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in purpose and brotherhood can they ever stop this senseless bitterness, hatred and destruction that has been going on between the two for so long.

American Indian Defence is non-profit. Funding for programmes absorbs all that is available at present so members work at regular jobs and volunteer their services for AID.

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GOVERNMENT TO GIVE AID TO NEW NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

A network of regional resource organizations and the promise of long term increased funding is the basis of a new native communications policy announced in Edmonton.

In presenting the federal government's increased commitment to native communications, secretary of State Hugh Falkner said that the new policy is designed to create unity among status and non-status Indians and Metis.

The regional resource organizations would be capable of publishing newspapers and producing wide ranges of films, videotape and radio productions for broadcast to native audiences via private stations.

To be financed through Mr. Falkner's department, the regional organizations will be patterned after the Alberta Native Communi-

cations Society which pioneered the concept.

Controlled and managed by natives, resource organizations will weave unity among the native people and be an ingredient for social change.

The groups will be expected to serve as large a region as possible, "depending on cultural, linguistic, and demographic factors." He said regions could extend beyond provincial borders.

They must have the support and the involvement of the larger community and "must be sponsored by a service oriented group."

Serious efforts will have to be made to involve the private sector through advertising to help cover operating costs, Mr. Falkner added.

The funding pace depends on the native ability to master "sophisticated and powerful communication tools... and in part what I can afford.

"The only way I can afford them is if they are staggered over a number of years," he said, referring to the high cost of setting up the resource organizations.

Aside from Alberta organizations only Saskatchewan and Manitoba have developed similiar groups on a lesser scale.

Between \$1 and \$1.25 million in federal funds will be available for native communications this year up from \$80,000.00 last year Mr. Falkner said in an interview.

The amount will increase depending on need, he added.

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