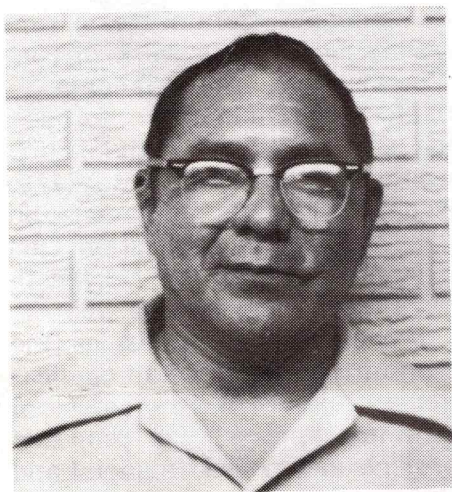


Chief Tanyan Comments

The future of the Seminole Nation, at this time, is most encouraging, in that as a result of proposals, which have been submitted for various projects, we have had commitments and indications that these programs have been funded. In this short period of time and under this administration, if these programs become a reality it will result in increased employment and training for the people.



These opportunities would not have come about, without the help, and assistance, time and money-wise, that various individuals have contributed, for the betterment of the tribe. Outside contacts, on the local and state level, have been most helpful. We have also established a line of communication on the national level to see that the Seminole Nation is not left out of any federal programs offered.

The administrative staff has been working 6 to 7 days a week, averaging about 12 hours a day to bring these needed programs to the Nation. At this time a show of unity is needed among our people in order to stress the need for these programs.

To be divided in our thoughts at this time will only show weakness in the Seminole people, as a Nation. From the beginning of this administration, I have been

pleased with the cooperation and help I have received from the Seminole Tribe. However, I would like the people to know there is a small element of people, who are attempting to stifle the progress that is being made, by placing unwise restrictions on the administrative staff.

In an unauthorized meeting called by two persons which has resulted in placing undue burdens on the administrative staff, it appears that these few people have violated the Constitution, which the members of the nation have approved. They will know themselves, and I request that I not be asked to offer their names, as I believe they thought they were acting in the best interest of the people, however incidents such as this could result in dividing the people we have worked so hard to unify, and also jeopardize planned programs for the Seminole Nation.

When the integrity and authority of the administrations is questioned, because of personal and selfish interest, it can only hurt the tribe as a whole. Unauthorized meetings such as the one held recently will only serve to slow down the progress of the Seminole Nation.

I regret that I must address myself to this situation but the Seminole people have a right to be fully informed of tribal activities.

Assistance Available at Agency

Guidelines for Employment assistance have been submitted to the Seminole Campfire and are as follows:

The Adult Vocational Training program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs was authorized under Public Law 959 enacted by Congress on August 3, 1965, to help Adult Indian people to obtain reasonable and satisfactory employment. The activity includes voca-



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tional counseling, institutional training in recognized vocations, trades, and on the job training.

Financial assistance is provided for those individuals that are not able to pay their own expenses, for:

1. Transportation to place of training and subsistence enroute.
2. Maintenance during the course of training.
3. Training and related costs.
4. Hospital expenses if needed while in training.

Financial assistance is not only provided to maintain the trainee, but includes subsistence for his immediate family members who are at the training site. Financial assistance is a grant and not a loan. Repayment is not required.

The training courses are available in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Oklahoma State Tech at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, other locations in Oklahoma and at six larger cities outside the state.

If persons desire additional information about Adult Vocational Training, contact the Employment Assistance Office at the Wewoka Agency.

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