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INDIAN COMMISSIONER PRAISES NORTHWEST INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

PORTLAND, Ore.--Commissioner of Indian Affairs Glenn L. Emmons today praised the progress being made by Pacific Northwest Indian tribes in establishing tribal scholarships for Indian youths seeking education beyond the high school level.

At the same time the Commissioner said he was hopeful that the four tribes which received portions of the \$26,000,000 Celilo settlement would use some of their money received for ancient fishing rights to educate their youths to take their rightful place in modern American society as full-fledged citizens.

"Our Portland area director, Don C. Foster, has reported to me this week that eight Northwest tribes are offering scholarship help to their youths and that this year 79 students are receiving help from these scholarships or from tribal educational loan funds," Mr. Emmons said.

He said that the practice of Indian tribes providing scholarships is a relatively new one. Most scholarships provide only a part of the students expenses and the tribes expect the students to work to help themselves. In this way more students can be aided.

In addition to the 79 students receiving tribal scholarships or loans there are six Northwest Indian youths who received Bureau of Indian Affairs

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educational grants and one who is attending college with the help of a scholarship from the American Missionary Association.

"Mr. Foster tells me this report by no means represents all of the Indian youths attending Pacific Northwest colleges, universities or vocational schools. Many youths are attending these institutions of higher learning on their own or with the help of their parents. We have made no effort to tabulate how many there are in these categories," Emmons said.

The Commissioner said he was particularly happy about the report because it indicates progress is being made in the education phase of his three part program to better the lot of the Indians of the United States. The three part program, said Mr. Emmons, is designed to give all Indians 1) better education, 2) better health, and 3) better economic conditions.

Commissioner Emmons arrived in Portland Monday to meet with a committee of the American Bankers Association to discuss problems involved in protecting the assets of Klamath Indians who are minors or otherwise not capable of managing their affairs after the termination of Federal trusteeship which is provided in Public Law 587. During the week he will also meet with members of the Warm Springs, Umatilla and Yakima tribal councils to discuss plans for use of the Celilo settlement funds.

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Note: A copy of the full scholarship report referred to by Commissioner Emmons is attached.

PORTLAND AREA INDIAN STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SCHOOLS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

1956 - 1957

	<u>Tribal Scholarships</u>	<u>Tribal Loans</u>	<u>Isaac Broncheau Scholarships*</u>	<u>Educational Grants</u>
Colville	\$4,900 (6)	\$3,000 (6)		
Fort Hall	1,500 (6)			\$1,300 (3)
N. Idaho			\$1,250 (3)	180 (1)
Umatilla	3,500 (9)			600 (2)
Warm Springs	10,960 (12)			
**W. Washington	6,217 (8)	1,861 (5)		
Yakima	<u>11,775</u> (24)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$38,852 (65)	\$4,861 (11)	\$1,250 (3)	\$2,080 (6)

*Isaac Maynard Broncheau Scholarships are provided for in the will of a Nez Perce Indian and go to members of that tribe.

**One Indian youth has a scholarship from the American Missionary Association amounting to \$500.

***The Makah, Swinomish, Tulalip tribes each provide scholarship or loan aid to their youths.

NOTE: 64 members of the Klamath tribe of southern Oregon are attending colleges, universities or vocational schools under a Special Termination Adult Education program (under contract to the Oregon State Department of Education) as provided under Public Law 587 (Klamath Termination Act).