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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

May 24, 1968

For Immediate Release

INDIAN BUREAU CALLS BIDS ON YAKIMA INDIAN RESERVATION ROAD COATING

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, has issued bid invitation calling for bituminous seal coat to cover about 15.483 miles of roadway on the Yakima Indian Reservation in eastern Washington, Dale M. Baldwin, Portland Area Director of the Bureau, announced today.

The road coating treatment on the Signal Peak Road, located about nine miles southwest of White Swan, Wash., will require 2,200 cubic yards of cover aggregate and 400 tons of asphalt seal coat.

Bids on Invitation No. 68-11, Project No. YIR 4(5), will be opened 10 a.m. Pacific daylight time June 19, 1968 in the Bureau's Branch of Property and Supply, Lloyd Plaza Building 400, Room 400, 1425 N.E. Irving Street, Portland, Ore. 97232.

More complete data will be furnished either by the Yakima Indian Agency, Branch of Roads, Toppenish, Wash., or the Bureau's Portland office.

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For Immediate Release

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION ROAD CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCED

Dale M. Baldwin, Portland Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, announced today the Bureau is seeking bids for crushed aggregate and bituminous surfacing of 5.734 miles of roadway on the Wellpinit-Little Falls road, Spokane Indian Reservation in eastern Washington.

The proposed work will begin at Wellpinit, Wash. and will require 32,000 tons of crushed aggregate base and 250 tons of asphalt, bituminous preservative treatment in two grades.

June 18, 1968 at 10 a.m. Pacific daylight time has been set for opening of bids received, which should be sent to the Bureau's Branch of Property and Supply, Lloyd Plaza Building 400, Room 400, 1425 N. E. Irving Street, Portland, Oregon 97203.

More complete information on Invitation No. 68-10, Project No. SIR 27(4), will be furnished by the Bureau's Portland office, or may be obtained from the Colville Indian Agency, Branch of Roads, Coulee Dam, Wash.

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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
For Release June 2, 1968

Henderson -- 343-9431

INDIAN HIGH SCHOOLERS GET "BETTER CHANCE" AT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Twelve Indian high school students selected from schools all over the west will participate in "A Better Chance" program originating on the campus of Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., this summer, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert L. Bennett announced today.

Bureau of Indian Affairs schools participating in the plan include the Albuquerque Indian School, Albuquerque, N.M.; Chemawa Indian School, Chemawa, Ore.; Sequoyah High School, Tahlequah, Okla.; Sherman Institute, Riverside, Calif.; Stewart Indian School, Stewart, Nev.; and Turtle Mountain Community School, Turtle Mountain, N.D.

A public school, Okmulgee High at Okmulgee, Okla., is also represented.

Most of the students are at ninth and tenth grade levels, except two seniors, George Douglas, Okmulgee, and Albert Dreadfulwater, Sequoyah. The seniors were especially selected because of their outstanding leadership abilities and college-level potential.

Purpose of the program, which began in 1963 at Dartmouth, is to prepare youngsters with potential to go on to preparatory schools or high schools in areas that offer outstanding educational systems. Upon graduation, they are then ready to enter one of the better Eastern colleges.

The selection of the students was left to their school principals, who chose them on the basis of potential, rather than on their present academic records.

The students will arrive in Washington June 27 for a few days of orientation and field trips in the Nation's capital, reporting to Dartmouth June 30.

They will then go through a rigorous six-week program, flexible to meet the needs of the individual boys, but concentrating on mastery of the essentials of good writing, reading and mathematical thinking. Classes are small, permitting private tutors and counselors to give attention to the individual needs of the students.

The boys will also be involved in sports, hikes, art, music, dramatics, and field trips in the New England area.

Students selected, their schools, home towns and tribes are: From Chemawa, Willie Kasayulie, Akiachak, Alaska, Eskimo; Elmer Jackson, Kiana, Alaska, Eskimo; Pavila Pavila, Tuntutuliak, Alaska, Eskimo; Enoch Tooyak, Point Hope, Alaska, Eskimo; Johnny Hunter, Angoon, Alaska, Eskimo.

