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The Skagits originally received a consideration of only \$22,228.58 from the government as a result of the treaty, and the Snoqualmie-Skykomish got \$67,201.71. This has been determined inadequate compensation even on the basis of 1859 land values. The amounts have been deducted from the gross awards of \$407,700 and \$324,900 respectively to arrive at the settlements offered.

If the Tribes approve the proposals, Congress will be asked to appropriate the funds during its present session so they will begin to draw interest immediately. Before the funds actually can be distributed, Congress must pass legislation specifying how this will be done.

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The Bureau of Indian Affairs has authorized a \$44,000 contract with the Center for Applied Linguistics, Washington, D.C., to examine the needs in English language teaching programs for American Indians.

"There was a time, not so many years ago, when the Bureau's education programs were probably the most advanced, the most imaginative, and the most responsive to student needs of any in the Nation. But in recent years we have trailed behind the great nationwide effort to broaden the scope and depth of public education. The baby boom among Indian families left us short classrooms. This problem we have temporarily resolved. Now we must concentrate on bringing into these classrooms the quality of teaching and variety of curriculum that will guarantee every Indian boy and girl an equal competitive chance in the world beyond school."

Bennett added: "The study to be made by the Center for Applied Linguistics hopefully will set us quickly on the course to major advances in the teaching of English, basic to our Indian education program."

The contract calls for an examination and assessment of English-language programs in selected Bureau elementary and secondary schools, particularly where children speak an Indian tongue in their homes. Administration of BIA boarding and day schools, performance of student and teachers, quality of instructional materials, and quality of teacher recruitment and training also will be measured. Adult education programs and public school programs also will be examined in relation to the Federal school operations.

Schools in the following localities will be the subjects of the study: the Navajo Reservation; Phoenix, Ariz.; Albuquerque, N. Mex.; and Aberdeen, S. Dak. A team of three linguistics specialists will be assigned to the task, and consulting specialists in such fields as testing and the psychology of language learning will be employed.

The study will commence this month. A report and recommendations are to be submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs within six months.

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Philco-Ford's Tech-Rep Division will operate the Center, and provide personnel, services and training equipment and materials.

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Family counseling, vocational counseling, pre-vocational and vocational training, as well as health services, will be part of the package for the trainees and their families, at no cost to either one. Specialized training for jobs, with job placement and follow-up, are the fundamentals of the program.

The Philco-Ford Corp. is committed to placing all trainees who complete the program. It is expected that more than one job will be generated for each family.

Scheduled to open on or about April 1, the Center will initially enroll 30 Indian families from all parts of the country. An additional 196 single trainees will be added by July 1, 1967. The first group has not yet been selected.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs entered into the contract with Philco-Ford because the Bureau does not conduct vocational training for adults. Contracts for institutional and on-the-job training have been let with several hundred accredited institutions and firms over the past 10 years.

The Madera site, a former Air Force Base, was recently declared surplus by the United States Government. It was selected by BIA as the new Employment Training Center for Indians because of its available housing and recreational facilities and other buildings easily adaptable for education and training purposes. Other deciding factors are its accessibility, making transportation easy, and its mild climate, reducing clothing and heating costs and providing opportunity for year-round out-door activity.

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Bennett named the following representatives to the permanent National Indian Education Advisory Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>State</u>
Allison, Loyde	Pima-Maricopa	Arizona
Chino, Wendell	Mescalero Apache	New Mexico
Ducheneaux, Frank	Cheyenne River Sioux	South Dakota
Gibson, Clay	Mississippi Choctaw	Mississippi
Holy Rock, Johnson	Oglala Sioux	South Dakota
Koopee, Logan	Hopi	Arizona
Lekanof, Flore	Alaska Federation of Native Associations	Alaska
Little Soldier, August	Three Affiliated Tribes	North Dakota
Lupe, Ronnie	White Mountain Apache	Arizona
Mackett, Robert	Papago	Arizona
McIntosh, W. E.	Creek	Oklahoma
Montoya, Domingo	United Pueblos Agency	New Mexico
Nakai, Raymond	Navajo	Arizona and New Mexico
Thom, Melvin	Paiute	Nevada
Wilson, James	Office of Economic Opportunity	Washington, D.C.
Woodenlegs, John	Northern Cheyenne	Montana

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This year's Miss Indian America, Wahleah Lujan, 18, from Taos, N. M., will pay her first visit to Washington today through Tuesday, Jan. 31, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert L. Bennett announced today.

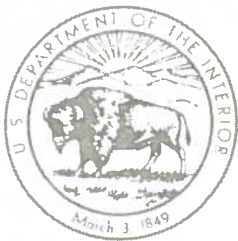
While here, the Ft. Lewis College (Colorado) sophomore will meet members of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; will be welcomed to the District by Commissioner Walter Tobriner, Friday at 2:00 P.M. in the District offices; and feted at a reception given Saturday night by the American Indian Society at the home of its president, Mitchell Bush, Jr.

Wahleah, whose name means Hope and Faith in the Tewa language of her pueblo, is also scheduled to meet with Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, and be guest of honor for the Harkness Ballet premiere performance, Tuesday night at Lisner Auditorium. The ballet features an Indian-inspired dance, "Koshare", the story of the Hopi creation myth.

