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### BIA REASSIGNS TWO CIVIL ENGINEERS

The Bureau of Indian Affairs today announced the assignment of new supervising engineers for two major Indian irrigation projects --the Navajo project on the New Mexico side of the reservation, and the nearly completed Wapato project on the Yakima Reservation at Wapato, Wash.

J. Y. Christiansen, 44, a native of Monroe, Utah, has been named Supervising General Engineer for the Navajo project. He will serve as liaison between the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs and its Bureau of Reclamation which is performing the construction work. The project as authorized would supply up to 508,000 acre-feet of water annually from Reclamation's Navajo Reservoir to irrigate 110,000 acres of Navajo Reservation lands south of the San Juan River.

Christiansen began his BIA service in 1952 at the Yakima Agency in Washington. He has since held engineering posts at Albuquerque, N.M.; Parker, Ariz.; and most recently at the Wapato Irrigation Project. His appointment became effective Feb. 5, 1967.

He holds a degree in civil engineering from Utah State University at Logan, Utah, is married and has four children.

Lew Judd Allsop, 42, succeeds Christiansen at Wapato, Wash., effective Feb. 5, 1967. Allsop began his BIA career in 1953 at the United Pueblos Agency, Albuquerque, N. M. where he supervised the installation of domestic water systems for Pueblo communities. He has since served at the Colorado River Reservation in Arizona and the Missouri River Basin Investigations Project, Billings, Mont.

Last year he was selected by the Bureau to attend a middle management training course in the Washington, D.C. central office. The course began on Sept. 1, 1966 and ended January 27, 1967, just prior to his reassignment.

A native of Smithfield, Utah, Allsop received a BS degree in civil engineering from Utah State University in 1952. He is married and has eight children. 90455

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INDIAN ARTIST YEFFE KIMBALL TO EXHIBIT WORK IN INTERIOR GALLERY

Yeffe Kimball, an Osage Indian artist, will have an exhibition of her work beginning March 1 through April 7 in the Art Gallery of the Department of Interior.

Sponsored by the Center for Arts of Indian America of which Mrs. Stewart L. Udall is president, the show is entitled, " A 30 Year Retrospective of an American Woman Painter." It is the first oneman showing of Indian art to be sponsored by the Center.

Thirty-five Kimball paintings are included in the show, progressing through several periods from her student works to present-day, famous "Space Concepts." It covers the years from 1935 to 1965 and includes drawings, collages, paintings and sculpture-paintings that show the tremendous versatility of this Oklahoma artist, born in the small town of Mountain Park.

The exhibition has been shown in museums from coast to coast and will be retired after its run at Interior. Other Kimball works have been exhibited in Athens, London, Paris, Brussels and Edinburgh.

Miss Kimball has a reputation as an innovator in the use of acrylic resins and sculpture-painting. The sculptured forms and surfaces reflect a deep appreciation of the phenomena of nature; here, an abyss of a moon crater; over there the image of a red-hot star burning in space; elsewhere, the mystery of the cold outer planets.

Titles relating to astronomical phenomena dot the showing. "Solar Aurorae," "Cepheid Cluster" "Eridames Spiral" and "Pluto" are some of the paintings executed with resin, the pigment being applied pure with various tools including the brush and sponge. The purity of the resultant color is a major distinction of this part of the exhibition, particularly the cool blues, the blazing oranges, reds and occasional sunny yellows.

Some of her paintings of animals, for example, represent a sophisticated development of primitive Indian paintings. In some, she uses early Indian art in a manner not unlike that in which European artists have drawn from primitive African sculpture.

She is currently commissioned to do one of her space paintings for NASA at the Apollo Launch Center at Cape Kennedy which will be placed in the permanent collection of the Space Gallery Smithsonian.

Yeffe Kimball's painting is grounded by years of training at the Art Students' League, New York, and additional work and study in Paris and throughout France and Italy. She has not associated herself with any particular art movement. Since her first one-man show in New York in 1946, her paintings have been acquired by museums, including the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Dayton Art Institute, Portland Art Museum, Chrysler Art Museum, Baltimore Art Museum, the Philbrook Museum in Tulsa, Mattatuck Museum, Conn., Washington Lee University, Va., the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Art and Crafts Department of Interior, in addition to numerous private collections.

