



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKFEET INDIANS

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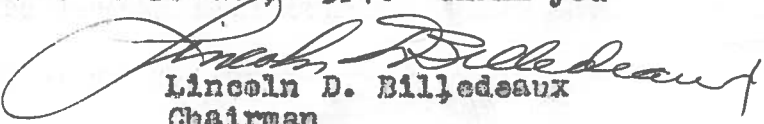
WASHINGTON STATE DELEGATES OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKFEET INDIANS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM AN OFFICIAL MEETING WITH THEIR OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED GOVERNING BODY, THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL, BROWNING, MONTANA.

THOSE MAKING THE TRIP AND ATTENDING THE MEETING INCLUDED THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, L. D. BILLEDEAUX, SENIOR VICE CHAIRMAN, ALFRED N. GOSS, MRS. BEN FAISLEY, AND MRS. LILY GLADSTONE, SEATTLE, AND JUNIOR VICE CHAIRMAN L. C. NEWBREAST OF TACOMA. THEY WILL GIVE THEIR OFFICIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AT THEIR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING TO BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1967, AT 1:00 pm, AT THE LT. JAMES M. EAGLESON VFW POST HALL, 908 TWELFTH AVENUE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. WHILE THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, MEMBERS OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBE ARE PARTICULARLY URGED TO ATTEND. OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE WILL BE THE OFFICIAL REACTION AS TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE JUDGMENT AWARD WHICH WAS AWARDED TO THE BLACKFEET TRIBE IN AMOUNT OF ELEVEN MILLION DOLLARS ON MARCH 31, 1967, BY THE US INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

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### NOTE: CITY EDITORS:

SHOULD YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ME AT ABOVE ADDRESS OR BY TELEPHONE. BALDWIN 6-2597. Thank you for your cooperation.

  
Lincoln D. Billedeaux  
Chairman

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## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKFEET INDIANS

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March 2, 1968

The National Association of Blackfeet Indians will move its future monthly meetings from Seattle to the Carpenters Union Building, 231 Burnett North, Renton, Washington, commencing with their March 10th meeting. Their April meeting will be postponed to the third Sunday, April 21, 1968, as Easter falls on their regular date the second Sundays of each month is their regular monthly meeting dates. Plans are underway for a dinner meeting on Sunday, April 21, 1968, at which time the U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency Superintendent Noralf Nasset and the Blackfeet Indian Tribal Chairman Earl Old Person will be present to meet and discuss with the members the status of the judgment award recently ~~handed~~ handed down the U. S. Indian Claims Commission, Washington, D. C.

There are approximately four thousand members of the Blackfeet Tribe residing in Washington and Oregon, with a large concentration of them residing in the Yakima-Toppenish-White Swan areas. For further information regarding the National Association of Blackfeet Indians please contact the National Official Representative George Calfrope Sr, 1104 East Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington.

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The National Association of Blackfeet Indians is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the Blackfeet Indian culture, language, and traditions. We are currently seeking individuals who are interested in the Blackfeet Indian culture and who are willing to contribute to the preservation and promotion of the Blackfeet Indian culture.

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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKFEET INDIANS**

**CARPENTERS UNION BUILDING 231 BURNETT NORTH**  
**15710 11th Avenue Southwest**

Renton, Washington 98055

MAY 13, 1968

MEMBERS OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKFEET INDIANS ASSEMBLED AT THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN THE CARPENTERS UNION BUILDING, 231 BURNETT NORTH, RENTON, WASHINGTON FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