When not attending school (on a Bureau of Indian Affairs scholarship) in Durango, Colo., Miss Indian America XIII lives with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bernal, in a five-story pueblo in the Taos central village, established in the year 1300. Grandfather Bernal makes most of her Indian dresses, and tans deer hide into buckskins from which he makes her boots.

The pretty Indian girl is descended from two Governors of the Pueblo, Yellow Arrow and Santiago Martinez. She was selected for her role last July 31 during the 1966 All American Indian Days Celebration held annually in Sheridan, Wyo., winning over forty-nine other contestants representing 35 tribes.

Wahleah is a recognized and accomplished artist, too, having received the Top Student Art Award at the Institute of American Indian Arts at Santa Fe in 1965, and has had her paintings hung in the galleries of Philbrook Art Museum in Tulsa, the Fine Arts Museum in Chicago; Cornwall Heights Museum, Philadelphia; and in the Boston Fine Arts Museum. She plans to finish a major in sociology and return to the reservation and help her tribe in a meaningful application of her education.



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CONTRACT OFFERED FOR PREPARATION OF INDUSTRIAL SITE ON YAKIMA INDIAN RESERVATION IN WASHINGTON

Contract bids are being sought by the Yakima Indians of central Washington for preparation of a 114-acre tract on the Yakima reservation for industrial development, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, announced today.

The tract is located immediately north of the town of Wapato, Wash.

Work under the contract would consist chiefly of clearing and grading land, installation of water and sewer lines, and construction or relocation of roads, parking areas, railroad line and spur, drain channel and irrigation structures.

The site is owned by the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Indian Nation. Their plan is to construct a number of industrial buildings on the land for various enterprises which would provide employment for the Indians as well as for others.

Already under construction by the tribal organization is a \$722,000 furniture factory which is leased to White Swan Industries. Several other firms have indicated an interest in utilizing the site.

Bids for the site preparation contract will be received by the Yakima Tribal Council at the office of the Superintendent, Yakima Indian Agency, Toppenish, Wash., until 10 a.m. February 24, 1967. Detailed information about the job and bid documents are available either from that office or at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Plant Management, P. O. Box 3785, Lloyd Plaza Building 400, 1425 N. E. Irving Street, Portland, Ore. 97208.

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In Alaska, where the Bureau recognizes responsibility for the education of Eskimos, Aleuts, and Athapaskan Indians, over \$33 million was budgeted for construction of new schools and replacement of delapidated or outmoded buildings.

The following amounts were approved for specific projects in all States for each fiscal year since 1962:

1962	\$29.4 million
1963	37.9 million
1964	44.9 million
1965	29.9 million
1966	14.5 million
1967	39.1 million

The following figures indicate total funding for school construction and improvement and numbers of classroom spaces added or replaced in each State during the entire six-year period:

State	Total Funding (in millions)	Total	Classroom Spaces	
			New	Replaced
Alaska	\$33.1	5,220	2,770	2,450
Arizona	84.3	13,680	10,655	3,025
California	5.0 -----	(General improvements to Sherman Institute which serves an enrollment of over 1,000)		
Florida	\$ 0.5 million	120	60	60
Kansas	1.0 -----	(General improvements to Haskell Institute, a post-secondary vocational and technical institute with an enrollment of 1,185)		
Mississippi	3.0	360	270	90
Montana	2.0	520	120	400
Nevada	1.5	420		420
New Mexico	35.6	5,606	3,948	1,658
North Carolina	\$ 0.7 million -----	(Completion during 1962 of an earlier project at Cherokee School)		
North Dakota	5.9	1,096	540	556
Oklahoma	9.8	908	138	770
South Dakota	10.5	1,970	720	1,250
Utah	2.8	420	360	60
	(Aneth School Project in Fiscal Year 1963)			

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ALLSOP REPLACES CHRISTIANSEN AS ENGINEER OF WAPATO PROJECT ON YAKIMA INDIAN RESERVATION IN WASHINGTON

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, today announced the appointment of Lew Judd Allsop as supervising engineer of the Wapato Irrigation Project on the Yakima Indian Reservation in Washington.

He replaces J. Y. Christiansen, who has been transferred to the position of supervising engineer of the Navajo Irrigation Project on the Navajo Reservation at Farmington, New Mexico.

Both men are graduates of Utah State University, where they received degrees in civil engineering.

Allsop, who is married and has eight children, began his BIA career in 1953 at the United Pueblo Agency, Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he supervised the domestic water systems for the Pueblo community. He has since served at the Colorado River Reservation in Arizona and the Missouri Basin Project at 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 ended January 27, just prior to his assignment to Wapato. Allsop is 42.

Christiansen, 44, is a native of Monroe, Utah. He began his BIA service in 1952 at the Yakima Agency in Washington, and later served in engineering positions at Albuquerque, Parker, Ariz., and Wapato, Wash.

In his new assignment on the Navajo Reservation, Christiansen will serve as liaison between the BIA and the Bureau of Reclamation, both agencies of the Department of the Interior. The Bureau of Reclamation is doing the construction work on the Navajo project, which eventually will supply up to 508,000 acre-feet of water annually to irrigate 110,000 acres of reservation land south of the San Juan River. Christiansen is married and has four children.

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