ACADIANA NEUF PLANNING FAILS

Board Rejects 3 Reorganization Moves

LAFAYETTE, La.—A stormy three-hour and 15-minute meeting of the Acadiana Neuf board of directors Wednesday afternoon failed to come up with a plan for reorganization. The group administers the war on poverty in six South Louisiana Parishes.

Acadiana Neuf had been told that it must either reorganize or disband. The board's failure to accept a reorganization plan was reportedly considered by the Austin, Tex., Office of Economic Opportunity, which funds the program, to be the board's final decision on the matter.

Three plans were submitted to the board for consideration and all were rejected. One, presented by Marion White, Negro Oce- lousas attorney, won approval of 64 percent of the board, but needed at least 66 and 2/3 percent to pass.

The White plan would have provided for representation on the board of 12 members from public agencies, 12 from the poor, 6 from minority groups, and 2 from private, non-profit organizations.

Earlier in the day, Peter Vallot, Jr., acting director of Acadiana Neuf, resigned his position, citing "confusion on the board" as his reason. Vallot, Lafayette Negro school teacher, replaced Robert Hobert, who resigned Jan. 1. Vallot had previously been assistant director.

Austin forces said after Wednesday's meeting that war on poverty programs presently in operation in the area might be able to apply directly to Austin for funding after March 1. The main programs include Operation Head Start, and Southern Consumers, a cooperative of poor persons banded together to raise their economic status.