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prepared to take their place as a distinct part of the people of Canada."

He said many northerners have learning that cannot be found in books and said this must be augmented by the white man's knowledge if natives are to take their rightful place.

The hunt for oil and natural gas in the Canadian North seems to be bypassing the natives, he said, adding that it is not too late to amend treaties so Indians and Eskimos can share in the wealth buried underground.

NOTE: If Chief Tetlichl lacks extensive formal education, he possesses plenty of good common sense to make up for it.

Canada has sent technicians to the middle east to train natives for industry. It is easier to do the same at home. With an economic integration, there is no need for any worry about racial integration.

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ST. REGIS: Mike Mitchell, 23 year old Mohawk from St. Regis, says that most Canadians think of Red Power as machine guns and destruction, but they are wrong. "Red Power advocates are the same as any other Indian with a certain goal in mind. Those goal in part, are getting the truth told in history books, letting Indians make their own decisions and preserving Indian culture. Accomplishing these things peacefully", says Mr. Mitchell, "that's Red Power".

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INDIAN ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT PLEASED WITH MOVE TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION

EDMONTON - The fight by Indians to regain the right to self-determination and to make the decisions themselves which affect their everyday life is making excellent progress, Harold Cardinal, president of the Indian Association of Alberta.

Mr. Cardinal said a three-day association-sponsored conference on the economic, social and human development of the Indian was an "ambitious undertaking and I think it came off extremely well."

The conference was attended by Indian Affairs Minister Jean Cretien and Agriculture Minister H.A. Olson in addition to Premier Harry Strom of Alberta and senior officials from both levels of government, business and industry leaders. There were representatives from almost all the 42 Alberta reserves among the 200 persons at the conference.

"The fact that we were able to bring them all together and get an expressed willingness from both levels of government that they would work together for us instead of hiding behind issues is in itself a big step forward," Mr. Cardinal said.

One of the major issues the Indians voiced was the ease with which governments sidestepped issued by "passing the buck."

"I think it's going to be a little more difficult for anyone to buck-pass in front of us because we want, and are determined, to move forward," Mr. Cardinal said.

One of the youngest Indian Leaders in Canada, Mr. Cardinal, 25, said basically all levels of government share the Indian's determination "I think our presence will make it easier for them to work together."

He said the development means a move to a co-ordinated effort by the Indians and governments, "and possibly industry," to try and solve the economic problems facing the native people.

Mr. Cardinal, in an interview, said there now is much more consultation with Indian people. "We are being listened to--the last 18 months of our struggle has finally paid off."

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