

TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE GRANTS

Ottawa- On July 3rd, Secretary of State Hugh Faulkner announced that the awarding of 14 Travel and Exchange grants totalling \$79,668.

The Travel and Exchange Program, administered by the Citizenship Branch of the Dept. of the Secretary of State, is designed to encourage personal interaction among Canadians from different regions of the country and give them the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of the geographic, social and cultural diversity of Canada. Groups travelling abroad are also given an opportunity to participate in the activities of their hosts, experiencing the differences and similarities between life in other countries and life in Canada.

To help achieve these goals, grants are provided for projects organized by non-profit groups of citizens who have had little opportunity to travel.

Applications for Travel & Exchange grants are invited from organized non-profit citizens groups, geographically isolated, communities, native peoples' organizations, ethno-cultural and official minority groups, senior citizens and handicapped persons.

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LAWYERS WITHDRAW FROM CONTROVERSIAL LAND CLAIM

Yellowknife, N.W.T.- The federal government withdrew its lawyers, Monday, July 9th, from hearings into the controversial Indian land claim to 400,000 square miles of the Northwest Territories.

Crown counsellor Orville Troy told Chief Justice William Morrow of the Northwest Territories supreme court: "My instructions are that I be excused from any further proceedings at this time."

The withdrawal came two days after the Federal Court of Canada, in an unusual Northern sitting, rejected a federal attempt to prohibit Mr. Justice Morrow from hearing arguments in the case.

The federal lawyers left Yellow-

knife amid speculation the government would boycott the hearing.

Mr. Justice Morrow described the federal action as leaving "a most unusual position" and said he thinks the move is more an expression of dissatisfaction than legal strategy.

He said such a move in an ordinary lawsuit would reasonably result in default and a judgment for the other side.

"However, it must be apparent to all that this is no ordinary lawsuit."

He appointed a lawyer to represent the government, Dietrich Brand of Yellowknife, but warned Mr. Brand he might not receive any fee for his work.

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COUDERT RESIDENCE TURNED OVER TO YUKON NATIVE BROTHERHOOD

Ottawa (July 12, 1973) Indian Affairs Minister, Jean Chretien announced that Coudert Residence, built in 1958 as a student residence in Whitehorse, Y.T., has been turned over to the Y.N.B. The transfer was made as a result of a proposal submitted by the Brotherhood in June, 1972. A Secretariat, made up of representatives from the Dept. of Indian Affairs, Secretary of State, Manpower and Immigration and Regional expansion, was formed to examine the establishment of Cultural Education Centres.

From its beginning, the residence was operated by the Roman Catholic Church until 1969 when it was placed under the direction of the regional office of the Dept. of Indian Affairs. In 1971 all Coudert students were transferred to Yukon Hall.

In its proposal, the Y.N.B. said the Centre would serve to promote cultural/education programs and business enterprises. It would also provide room for a library and museum, overnight accommodation, a kindergarten and day-care center.

Major income sources are to be rental of office space.

Mr. Chretien said the transfer of the hall to the Y.N.B. is a big step in the direction of encouraging Native People to run their own affairs.