

RurAL CAP REQUESTS 1971 OEO REFUNDING

Funds Asked for Legal Services, Child Centers, Youth Opportunity, Etc.



CORP. BOARD—The Rural Alaska Community Action Program with headquarters in Anchorage, Alaska, has nine regional development corporations in rural areas of Alaska. OEO-funded through RurAL CAP, the corporations have regional area natives as officials. Shown is the Kikikugruk Area Community Development Corporation board of directors meeting at Kotzebue. The meeting is being chaired by Robert Newlin, facing the camera, left, along with corresponding secretary, Elmer Armstrong. Other board members were not identified.

The Rural Alaska Community Action Program Board of Directors, meeting in Anchorage October 28 and 29 approved and sent to the Office of Economic Opportunity a 1971 refunding request totalling some one and a half million dollars.

Included in the refunding package are \$469,000 for the Alaska Legal Services program, \$175,000 for Parent-Child Centers in Hoonah and Kotzebue, \$6,700 for a Youth Opportunity Program at Mt. Edgecumbe high school, \$92,000 for housing assistance in Bethel and Nome, \$59,700 for emergency food and medical services, and \$775,000 for community organization and program administration.

The \$755,000 for community organization and program administration is divided among nine regional development corporations and the central admin-

istration of RurAL CAP according to Byron Mallott, Executive Director of RurAL CAP.

The Rural Alaska Community Action Program with main offices in Anchorage, also administers 38 Head Start programs and a village surplus equipment program in rural Alaska.

RurAL CAP, established in 1965, is one of the largest community action programs in the nation, with boundaries encompassing the entire state with the exception of Greater Anchorage Borough and an annual budget exceeding two million dollars.