social services, local government, and Fish and Game. We have also invited Governor Hammond to address the conference on the administration's initiatives for rural legislation."

The AFN Human Resource Committee, Rural CAP Directors, and many others from rural Alaska have been invited to attend. Also, invitations have been sent to all legislators as well as members of the Governor's cabinet.