

"doesn't know what he is. But he knows its not the Indian of the television series." As part of the answer to these problems, aside from placing integration on a voluntary basis, Dr. Hawthorn suggested the committee might consider a recommendation contained in his three-year-old report for establishment of "an Indian progress agency." Such an agency, independent of the government, would be responsible for compiling statistical information on Indians and, hopefully, by means of this information, indicate "the next movement." Dr. Hawthorn said he realized that, in making such a proposal, he was suggesting the "sorting out of an ethnic group for special scrutiny," but felt this was justified by the "special needs" of the Indian people.

Note: With the vast emotional problems that the young Indian child is required to face in an integrated school, the wonder is, that these so-called authorities on Indian Affairs recommend it. Secondary school level is plenty soon enough for integrated schooling for Indians. Just yesterday we received a phone call from an Indian resident in our nearby city who has a child attending school there. The teacher made the remark, "All Indians are savages!" Her disdainful attitude has, of course, rubbed off on the pupils. How pleasant for a lone little Indian girl in the Grade IV classroom! Eds.

Gas Lease Decision Soon

OHSWEKEN; The leasing of natural gas rights on the Six Nations Reserve has not been completed yet. At a council meeting Thursday, Coun. Norman Lickers said certain details of the negotiations had been agreed upon, and a draft assignment was to be completed by a department of Indian affairs official and forwarded to council. Mr. Lickers said he felt he should not make a statement on the matter because further conversations had taken place on the matter since he was last present at negotiations. Six Nations superintendent, Donald Cassie, told council there would be no interruption of service to consumers because of the delay. George Hyslop, of Caledonia, the tentative lessee, said prior to the meeting that he and present lease-holder Petrol Oil and Gas Co. Ltd., were anxious to have the matter settled as soon as possible. Mr. Hyslop said only a few minor details remained to be settled, including that of the length of the contract. The lease has tentatively been let to the Caledonia man for an undisclosed price. Money from the lease will be placed in band funds which are used for capital projects on the reserve. About 22 wells are currently in operation on the reserve. Dr. A. M. Irwin, head of the Indian mineral section of the northern economic development branch of Indian affairs, told council in November that the current lessee wanted to dispense with its holdings on the reserve. A public meeting was held Dec. 30, at which time details of the lease were explained.

Grant Should Cover Deficit at Ohsweken

OHSWEKEN: An operating deficit of \$23,900 for the fiscal year starting April 1 will probably be made up by federal grants, Six Nations elected councillors were told yesterday. Council approved a 1970-71 budget containing expenditures estimated at \$147,900, while Band revenue is expected to be only \$124,000. Coun. Norman Lickers said that under a grant system established by the federal government two years ago, council could expect grants of up to \$35,900, which would surpass the anticipated deficit by \$12,000. Council budgeted for the deficit, because Parliament has not yet approved this year's grant structure, Mr. Lickers said. Council's capital is estimated at \$900,000 and interest on it is expected to reach \$65,000. Donald Cassie, Indian Affairs superintendent, said that because of a new method of calculating the budget, a comparison cannot be made with last year's. However, the amount has risen, he said.

Blind Students Visit Six Nations Council

OHSWEKEN: Five Grade 12 students from the Ontario School for the Blind attended the Six Nations elected council meeting Thursday, seeking to learn how other minority people fit into society. "Blind students are extremely interested in discovering how other minority groups have managed to fit into society," said Mrs. Aileen Tinkness, a history teacher at the OSB who accompanied the students. "They seem to be able to identify with other minority groups and their problems." The students attended the meeting officially as part of a class project which encompasses the history of the early Americas. The class is conducting a research survey of the whole continent, with special emphasis