THEY UNANIMOUSLY REELECTED THEIR CHAIRMAN FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, LINCOLN D. BILLEDEAUX OF RENTON, WASHINGTON. CHAIRMAN BILLEDEAUX HAS LONG BEEN CONNECTED WITH INDIAN AFFAIRS AND UNTIL ILL HEALTH RECENTLY FORCED HIM INTO SEMI-RETIREMENT FROM THE U. S. BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WHERE HE SERVED FOR TEN YEARS, HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN TRIBAL AFFAIRS OF AMERICAN INDIANS IN THE UNITED STATES. HE IS AN OVERSEAS VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II AND GRADUATED FROM BROWNING HIGH SCHOOL, BROWNING, MONTANA. LATER HE ATTENDED NORTHERN MONTANA COLLEGE AT HAVRE, MONTANA, SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AND WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, CLEVELAND, OHIO. PRIOR TO HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS HE SERVED AS VETERANS EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WASHINGTON STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT IN RENTON AND TACOMA, WASHINGTON, FOR NEARLY FIFTEEN YEARS. OTHER OFFICERS WHO WILL SERVE WITH HIM FOR 1968-69, ARE HERB L. BARNES, SEATTLE, AND L. C. "CHUCK" NEWBREAST, TACOMA. JUNIOR VICE CHAIRMEN ELECTED ARE MRS. FORREST D. ROHOLT, SPOKAN, GEORGE CALF ROBE SR., YAKIMA, ROBERT E. BARLOW, EVERETT, RONALD E. CROSS GUNS AND CHESTER E. GLADSTONE, BOTH OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. DARRELL L. NORMAN, SEATTLE, WAS ELECTED TREASURER.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE BLACKFEET INDIANS WILL ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS ON THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION AT BROWNING, MONTANA, IN THE HAGERTY HOTEL TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPORTANT COMING ELECTION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE HELD THERE ON JUNE 18, 1968. SEVERAL HUNDRED NON-RESERVATION RESIDENTS OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBE ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THEIR RESERVATION TO VOTE ON IMPORTANT ISSUES AT THIS VITAL ELECTION, SINCE THEY ARE UNABLE BY THE TRIBAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.

THIS NEWS BULLETIN ISSUED BY LINCOLN D. BILLEDEAUX, CHAIRMAN

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FROM



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKFEET INDIANS**  
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JULY 8, 1968

THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKFEET INDIANS AND THEIR FELLOW TRIBESMEN RESIDING ON THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION IN MONTANA, THEY WERE ~~KN~~ ABLE TO UNSEAT SIX TRIBAL COUNCILMEN OF THEIR GOVERNING BODY, THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL, WHICH IS A MAJORITY OUT OF NINE, IN A RECENT ELECTION HELD ON JUNE 18TH. IT WAS REPORTED BY NABI CHAIRMAN LINCOLN D. BILLEDEAUX ON HIS RETURN FROM A FIVE WEEK SOJOURN ON THE RESERVATION. SOME OF THE DEFEATED COUNCILMEN HAD SERVED SEVERAL TERMS AND ONE HAD SERVED FOR THIRTY-TWO YEARS. NEARLY THREE HUNDRED OFF RESERVATION RESIDENTS OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBE RETURNED TO THEIR MONTANA ~~RE~~ RESERVATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION, WITH THE MAJORITY OF THESE COMING FROM WASHINGTON, IDAHO AND OREGON.

BILLEDEAUX BELIEVES THAT NEW HOPES FOR A BUSINESS LIKE ADMINISTRATION AND HANDLING OF TRIBAL FINANCES AND AFFAIRS APPEAR ON THE HORIZON WITH THE ELECTION OF A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY TO THEIR BUSINESS COUNCIL. EXCITEMENT RAN HIGH WHEN AN NABI ENDORSED ~~CANDIDATE~~ CANDIDATE, DEFEATED THE INCUMBENT TRIBAL SECRETARY IN A VOTE RECOUNT BY FOUR VOTES.

*- Browning -*  
MRS. MARTINA ARNOUX BECAME THE THIRD LADY TO BE ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE TRIBAL COUNCIL IN ITS <sup>50</sup>~~FIFTY~~ YEAR HISTORY AND OVERCOME GREAT ODDS SINCE HISTORICALLY ACCORDING TO THE BLACKFEET, WOMEN'S PLACE IS IN THE BACKGROUND.

A FULL REPORT ON THE ELECTION AND PLANS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1968, CARPENTERS UNION BUILDING, 231 BURNETT NORTH, RENTON, WASHINGTON, 2:00 PM.

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Jas Carl Robe. 1104 E Yale Ave  
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