From Albuquerque: Ben Sam, Ganado, Ariz., Navajo. From Okmulgee: George Douglas, Okmulgee, Okla., Cherokee. From Sherman Institute: Walter Hogan, Parker, Ariz., Mohave. From Turtle Mountain: Dwight Trottier, Belcourt, N. D., Chippewa. From Sequoyah: Bruce Doyle, Tahlequah, Okla, Cherokee, and Albert Dreadfulwater, Tahlequah, Okla., Cherokee. From Stewart: Stanley Darrell Kisto, Bapchule, Ariz., Pima.

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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
For Release to PM's June 11, 1968

Henderson -- 343-4518
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NEW BUREAU BOOKLET ANSWERS MOST ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT INDIANS

The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced today the release of a new, updated booklet, "Answers to Your Questions About American Indians."

Earlier editions have been popular with persons interested in the American Indian. The questions answered are chosen from the many thousands directed to the Bureau during the past years.

According to Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert L. Bennett, the answers to some of the questions will startle those with preconceived ideas about Indians and their status in this country.

"For example," said Bennett, "many people don't realize that Indians are citizens of the United States, have the same rights, and pay the same applicable taxes that everyone else does. They vote, serve their military obligation, and may drink liquor except, perhaps, in their own communities where the tribe has control of such things."

Other items: Indians do not have to live on reservations, although more than 300,000 out of a 552,000 total (1960 Census figures) do so. In fact, the Bureau has a continuing program of technical education and assimilation that includes voluntary movement of Indians to the big cities to work as qualified mechanics, secretaries, service men, laborers, and white collar workers.

There was never a written Indian language before the coming of the white man, and today there are possibly 100 different Indian tongues.

Since 1854, Bureau policy has given employment preference to persons of one-fourth or more Indian blood; more than half of the 16,000 Bureau of Indian Affairs employees are of Indian ancestry.

Another frequently asked question about Indians concerns the country's 290 Indian land areas under Federal jurisdiction. Only 25 states have federally related Indian reservations, most of them in the West. The booklet identifies reservations as land set aside for specific Indian use through treaties, Congressional acts, executive orders, and agreements.

Indian land has become big business, according to the publication. The tribes lease mineral rights, farming and ranching acres, conduct their own logging operations, and have set out to bring industrial firms to their areas, thereby getting employment for Indians and profiting from the lease arrangements involved.

There are over 50 million acres held in trust by the Department of the Interior for Indian use; 39 million of this is for the tribes and 11 million

for individual Indians. An additional 5 million acres of Government-owned land is administered by the Bureau for Indian use.

Reservations range in size from California mini-acre rancherias to the vast Navajo Reservation of 14 million acres sprawling across northern Arizona into New Mexico and Utah.

To the question, "Can Indians live off the fruits of their lands?" the booklet gives a qualified answer. A few Indian areas have enough resources to support their Indian residents, but most reservations are facing a rapidly growing population explosion, expanding at a rate equivalent to 2 to 1 over the non-Indian areas of the country.

Where there is income, the funds generally go into the tribal treasury for improvements that may include better housing, roads, education and law and order.

Bennett noted that another common misconception cleared up by the new publication is that Indians are not getting the same help that the urban poor receive.

"Actually," he said, "the War on Poverty is welcomed by most Indians and has been markedly successful. The Office of Economic Opportunity, for example, funded \$32 million for Indian programs in fiscal 1967, with the greater amount going toward easing the problems of poor health, inadequate education, unemployment and substandard housing."

Head Start prepares the Indian child with important pre-school learning experiences (for many Indians, English is a second language and lack of knowledge of it prevents their moving ahead in English-speaking schools), as well as medical and dental attention and proper nutritional care.

Indian job programs, including a unique family program that involves the entire family as a unit, are becoming models for similar work with the urban poor. Under the plan, the father is taught a trade or skill, the youngsters go to school and receive specialized instruction if necessary, while the mother is prepared to take care of a modern home, evaluate prices, do the shopping.

"Answers to Your Questions" also deals with Indian schools and health services, Indian charity and interest groups; contains a bibliography on Indians, lists of publications dealing with Indians, and locations of famous Indian museums.

The booklet is available at 25¢ a copy from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, by sending a check or money order. A 25 percent discount is allowed on quantity orders of 100 or more if mailed to one address.