Hours for the Interior Department showing will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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NEW REGULATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTIONS OF SOME INDIAN TRIBES

The Department of the Interior is proposing amendments in the Federal regulations that govern elections to adopt or amend tribal constitutions for tribes organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. Proposals also are being made to standardize procedures under which some 97 Indian tribes may petition the Secretary of the Interior or the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to authorize elections to amend their tribal constitutions.

The proposed new rules would revise Part 52, Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations and add a new Part 53. They have been published in the Federal Register as proposed rule making and interested parties are urged to comment.

The change affecting Part 52 concerns a provision of the Indian Reorganization Act, under which many Indian tribes have organized their constitutional governments. The Act provides that at least 30 percent of the persons entitled to vote must participate in constitutional elections called by the Secretary or the Commissioner if such elections are to be considered valid.

In the past, the 30 percent was based on voting lists comprised of all tribal members 21 years of age or over. As tribal members continue to move away from reservations for employment or education, it has become more difficult, and in some cases impossible, to achieve 30 percent participation. This has worked a hardship on tribal members, both on and off the reservation, who take an active interest in tribal government, according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The proposed revision would require eligible voters to register before they become entitled to vote and would base the 30 percent determination upon the total number of those registered, rather than a list of adult tribal members. Also, procedures for filing absentee ballots would become simpler, substituting a certification form subscribed before two witnesses for the previous requirement of an oath taken in the presence of a notary public or other official qualified to administer oaths.

The amendment is intended to make voting in constitutional elections simpler and more equitable, BIA officials said, and may also increase Indian participation in local, State and national elections by familiarizing Indians with voter registration procedure.

The addition of a new Part 53, Title 25 CFR is designed to clarify and standardize procedures to be followed by tribal members who have the right to petition the Secretary or the Commissioner to call a special election to amend a tribal constitution. In the past there has been no all-encompassing procedure for preparing and processing the petitions and inconsistencies and misunderstandings have resulted. The proposed new regulations would establish such rules as the format for petitions; procedures for their filing; and the manner of determining their validity.

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NEVADA, UTAH, COLORADO INDIANS DESCRIBED IN BIA BOOKLET

The States we know as Nevada, Utah, and Colorado were once the hunting and warring grounds of numerous Indian tribes. Their stories are told in an illustrated, 24-page booklet just issued by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs -- Indians of the Lower Plateau.

Latest in a popular series of publications about the first inhabitants of the United States, the booklet describes aboriginal life in Utah and Nevada, where Indians had to summon all the stamina, intelligence and ingenuity they possessed to eke out a meager existence. Colorado Indians, blessed with more fish and game in their forested mountain glens, led a somewhat easier life.

Into this land of contrasts came white men, beating a path westward and bringing a new culture that soon clashed with the Indian pattern.

Today, descendants of the hardy tribesmen of the past still live in the tri-State area. The Bureau of Indian Affairs' new booklet tells about their life and explains the Bureau services they received.

Indians of the Lower Plateau is the 13th booklet in the series on Indians of various regions.

Other titles in the series are: <u>Indians</u>, <u>Eskimos</u> and <u>Aleuts of Alaska</u>; Indians of Arizona; Indians of California; Indians of the Central Plains; <u>Indians of the Dakotas</u>; <u>Indians of the Great Lakes Area</u>; <u>Indians of the Gulf Coast States</u>; <u>Indians of Montana</u>, <u>Wyoming</u>; <u>Indians of New Mexico</u>; <u>Indians of North Carolina</u>; <u>Indians of the Northwest and Indians of Oklahoma</u>.

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AMPHENOL DEDICATES NEW PLANT ON LAND LEASED FROM SEMINOLES

The Seminole Indian Tribe of Florida, which once sent all its messages by runner, soon will become landlord for a plant that will be the world's largest manufacturer of electronic connectors for the tele-communication industry.

The Tribe today took part in ceremonies for the new plant at its Hollywood, Fla., reservation. The facility will be operated by Amphenol Corporation of Chicago.

The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs served as the liaison agency that brought the Seminole Tribe and the company together.

A 32,400 square foot plant building was constructed on the ten-acre tract of land leased by Amphenol from the Seminoles in an agreement signed last June. About one-half the initial work force of 200 will be comprised of local Indians, the company announced.

