

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice has been served by the O.P.P. to Chief Councillor Richard Isaac that unless charges brought by any member of the Six Nations are confirmed and backed up in court, the O.P.P. are not interested in pressing charges.

A recent serious court case as charged by a member of the Six Nations was refuted and denied by the complainant when the case was presented in court, resulting in a complete dismissal of the case. Unless Indians laying charges are willing to co-operate with the police and verify their statements in court, time, effort and money are wasted, and the O.P.P. are not interested in any such cases.

Indian Problem Avoided?

The argument that responsibility for Indians and Eskimos rests with Ottawa is a false excuse used by the Ontario government for not acting on behalf of these peoples, James Renwick, deputy leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, said Thursday.

"This government is just not concerned and is prepared to use this false constitutional hang-up forever as a reason for not dealing with the disabilities of Indians and Eskimos," Mr. Renwick said during legislature debate on the constitution.

In a lengthy speech tracing treatment of native peoples from pre-Confederation treaties, Mr. Renwick said "historical inaccuracies" have led to the widely-held view that reserve Indians are the responsibility of the federal government alone.

He said Section 87 of the Indian Act provides that all provincial laws of general application also apply to Indians except where these laws are inconsistent with the Indian Act.

Therefore, in the absence of provisions in the federal act, the power was left to the province to deal with such matters as education, social and family services, housing and the administration of justice.

15th Annual Indian Conference at Five Oaks, Paris

Indian people from all the Reserves in Southern Ontario will gather at Five Oaks near Paris on May 2, 3, and 4th. to discuss the theme: The Christian in Tension. Rev. Gordon Hunter, the executive director of Faith at Work in Canada will speak on Friday evening on the personal tensions. Saturday morning the discussions will centre around the tensions in family and between parents and teens. In the afternoon consideration will be given to tensions in church and inter-denominations. A variety of activities are planned including special music from The Revivals - a group of youthful musicians from the Six Nations.

On Sunday morning following Bible study discussions will consider the tensions in the community: Indian - white, cultural, economic and educational tensions.

Total cost for the weekend will be \$12. which includes 5 meals and 2 snacks. Anyone considering going is asked to phone Rev. Ken Welch so registration can be made.

No regular worship service is planned in the Delaware, Grand River and New Credit Churches on May 4th., allowing members of the congregations opportunity to attend the Five Oaks service on Sunday morning.

Credit Union Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Six Nations (Ohsweken) Credit Union will be on Monday April 28, 1969, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Margaret Porter. All officers and committee members are asked to attend as this is the first meeting in the new year. Any interested persons are also welcome to attend.