ACADIANA-NEUF ORDER IS GIVEN

March OEO Says

LAFAYETTE, La. — Instructions for reorganizing Acadiana Neuf, the anti-poverty organization in Southwest Louisiana, have been received by the group's board members from W. Auker Kirk, acting director of the OEO office in Austin, Tex. The board had been told it must be reorganized by March, 1967, or lose its funds.

The Kirk plan calls for a parish community action council in each of the six parishes involved: Acadia, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin and Vermilion. The councils would consist of one-third representatives from the poor, one-third from public agencies and one-third from non-profit organizations.

Selections of the councils would include naming representatives from what Kirk called "target areas." Anti-poverty programs would be administered by Acadiana Neuf through the councils. The Acadiana Neuf community action board would be composed of 35 members, six from each parish. The Austin OEO would recognize Acadiana Neuf as the primary agency for receiving the grants.

The old organization did not have sufficient representation of the poor, according to the OEO Austin office.

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