

*Indian Affairs -*

*Rumor is that the  
Aug 8 to be the  
special called  
meeting of the Area  
Indian Advisory Bd.*

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## Council Pushes Beames for Job

### World's Own Service

PAWNEE—Representatives of the Northern Oklahoma Inter-tribal Council have recommended Calvin Beames for Indian health area director in Oklahoma City.

Representatives from the Pawnee, Ponca, Tonkawa, Kaw and Otoe councils were joined by the Osage tribal representative in unanimously recommending Beames, who is presently working in the area with the Indian health program.

Henry Allen, chairman of the Tonkawa tribe, said Beames is familiar with local problems and tribal leaders and the group feels he has put forth many successful efforts on their behalf.

However, Beames was not listed as one of the four candidates suggested by the Indian Health Service in Washington, D.C., which will make the final selection.

Candidates are acting director Thomas E. McClellan, George Browning, Roger W. Haskell and Alan H. Nicol.

## The Indian Problem //

THE PRESIDENT'S proposal that American Indians be given more financial encouragement while gaining new freedoms from the ropes of restriction that have bound them for so long is a hopeful move in the direction of correcting a scandalous situation.

We hope something comes of it.

Mr. Nixon seeks to "relieve the misery" under which many tribes still exist, and to bring a better life to "the most deprived and most isolated minority group in our nation."

The words are well spoken, but the deeds by which they will come to reality will not be readily achieved.

PRESIDENTS long past tried without avail to "do something" for the Indians. Invariably, they were frustrated by lack of cohesion among Indian groups who could not agree, or by the tonnage of bureaucratic sloth under which their affairs were directed.

The PRESIDENT hopes to enlist private economic aid supplemental to Federal help. Incentive will be sought to encourage Indian business endeavors. Indian schools, hopefully, will be freed of the overburden of bureaucratic suffocation. This will help; but over the long haul Indian schools need upgrading. That takes money.

Congress is the key. But it has proved more often than not reluctant to move into areas about which it knows so little. Recent Congressional probes into conditions among the Indians have opened some eyes.

Mr. Nixon proposes a \$10 million injection of Federal funds for health purposes. It is badly needed. To fit planning and direction into a pattern more representative of Indian thinking the PRESIDENT seeks authority to appoint an ASSISTANT SECRETARY in the INTERIOR DEPARTMENT—and, most properly, to appoint an Indian to fill it. This, for the first time, would give them a Cabinet-level voice.

Initial response to the PRESIDENT's proposals has been excellent. But will promise be followed by performance? While Mr. Nixon's plans go farther than most, the fact remains the Indians have heard it all before and, while hopeful, are hesitant to count their chickens.

It is a promise the PRESIDENT fully intends to fill. He can, but only if the Indians cease skirmishing and compromise on an over-all procedure, and Congress is at last convinced the American Indian has grown to sufficient stature to take over some of the responsibilities outsiders have held so long.

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL  
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 3RD, 1950



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Honorable Carl Albert  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Albert:

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes  
in regular quarterly session at Fountainhead Lodge,  
Eufaula, Oklahoma, on July 10, 1970, voted unanimously  
to go on record commending United States Senator Fred R.  
Harris and the entire Oklahoma Congressional delegation  
for their gallantry and tremendous efforts in matters  
affecting the health, education and welfare of Indians  
of Oklahoma and throughout the United States.

This Council action is submitted to you for your information.

Sincerely yours,

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President

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Dear Mr. McIntosh:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 21 in which you commend United States Senator Fred R. Harris and the entire Oklahoma Congressional delegation for our work in matters affecting the health, education, and welfare of the Indians of Oklahoma. This was a very kind gesture.

Kind regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.  
Third District, Oklahoma

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