Deputy Commissioner Theodore W. Taylor, who represented the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the dedication, had high praise for the cooperation of American industry in creating new jobs for Indians.

Taylor said: "The Amphenol experience is becoming increasingly typical as Indians develop the courage and know-how to successfully penetrate the business world. The Seminoles have proved once more that they are in the forefront of this movement. Today, the Tribe and the Amphenol Company already are looking ahead. This ten-acre site will permit plenty of expansion when the present plant reaches full operating capacity.

"We have great hopes for industrial development of Indian areas," the Deputy Commissioner added. "There are now nearly 100 American companies operating plants of various sizes on Indian reservations or in nearby communities and providing employment for 7,000 Indians in their home areas. This is extremely important for those Indians who, through inexperience or fear of the unknown, do not choose to move to unfamiliar surroundings to find work. While the Bureau is providing employment assistance for reservation dwellers who move away for training and better jobs, many prefer employment on or near their reservations.

"The Bureau of Indian Affairs," said Taylor, "is grateful for the confidence Amphenol has shown in the Indian people by deciding to establish this plant on the Hollywood Reservation. I believe the Seminoles have shown extremely good judgment in choosing to do business with this sound and farsighted company."

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#### AMERICAN INDIANS SEEK EUROPEAN MARKETS FOR CRAFTS

Three American Indians, including Miss Indian America and the curator of the Navajo Tribal Museum, will fly to Germany April 1 as part of the first European promotion of Indian-made merchandise.

They will take part in an "American Week" series being launched in several foreign countries by the Department of Commerce in cooperation with the State Department.

The promotion will test the European sales potential of American Indian merchandise. It is sponsored by two German department store chains, Klingenthal and Gebreuder-Leffers.

The sales effort was announced by Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert L. Bennett, who termed it "a reversal of the policy established 300 years ago. Now it's the Indians' turn to trade with the European natives."

The Indian group will help with sales and public inquiries and will demonstrate Indian dances, rug weaving, beadwork and silversmithing.

Heading the group is Martin Link, an anthropologist and curator of the Navajo Tribal Museum at Window Rock, Ariz. The Indians are: Wahleah Lujan, of Taos Pueblo, N.M., Miss Indian America XIII, and a sophomore at Fort Lewis College, Colo.; Katherine Lou Dahozy, a Navajo from Fort Defiance, Ariz., and a junior at Northern Arizona University; and Charles Chee Long, a Navajo silver craftsman from New Mexico and museum assistant at the Navajo Museum. Miss Lujan has paintings exhibited in several galleries and Miss Dahozy is a talented weaver.

Department stores in seven German cities will take part in the promotion. The display opens in Bremen April 1 and will also be seen in Paderborn, Minden, Herford, Salzkotten, and Cloppenburg before closing in Meppen on June 7. In addition to the Indian display, the exhibit will have an American space craft display, ship and aircraft models and a historical display.

More than \$35,000 worth of American Indian work from across the Nation is being collected for the display by Arrow Inc., of Washington, D.C., a non-profit Indian development group. Tribes of the Southwest will be represented by the Gallup Indian Trading Co., Gallup, N.M.; Plains Indians by the Northern Plains Indian Crafts Association of Billings, Mont.; Sioux by the Sioux Pottery Co., Rapid City, S.D.; Northern Indians by Chippewayan Authentics, Belcourt, N.D.; Seminoles through their Hollywood, Fla. Reservation; and Cherokees by "The Cherokees" of Cherokee, N. C.



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COMMUNITY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PLANNED ON KALISPEL INDIAN RESERVATION IN WASHINGTON

Dale M. Baldwin, Portland Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, announced today that bids are being invited for a contract to construct a community building on the Kalispel Indian Reservation in Pend Oreille County, Washington.

The building will be of block, frame and concrete construction, with a main floor of approximately 76 by44 feet and a basement of 20 by 44 feet. It will have concrete slab floors and combined electric and oil-fired heat. The building site is about 2-1/2 miles north of the town of Usk, Wash., which is situated on State Highway 6.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p.m. Pacific standard time
April 18, 1967 by the Kalispel Business Council in care of the Bureau of
Indian Affairs, Federal Building, Newport, Wash. 99156. Detailed
specifications and drawings are available from William D. Bailey at
the BIA office in Newport upon deposit of \$20 per set.

