



INDIAN LAND CLAIMS NEGOTIATOR  
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Ottawa - Victoria Lawyer, R.B. Hutchison will be Chief negotiator for the federal team negotiating Indian Land Claims in the Yukon, Indian Affairs Minister, Jean Chrétien, announced.

He also said Yukon Commissioner James Smith or an elected member of the territory's Cabinet Committee will be on the team.

Other federal team members would vary, depending on the discussions. Officials of the Indian Affairs Dept. would sometimes sit in, at other times Finance Dept. or other government officials would take turns.

The government agreed last March to negotiate a final settlement for the Yukon Indians, who have no treaty.

Indian demands include a lump-sum payment of more than \$100 million as well as land and royalties on oil and gas found in the Yukon.

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NO ACCORD AMONG INDIANS

Toronto (CP) - Fred Plain, who resigned as president of the Union of Ontario Indians, said Monday, May 14, 1973, he tried for four years to get northern and southern Ontario Indians to agree but did not succeed.

"If I couldn't do it in four years I felt it was time to step down and give somebody else

a try."

Mr. Plain, succeeded by William Sault, said he felt there was no clear direction given to the Executive of the Union by the membership, the Board of Directors and the Chiefs.

"What direction we did get came mostly from the Chiefs in Northern Ontario. Then when we implemented their ideas the people from Southern Ontario objected because they didn't have their say."

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INDIAN LAND TAX EXEMPT

Toronto - Legislation that would preclude municipalities from taxing property on Indian lands was given second and third reading in Ontario legislature on Tuesday, May 15, 1973 and now needs royal assent to become law.

Municipalities that have been taxing non-Indian tenants living on Indian land would be provided with financial compensation on a sliding scale.

Michael Cassidy (NDP - Ottawa Centre) said the position that prevailed before was that Indian bands who wished to take advantage of the location of their reserve for commercial purposes or lease their land for cottages were discriminated against.

Mr. Cassidy said municipalities wouldn't provide services within the reserves but collected taxes.

Mr. Gordon Walker, parliamentary assistant to Revenue Minister Allan Grossman, said the primary purpose of the bill is to resolve difficulties of municipal taxation of non-Indian tenants.

At present, Mr. Walker said, municipalities don't have the right to supply services to reserves on a contract basis. This would be changed by amend-