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ROLL BEING ESTABLISHED FOR PEMBINA CHIPPEWA INDIAN CLAIMS PAYMENT

A roll to determine the members of the Pembina Band of Chippewa Indians eligible to share in awards totaling \$237,127.82 in land claims funds is being prepared by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Office in Aberdeen, S. D., according to Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The money comes from awards in settlement of Indian Claims Commission Dockets Nos. 18-A, 113 and 191 for the Pembina Band's one-third interest in 7,488,280 acres of land in northwest Minnesota and northeast North Dakota, ceded under the treaty of October 2, 1863 (13 Stat. 667).

Funds to cover the awards were appropriated June 9, 1964 (78 Stat. 213). An Act of Congress July 29, 1971 (85 Stat. 158) authorized the use of the money and directed that the roll be prepared.

Persons who believe they are eligible to share in the awards may obtain application forms and instructions from the Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Aberdeen Area Office, 820 Main Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401. Applications must be filed with the Area Director and must be postmarked no later than midnight, March 29, 1972.

Those who may be eligible to share in the awards are Pembina Chippewa Indians:

1. Who file an application for enrollment within the time specified.
2. Who were born on or prior to and were living on July 29, 1971.
3. Who are lineal descendants of members of the Pembina Band as it was constituted in 1863, except for persons in the following categories, who shall not be enrolled:
 - a. Those who are not United States Citizens.
 - b. Those who are members of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.
 - c. Those who participated in the Mississippi, Pillager, and Lake Winnibigoshish Chippewa Band awards under the provisions of the Act of September 27, 1967 (81 Stat. 230).