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### NEWSBRIEFS FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

INDIAN MONEY EARNS BETTER INTEREST--Indian money has been earning more interest lately, thanks to cooperative investment agreements worked out by the Tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior. Over a year's time this increased earning power will put an additional \$1 million into tribal treasuries.

Trustee by law of Indian funds, the Bureau has traditionally kept these funds in the United States Treasury where they are super-safe, but draw lower interest rates.

Recent increases in interest rates or yields in the general money market led to purchase of short term bank time deposits, Treasury notes, bonds, and bills with Indian trust monies. With principal and interest guaranteed by the Government, or through collateral backed by the Government, this type investment has provided bigger and faster returns on Indian capital.

At least 13 tribal groups have requested the Bureau to invest funds in Treasury securities and in banks across the Nation.

The latest of these investments was the placing of \$14 million of Cheyenne and Arapahoe funds in six-month bank certificates of deposit in Oklahoma and California, at interest rates above five percent. The additional interest will give the tribes \$97,000 more than they would have received at the four percent treasury rate.

The money came from an Indian Claims Commission award for Western lands the tribes had sold the Government in the 19th Century for which they did not receive full payment.

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BIA CONTRACTS FOR JOB TRAINING--The Bureau of Indian Affairs has announced the signing of two contracts to provide on-the-job training for American Indians.

A \$16,160 contract with California Girlswear, Inc. of Coolidge, Ariz. will enable 40 Pima and Maricopa Indians to learn skills used in the garment industry.

A \$3,668 contract with the Black Lumber Co., Inc. of Lame Deer, Mont. will provide training for seven Northern Cheyenne Indians in jobs associated with the lumbering industry.

NEW BIA SUPERINTENDENTS -- The Bureau of Indian Affairs has named new superintendents for field agency offices in Montana, and Oregon.

Harold D. Roberson, 39, who became superintendent of the Flathead Agency, at Dixon, Mont., effective March 12, is a native of Goldthwaite, Tex. He holds the degree of B.S. in agriculture from Texas A & M and has been with the Bureau since April, 1958. His first BIA post was that of range conservationist on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona. He has since served in the same capacity on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, N. M. and the Cheyenne River Reservation at Eagle Butte, S. D. Roberson was resources development officer on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana from May, 1963 until March, 1965 when he transferred to Fort Belknap Reservation at Harlem, Mont., where he has been superintendent until his latest reassignment.

Roberson will be replaced at Fort Belknap as superintendent by Maurice W. Babby, effective April 9.

Babby, 33, has been tribal operations officer for the Aberdeen, S. D. area office since June, 1965. A Sioux Indian, he was born on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He holds a B.A. in public administration from Sacramento State College, Calif. and joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1956 as a clerk at the Aberdeen area office. He has since held posts of increasing responsibility at BIA offices in Aberdeen and in Sacramento, Calif. Prior to his last assignment to Aberdeen in 1965 he was tribal operations officer at the Sacramento area office.

Anson A. Baker was named to the superintendency of the Fort Peck Agency, Poplar, Mont. to fill the position vacated by the transfer last January of Stanley Lyman to Utah. Baker is a Gros Ventre Indian, born on the Fort Berthold Reservation at Elbowoods, N. D. He began his Bureau service in 1951 at the Aberdeen, S. D. area office and has since held positions in other BIA installations in the Dakotas. Prior to his present promotion he was assigned to the Blackfeet Agency office, Browning, Mont. as administrative manager.

Harold A. Duck, a native of Keystone, Okla. was appointed superintendent of the Umatilla Agency at Pendleton, Ore. Duck, who has been serving as assistant to the superintendent of the Warm Springs Agency, with responsibility for the Umatillas, was promoted when the Umatilla subagency was recently raised to full agency status.

The new superintendent has been with the Bureau since 1947. He began his career as a teacher and principal in Bureau schools and later assumed more general administrative responsibilities. He holds a B.A. degree from Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Okla.