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June 27, 1968

For Immediate Release

YAKIMA INDIAN LANDS IN STATE OF WASHINGTON OFFERED FOR LEASING

Dale M. Baldwin, Portland Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, announced today that Indian trust lands scattered throughout the Yakima Reservation and off-reservation grazing tracts lying north of the Columbia River are available for leasing at the Yakima Indian Agency, Toppenish, Wash. 98948.

Superintendent Charles S. Spencer and the Yakima Agency Realty Department reported that the bids will be opened at 2 p.m., July 23, 1968, at the agency office. Bids will be received until that time.

A total of 228 tracts are available. Most of them range from 40 to 80 acres, while others range up to 364 acres. They are used for grazing, farming and hunting. Some are suitable for orchards or vineyards, truck crops, and the growing of alfalfa seed.

Spencer said the agency leasing office is open from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays except on legal holidays. Information pertaining to the tracts and to bidding procedures is available from the agency office.

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June 28, 1968

For Immediate Release

BIA ANNOUNCES LOW BIDDER FOR COLVILLE RESERVATION ROAD JOB

Dale M. Baldwin, Portland Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, today announced Max J. Kuney Company, North 120 Ralph Street, Spokane, Washington 99202, was successful bidder on a contract in the amount of \$181,427, calling for grading and draining 6.116 miles of roadway on the Colville Indian Reservation.

Work will be performed on the Nespelem-Columbia River road, which is located approximately 14 miles north of Coulee Dam in eastern Washington.

Nine bids were examined ranging to a high of \$239,185.30 before making the award to Max J. Kuney Company.

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BIA AWARDS CONTRACT FOR ROAD WORK ON SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION

A \$78,750 contract has been awarded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, to N. A. Degerstrom, Inc., Post Office Box 425, Spokane, Washington 99210, for a road surfacing job on the Spokane Indian Reservation in eastern Washington, Dale M. Baldwin, Portland Area Director of BIA, announced today.

Work on the Wellpinit-Little Falls road, which begins at Wellpinit, will require crushed aggregate and bituminous surfacing of 5.734 miles of roadway.

Degerstrom's bid of \$78,750 was the lowest of four received by the Bureau. High bid totaled \$107,950.

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For Release June 28, 1968

Henderson -- 343-7336

RECORD BID FOR INDIAN TIMBER ON FLATHEAD RESERVATION

More than \$1.15 million , a record high, was bid for Flathead Reservation timber recently, the Bureau of Indian Affairs reported today.

A total of 134 bids were received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Flathead Indian Reservation, Montana, for a stand of timber in the Ferry Basin Logging Unit.

The unit was advertised at a minimum bid value of \$615,253. Tree Farmers, Inc. of Missoula, Mont., was the successful high bidder at \$1,156,350, which was accepted by the Tribe and the Bureau. Under the contract all specified timber will be cut by December 31, 1971.

It is estimated that 225 man-years of labor will be provided by the sale of the timber, most of it by members of the Tribe.

Advertised volumes of timber in board feet measure were: Ponderosa pine, 15,027,000; Western larch, 7,746,000; Douglas fir and other species, 9,533,000.

The highly successful Flathead timber sale followed a record sale in April on the Winnebago Reservation in Nebraska. Walnut sold for \$700 per thousand board feet, compared with \$500 bid at a Winnebago walnut sale last October.

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June 28, 1968

For Immediate Release

ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARDED BY BIA ON COLVILLE RESERVATION

Dale M. Baldwin, Portland Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, announced today award of a \$280,784 contract for grading and draining 7.575 miles of roadway on the Colville Indian Reservation in eastern Washington.

The successful bidder is Materne Bros. Co., Box 0, Rosewood Station, Spokane, Washington.

Work on the Manila Creek road will begin approximately 10 miles northeasterly from Coulee Dam and extend easterly to State Highway No. 4.

Twelve bids were reviewed by BIA. High bid was for \$416,394.

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For Release June 30, 1968

Wilson -- 343-8657

BENNETT PROPOSES AMERICAN INDIAN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, announced today that he has asked for tribal ratification of a proposal to establish an "American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame," on the campus of Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kans.

"The Hall of Fame," Bennett said, "will not only memorialize the achievements of great Indian athletes but will be a source of inspiration for young Indians seeking to develop rewarding and productive lives in modern America."

