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FORT BERTHOLD AGENCY
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

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We have received information that the office of the Secretary of the Interior did not approve the \$200 per capita payment to the Three Affiliated Tribes. The Tribal Business Council met in regular session yesterday, May 13, to discuss the matter of disapproval of the per capita payment which had been requested by Tribal resolution on March 12, 1954.

The Tribal Council has decided to appeal the action of the Secretary on the grounds that it is going to cause hardship to many of the older people on the Reservation who have been planning conscientiously to make use of this payment. Martin Cross, Chairman of the Council, was authorized by Tribal resolution to go to Washington, D. C. to confer with congressmen relative to the payments. A petition signed by a large number of people on the Reservation was presented to the Council asking that the Chairman be authorized to make such a trip in the interest of speeding up the \$200 per capita which they felt was to be paid but was only being delayed.

The Tribal Council will be in Minot on Saturday, May 15, to meet with the Tribal Councils of other Reservations in North Dakota to organize an Inter-Tribal Council for the State of North Dakota. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Minot Chamber of Commerce building. This meeting is strictly an organizational one, but the Tribal Councils feel that they need an organization of State-wide scope to press their interest in current Indian legislation.

Mr. Robert Rietz advises that he has been invited to deliver the Commencement Address for the Fort Yates high school on Thursday, May 27.

The large school buildings in Elbowoods have recently been turned over to the Tribal Council for disposal. Anyone interested in buying any part or all of these buildings should contact Mr. George Shubert or members of the Tribal Council in the very near future, as the buildings are going to be disposed of as rapidly as possible.

Pierre Indian School students will be returned to their homes on Saturday, May 15. Parents are requested to meet students at following place closest to their home: Garrison, 2:00 p.m.; Eastern Segment School, 3:00 p.m.; Parshall, 4:00 p.m.; New Town, 5:00 p.m.; or Western Segment School, 6:00 p.m.

Flandreau Indian School students will return on Monday, May 17. Students will be returned by bus to the Garrison Corner, 6 miles east of Garrison on Highway 83. The bus will arrive at 10:30 a.m. and parents are expected to meet their children or arrange for someone else to pick them up.

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