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RURAL CAP MEETING—Byron Mallott, far left, executive director of RurAL CAP, talks with others at a board meeting of the organization in Anchorage. RurAL CAP, under the direction of the board, provides a wide variety of programs for the Alaska's rural poor, many of whom are native.

A New Concept—

RurAL CAP Board Approves 3 Yr. Plan

The Executive Committee of the RurAL CAP Board, met in Anchorage, September 28 and 29 to discuss and approve what is known as a "Three Year Plan".

This new concept is intended to carry out in a more meaningful and systematic manner, the plans and priorities established by the regional boards and the central and regional staffs of RurAL CAP over a three year period.

The field prereview was conducted by Charles Sauvage, OEO Field Representative for Northwest Region X.

It was agreed that RurAL CAP would operate programs in Neighborhood Service Centers, Community Organization, Emergency Food, Head Start, Youth

Development and Village Equipment Mobilization.

RurAL CAP will also be the grantee for the Alaska Legal Services program which is a fully delegated program.

Listed among the agency's top priorities are: political education on democratic processes; training in program development by means of utilizing resources available through federal, state, and local programs; management training; regional high schools;

Cultural heritage programs; youth development programs; land claims; economic development; expand and upgrading of communications systems; adequate water, sewer, and sanitation systems; housing, medical services; and child development.

State Representation On RurAL CAP Board

N. Roy Goodman, recently was appointed as the representative for the Governor's Office to serve on the RurAL CAP Board of Directors.

Goodman is one of three public officials serving on the 23

member board of directors.

Goodman, Director of State Planning and Research, replaced Frank Cox who resigned to assume the duties of Alaska Area Director for the Small Business Administration.

Native Allotment Drive Being Pushed by Alaska Legal Services, BIA, RurAL CAP

The Native Allotment Act of 1906 gives Alaska Native people the right to select individually 160 acres of land that they use and occupy.

This act is presently in effect but has until December, 1970, before time runs out for Alaska Natives to file for their land.

The Senate Bill 1830 revokes the Native Land Allotment Act and this provision could eventually become law if it goes through Congress this year.

In addition to this, the "Land Freeze" will be lifted and allow outside interests, the State and Federal government to select land used by Native people.

There is now a Native Land Allotment Drive to file as many applications as possible before the December, 1970, deadline.

Alaska Legal Services, BIA Realty in Anchorage and Fairbanks, RurAL CAP Community Action Program, with the endorsement of AFN, have pooled their resources to take advantage of the Native Land Allotment Act.

Regional RurAL CAP Directors are assisting all people in their areas who are eligible to participate in this program. The Regional Directors are providing maps, application forms, and any other assistance that may be needed to file applications.

Several points of interest should be kept in mind concerning Native Land Allotments.

1. This is NOT part of the Native Land Claims pending in Congress.

2. A Native can file on land already selected if he can prove use and occupancy prior to December, 1968.

3. A person does not have to live on this land. He must prove he uses it seasonally for hunting, trapping, fishing, berry picking, or other subsistence purposes.

4. This is an opportunity we can take advantage of NOW.

5. A wife can file on land of her own.

6. Any Alaska Native—Eskimo, Indian, or Aleut—of full or

mixed blood can file on land.

7. Any Alaska Native of full or mixed blood who is 21 years of age can file for land.

People who are eligible under the Native Allotment Act should contact RurAL CAP Regional Directors in their regions for information concerning filing procedures.

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INUPIAK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, Harry Koozata, Regional Director, Box 505, Nome, Alaska 99752.

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KOYUKON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, Andrew Demoski, Regional Director, Box

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SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, Gordon Jackson, Executive Director, Box 449, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

AVCP CAP, Raphael Murran, Regional Director, Box 236, Bethel, Alaska 99559.

UPPER YUKON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC., Donald Peter, Regional Director, Box 99, Fort Yukon, Ak. 99740.

Further assistance can be obtained from:

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William Mattice, BIA Realty, Box 530, Fairbanks, Ak. 99701, Phone: 452-1248.

Alaska Federation of Natives, Eben Hopson, Executive Director, 1675 C Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, Phone: 279-4578.

To Be Premiered Oct. 9—

Film Depicting Land Produced

A film depicting why land is such a crucial part of the Native Alaskans' environment will be premiered Friday, October 9, in Anchorage.

The film entitled, "That's the Way Life is Now", stresses use and occupancy and also is highlighted by statements of several Native Alaskan leaders.

Invitations to the premier have been sent to over 200 people in the state, by the sponsors of the film: RurAL CAP, Alaska Community Action Program, Alaska Federation of Natives, and the Community Enterprise Development Corporation.

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The film, which was produced by Ed Isenson of Alaska Film Studios, will be available for dissemination throughout rural Alaska by the Regional Corporations of RurAL CAP and also the Native Associations.

Film distribution will be coordinated by the Alaska Federation of Natives, RurAL CAP and the Community Enterprise Development Corporation.

Anyone wishing to see this film should contact one of these agencies.

Old Crowites Plan to Seek Injunction to Forestall Oil Seekers

The Old Crow Indians in Yukon Territory plan to seek an injunction to forestall further exploration by oil and gas companies on land claimed by the natives.

The plans were made known through a notice published in the Whitehorse Star by Alfred Charlie, Chief of the Old Crow Indian People.

The Old Crow Indians are seeking to prohibit exploration in Old Crow Flats, their traditional trapping grounds. These grounds are located in the northern part of Yukon Territory near the Porcupine and Old Crow Rivers. Old Crow itself is only about 30 miles from the Alaskan border.

According to the notice, the Old Crow Indians plan to seek the injunction to prohibit parties not authorized by them in writing from entering Old Crow Flats.

They are taking this stand on the basis "that rights to lands held by them as inheritors from original possessors do not lie with the Crown, and that the Crown therefore is unable to issue valid licenses for such entry".

As reported in the Whitehorse Star, William J. Smith, a trapper in Old Crow, said that the Indians felt the Crown could not legally issue exploration permits because no treaties had ever been signed between the Old Crow Indians' ancestors and the government of Canada.

Smith said that the people in Old Crow want a moratorium on exploration until the question of sovereignty is settled.

In an editorial, Sept. 28, the Star said, "It is time that the government of Canada made treaties with these people, and came up with a reasonable and fair solution."

"It is time to write down

clearly and simply just what the Yukon Indians' rights are."

The editorial went on to say that the main problem in protecting Indians' rights is that "in the Yukon they have no rights."

"In all their villages they

don't even own the land their houses are on."

Even the fact that certain trapping areas have been set aside for the Indians does not keep out the exploration companies, the paper stated.

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