A copy of the proposed constitution of the new organization and a list of a 13-member board of trustees has been sent to heads of tribal organizations throughout the Nation, Bennett said.

"We hope to secure ratification of this proposal and be ready to formally organize and select the initial inductees to the Hall of Fame in the fall," Bennett said. "Indians in many areas have already enthusiastically endorsed the Hall of Fame idea," Bennett said, "and I am confident it will receive the wholehearted endorsement of most American Indian and Alaska Native peoples."

Bennett noted that while the Bureau of Indian Affairs served as coordinator of the plans to create the Hall of Fame, the organization will not be an official Federal activity. "This will be an Indian organization operated by Indians for the benefit of Indians and all America," he said.

Miss Grace Thorpe, daughter of All-America football star Jim Thorpe, was among those Bennett appointed to the special committee which drew up the Hall of Fame constitution and selected its first board of trustees. Other members of the committee were: Tom Wilson, Office of Public Information, BIA, Chairman; Mitchell Bush, president, American Indian Society, Washington, D.C., executive secretary, George P. LaVatta, retired BIA employee, Portland, Ore., member; John O. Crow, associate director of the Bureau of Land Management, member; and Gus Welch, former Carlisle athlete, now of Bedford, Va., honorary chairman.

The members of the first board of trustees are: Harold Schunk, Yankton Sioux, Aberdeen Area; Clarence Tallbull, Cheyenne Arapaho, Anadarko Area; Clarence Acoya, Laguna Pueblo, Albuquerque Area; Walter McDonald, Flathead, Billings Area; Dr. Walter Soboleff, Tlingit, Juneau Area; Roger Jourdain, Red Lake Chippewa, Minneapolis Area; Overton James, Chickasaw, Muskogee Area; Joe Watson, Navajo, Navajo Area; Albert Hawley, Fort Belknap, Phoenix Area; George LaVatta, Shoshone-Bannock, Portland Area; Elijah Smith, Oneida, Sacramento Area; Louis R. Bruce, Jr., Mohawk-Sioux, Northeastern U.S. and Frell Owle, Eastern Cherokee, Southeastern U.S.

The constitution provides that after their initial terms expire board members will be elected by the Indian or Alaska Native peoples in the area they represent.

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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

For Release to PM's July 10, 1968

Henderson -- 343-7336

WIGHT HEADS UP NEW INDIAN AFFAIRS EDUCATION CENTER AT BRIGHAM CITY

A new Instructional Service Center has been established in Brigham City, Utah, to direct a massive in-service training program for the education staff of the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert L. Bennett said that Edgar L. Wight has been appointed director of the Center.

Wight has a background of educational experience that ranges from principal-teacher in Alberta, Canada through a variety of Federal Government assignments, including a number with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He also did a stint as training director for the Development and Resources Corporation, New York, in its Khuzistan Development Project in Iran on the Persian Gulf.

Because of the Bureau's increased tempo and accent on preschool and elementary education, thousands of BIA school administrators, teachers, guidance personnel and aides will be involved in a series of three and four week workshops. They will be trained in the latest and most successful instructional techniques and media in Indian education, Bennett said.

The program is being undertaken as a result of a recent agreement with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare that will provide the Bureau of Indian Affairs more than \$9 million for such projects.

To be served are the education staffs of all 253 Bureau-operated schools, as well as extension of some services to public schools which educate Indian children.

The facility is located next to the Bureau's largest Indian school, Intermountain, at the south edge of Brigham City, Utah.

Wight has most recently served as BIA education assistant area director in Alaska, and on the central office staff in Washington, D.C.

The new director is a graduate of Brigham Young University, Utah State University and Calgary Normal School. He has taken advanced graduate study at Utah State.

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July 12, 1968

For Immediate Release

BIDS ACCEPTED FOR HARVESTING TIMBER ON TWO UNITS OF YAKIMA INDIAN RESERVATION

Dale M. Baldwin, Portland Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, announced today the successful high bid for sale of timber on two tracts of the Yakima Indian Reservation in Washington.

The Hellroaring Logging Unit was awarded to Boise Cascade Corporation, whose bid of \$1,523,345.90 was the higher of two bids received for 39,925,000 board feet of timber.