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NEW HOUSING FOR LEECH LAKE CHIPPEWAS -- The Chippewa Indians of Minnesota's Leech Lake Reservation now are moving into new low-rent housing constructed under the Government's Indian housing program. The program --

conducted jointly by the Housing and Urban Development Department's Housing Assistance Agency and the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs -- accounts for 28 units already completed at Cass Lake on the reservation. Twelve of these units are earmarked for elderly Indians and the remainder are four-, three-, and two-bedroom units for single families. The housing units are equipped with complete kitchens, drapes and curtains. All housing is assigned, with the exception of six units for the elderly for which applications are now being processed.

In all, a total of 50 units of low-rent housing is planned for the Leech Lake Indians. Two other projects are under construction in the reservation communities of Ball Club and Inger, with completion scheduled for early spring.

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#### INDIAN ADOPTION PROJECT INCREASES MOMENTUM

Sixty-seven Indian children found adoptive homes in 1966 through the Indian Adoption Project of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Child Welfare League of America. It was a record year for the project, which is conducted by the two agencies in cooperation with State and local welfare services and voluntary agencies.

Temporarily, because of increased interest, there are more prospective parents than there are Indian children referred to the project for adoption. However, a recent survey of 90 registered placement agencies revealed that more than 400 children were in need of adoption, according to the Child Welfare League.

Since the Indian Adoption Project began in 1958, there have been 276 Indian children placed, the great majority in non-Indian homes. The children have ranged in age from birth to 11 years, with about half of them being under a year old. Seventeen of the adoptive homes took more than one child from a family.

South Dakota and Arizona rank highest among 15 States in placing Indian children for adoption in non-Indian homes. Other States from which the Indian Adoption Project has drawn are Wisconsin, Minnesota, Montana, North Carolina, Nevada, Mississippi, Washington, New Mexico (Navajo only), California, Wyoming, Alaska, Colorado and South Carolina.

The adoptive parents who found children through the Indian Adoption Project represent a cross-section of eastern, midwestern and southern States, with more than half residing in the East.

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BIA TO FINANCE RECRUITMENT OF INDIAN PEACE CORPSMEN

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has signed a \$12,000 contract with Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity, a non-profit organization with head-quarters in Norman, Okla., to finance the recruiting of Indians for Peace Corps work in South America.

In announcing the contract today, Robert L. Bennett, Indian Affairs Commissioner, said: "We are pleased to cooperate in a joint venture by the Peace Corps and the Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity that will open the doors to many American Indians for Peace Corps service."

Bennett continued: "Our employment assistance centers, located strategically throughout the country in regions where Indians are concentrated, will work closely with OIO in finding Indian men and women whose abilities would make them of special value to the Peace Corps.

"With so many Indians in South America, the concept of people-topeople will take on the added dimension of Indian-to-Indian. American
Indians are products of a dual culture, and therefore possess a built-in
understanding of the needs of rural peoples of other countries who are
facing the encroachments of modernity upon their traditional life patterns.
I also feel that the opportunity to live and work with our neighbors 'south
of the border' will add breadth and depth to the role of Indians on the
American scene," Bennett said.

The Peace Corps-OIO-BIA program, known as Project Peace Pipe, was launched recently with the signing of a contract between OIO and the Peace Corps. The BIA contract with OIO completes the cooperative package.

Project Peace Pipe provides for selection of about 30 Indians with agricultural, technical and related skills to receive five weeks of preliminary training at the University of Oklahoma before entering upon three months of Peace Corps training this summer. Those successfully completing both training programs will be assigned to Latin American nations.

Recruitment will be nationwide. Schools and youth centers will be among the places that the recruiting teams of Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity focus their attention.



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37 TRACTS OF COLVILLE INDIAN LANDS IN WASHINGTON TO BE SOLD ON BIDS

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 4,146.69 acres of land on the Colville Reservation in eastern Washington
at the request of the Indian owners.

The land, divided into 37 tracts ranging in size from 30 to 644.6 acres, comprises agricultural, timber, grazing and residential properties.

Sealed bids from prospective purchasers will be received until 1:30 p.m. May 19 and opened at that time at the Coulee Dam City Hall, Coulee Dam, Wash.

Detailed descriptions of the tracts and additional information on bidding procedures is available from the Colville Indian Agency, Coulee Dam, Wash., 99116, telephone 633-0660.

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