

Note: With our elementary school system on the Reserves, the Mohawk is no longer needed. The suggestions for advanced training and educational facilities for the advancement of the Indian people are timely. The Inspector and Supervisor would know the requirements. (Ed.

Indian Training Centre Brown's Plan for Mohawk:

A suggestion will be made to Indian Affairs Minister Jean Chretien this week to convert the soon-to-be-vacated Mohawk Institute here to a vocational training centre for Indians.

Liberal MP for Brant, James Brown told the Expositor Monday that he has written a letter to Mr. Chretien, suggesting the department meet with elected council officials on the Six Nations Reserve to discuss the idea.

Mr. Brown said that the facilities already exist to convert the 140-year-old centre to a community college to provide vocational training to prepare Indians for jobs in industry.

"It is a much-needed project and we have to do something for the Indian people," said Mr. Brown.

"The government should also be careful and insure that the idea is discussed with the Six Nations council before any final decision is announced," said Mr. Brown.

The centre should qualify for both federal and provincial assistance if it is converted to a community college, he said.

The proposed closing of the institute was announced last Thursday, with the closing date estimated at the end of the school term in June.

During the past 15 years, the government has \$750,000 on renovations and construction at the Institute. The grounds include about 260 acres, owned by the Six Nations Reserve. Both property and buildings will revert now to Six Nations ownership.

"I think the opening of a community college for Indian people would also be of assistance in making the people themselves aware of their importance in our society," said Mr. Brown.

Yaremko to Lose Indian Affairs Job - Feb. 25/70:

TORONTO: Responsibility for Indian affairs will be transferred from John Yaremko, minister of social and family services, to the department of citizenship under Robert Welch, a cabinet spokesman said Tuesday night.

Mr. Yaremko's handling of Indian affairs was severely criticized last year.

He faced the biggest storm of his 19 years in the legislature last May when seven of the 10 top officials of the Indian development branch resigned to protest government policies.

The cabinet spokesman Tuesday did not say when the portfolio switch would be completed.

After the resignations last May, opposition members said Mr. Yaremko's department had failed to spend \$1,000,000 of the \$1,400,000 allotted as the provincial budget for Indian programs in 1968.

Mr. Yaremko had said the province was hamstrung in its Indian programs until Ottawa and Toronto decide whether the federal or provincial government has financial responsibility for Indians.