The Mill Creek No. 3 Logging Unit was awarded to M. . Hitchcock, whose bid of \$558,975.50 was the higher of two bids received for 18,092,000 board feet of timber.

The timber is tribally owned except for approximately 5,000,000 board feet on the latter unit which is on lands held in trust for individual Indians. The units are predominantly ponderosa pine and include significant volumes of white pine, Douglas-fir, western larch and white fir.

The volumes to be harvested are part of management plans for taking the full allowable cut from the Indian forest.

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July 12, 1968

For Immediate Release

THEODORE D. GEORGE OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON APPOINTED TO NATIONAL INDIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, has appointed Theodore D. George, of Sumner, Wash., a member of the National Indian Advisory Committee on Education, the first all-Indian committee to serve as a permanent national advisory group on the quality and equality of educational opportunities for American Indians.

The 16-man committee, made up of tribal leaders representing areas with substantial numbers of Indian children attending Federal schools, will meet periodically with public school administrators and school administrators of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

Mr. George, a former councilman of the Port Gamble Band of Clallam Indians, attended grade and high schools at the North Kitsap Schools in Poulsbo, Wash. He attended Olympic College, transferred to Western Washington State College where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Education. He has had a varied career ranging from social work, teaching in the public schools of Washington, to his present position as Associate Director and Educational Director for MORE, a Community Action Program multi-service center, serving migrants and Indians of Pierce County and resident poor of the Puyallup Valley area.

Mr. George is married and the father of five sons and one daughter. The family lives at Sumner.

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In announcing the establishment of this advisory group, Commissioner Bennett stated:

"This new committee will play a key role in current intensive efforts by BIA to involve Indian leaders more directly in planning educational programs for their people.

We expect to attain two objectives: First, to stimulate keener interest among Indians in such basic issues as financing and operating educational programs for both children and adults; and second, to close the present gap between what Indian people feel they need and what others think they need.

There is no issue more pressing to us in the Bureau of Indian Affairs than that of improving the educational level of American Indians. The poverty that besets the majority of reservation families, and which continues to haunt unskilled Indians who leave the reservations to seek jobs, stems from educational deficiencies. Competitive job-seeking in the 1960's demands a level of education and training not yet reached by most Indians.

This is a situation which we cannot permit to continue. With the assistance of the advisory committee we will seek corrective measures."

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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
For Release July 14, 1968

Wilson--343-8657

EXEMPLARY INDIAN SCHOOL TO OPEN IN OKLAHOMA

A new "exemplary" Indian school, set up to pioneer new teaching techniques, will open this fall at Concho, Okla., Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, has announced.

The 256-pupil boarding school, to be operated in a new \$2.5 million building complex, will be used to develop new educational methods to overcome the cultural and linguistic differences which often handicap Indian children in a traditional learning experience, Bennett said.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has entered into a contract with Southwestern State College at nearby Weatherford, Okla., to provide consulting services to devise, test and evaluate new educational techniques under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The exemplary program, Bennett said, "will continue the thrust of our present day educational planning, which seeks to emphasize the variety of experience and background that make up the American population, and the fact that the many Indian cultures in our land can and should make a contribution to our society." At the same time his own culture can provide the Indian student with the sense of personal identification and belonging so necessary for emotional growth and learning."

Southwestern State College has had considerable experience training teachers for public schools in western Oklahoma which have large Indian enrollments, Bennett said, and "it is enthusiastic about exploring these new means for breaking down the barriers which have slowed Indian learning, and creating new ways to prepare the Indian student for a productive and self-sustaining life in American society." The inquiry process which stresses thinking through a problem, rather than memorizing answers to the teachers' questions, will be stressed throughout the school's program, he said.

Part of the exemplary program will be a low pupil-staff ratio, a strong guidance program and the use by students of many of the college facilities. Both Southwestern staff and students will be working "seven days a week" with the Concho School students and staff, Bennett said.

The Concho School complex will contain 10 classrooms, special subject rooms for music, practical arts, home economics, multi-purpose activities and a kitchen and dining room in addition to administrative office and two dormitories, each housing 128 pupils.

"In this exemplary school we recognize that only through the development of the most effective educational tools and concepts will we be able to give Indian children the education they must have to live lives of their own choosing in 20th Century America," Bennett said.

