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## SIX NATIONS NEWS

## Ottawa Takes Over Mohawk Institute

Mohawk Institute, a church residential school for Indian children here, last week became one of 60 such schools brought under control of the Department of Indian Affairs.

The move, which has been called a consolidation of administration, involves financial and staff alterations.

Rev. W. J. Zimmerman, principal of the school, said he was in accord with the change. "The change should provide better service for the children of Indian communities," said Canon Zimmerman.

Education director for the department, Robert F. Davey said in an interview that the change was made to extend collective bargaining privileges to employees at the institutions.

Guidelines for staff hiring will be set by department standards, enabling a more controlled system of hiring, a department official said.

The Anglican church, which has always appointed principals of the school, will now have an as yet undefined role in the administration.

The staff at Mohawk Institute includes 28 hostel workers and five teachers for the 125 students. The institute with an expected budget of about \$250,000, has accommodations for 152 students. Of the present enrolment, about 20 students are from the local Six Nations Reserve. The remainder come from Northern-Quebec and Northern Ontario.

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