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For Release August 9, 1968

Henderson -- 343-9431

INDIAN ART STUDENTS TO ENTER TRAVEL POSTER CONTEST

Art students in the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs high schools and post-high schools will enter a travel poster contest, beginning with the new school year, which has the theme: "Discover America with the First Americans."

The program is sponsored by the Education Division of the Bureau, and Arrow, Inc., a tax-exempt corporation which supports commercial projects that benefit the Indian people.

Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, said that the poster theme is in line with President Johnson's request that Americans spend their tourist dollars in the United States to help solve the balance of payments problem.

"Many of our Indian reservations, the homelands of our First Americans, are ideal vacation spots," said Bennett, observing that this was a good and dignified way to help the Indian economy.

"In addition, the poster contest offers an outlet for our Indian art student talent."

The winning poster designers will receive cash prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50 for first, second, and third place, respectively. All entrants also may be considered for expense-paid trips to major cities to visit art schools and museums.

An exhibition of all the entries is planned in Washington, D.C. in 1969.

The winning posters will be printed in quantity and sold through retail outlets, both here and abroad.

Profits from the poster sales arranged by Arrow will be applied to Indian projects sponsored by the corporation.

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September 6, 1968

For Immediate Release

INDIAN LANDS IN EASTERN WASHINGTON OFFERED FOR SALE TO BIDDERS

Dale M. Baldwin, Portland Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, announced today that the Bureau is offering for sale, at the request of the Indian owners, 20 tracts of land on or near the Colville Reservation in eastern Washington.

The tracts comprise a total of 2,076.10 acres and range in size from 8 to 303.40 acres.

Twelve of the tracts, aggregating approximately 1,514.43 acres, are located in Okanogan County. Eight tracts, totaling about 561.67 acres, are in Ferry County.

The lands include agricultural, timber, grazing and some potential residential properties, with one acreage suitable for commercial development.

Sealed bids for purchase of the tracts will be received until 1:30 p.m. September 25, 1968 at Coulee Dam City Hall, Coulee Dam, Wash., and opened at that time.

Bidding documents and detailed information are available from Colville Indian Agency, Elmo Miller, Superintendent, Coulee Dam, Wash. 99116. The telephone number is 633-1360, ext. 457.

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For Immediate Release

COLVILLE INDIAN RESERVATION LANDS OFFERED FOR SALE BY BIA

Dale M. Baldwin, Portland Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, announced today that the Bureau is offering for sale, at the request of the Indian owners, seven tracts of land on or near the Colville Reservation in eastern Washington.

The tracts range in size from 2.03 to 16.36 acres, totaling 47.11 acres located within the Swimptkin's Addition to the Town of Omak, Wash., and consist of industrial and residential sites.

Elmo Miller, Superintendent of the Colville Agency, said bids will be received until 1:30 p.m. October 9, 1968 at the Colville Indian Agency, Coulee Dam, Wash., and opened at that time at the Coulee Dam City Hall.

Descriptions of each tract with instructions for bidding procedures are available at the Colville Indian Agency, Coulee Dam, Wash. 99116.

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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

October 23, 1968

For Immediate Release

INDIAN FISHING ON THE NISQUALLY RIVER

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, today re-emphasized its prior statement that it is not backing those Indians and others who are confronting state officers on the Nisqually River. Most, if not all, of the disturbances on the Nisqually River are being conducted by persons having no Indian treaty fishing rights in that area. Treaty rights are tribal rights and no Indian Tribe has authorized the fishing which has been going on in the present controversy.

In a statement released by A. W. Galbraith, Acting Area Director, the Bureau stated:

"We will continue to seek enforcement of Federal Court interpretation of Indian treaty rights and, if necessary, seek applications of those holdings to specific situations. But we do not condone fishing in defiance of tribal regulations or of state regulations that conform to the standard prescribed by the U. S. Supreme Court. And, of course, we have no involvement in fishing by persons, whether of Indian blood or any other, who do not have treaty fishing rights in the areas involved. "

Frank's Landing on the Nisqually River is not under Federal jurisdiction. The State has full law enforcement jurisdiction there as elsewhere outside an Indian Reservation. Of course, it must respect legitimate treaty fishing rights there as elsewhere, but it does not lack any jurisdiction over that area.

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