



He continued: "The Hopis seemed to understand immediately that more than a plant was needed; that housing and other community services that Winslow could offer were equally important to an operation of this size. It is gratifying to witness their quick response to this tremendous opportunity."

The Secretary also praised the Hopi Council for its generosity in making it a condition of their contract that Navajos as well as Hopis were to get hiring preference. Sixty Navajo girls who have already been trained in a pilot project by BVD at Winslow will probably be the first employees when the new plant is built.

"This is the kind of forward thinking among Indians that we want to encourage in future negotiations for the tribes," Secretary Udall said. "The Hopis have told me that they see the new plant as a foretaste of the future. Now their children will find employment near the reservation and will not need to move far from the area to take advantage of the education that thousands of them are getting through BIA education programs. The BVD Corporation anticipates a full training program to install Indians on the supervisory and management levels, the entire operation eventually to be all-Indians."

Among those present at the signing in the Secretary's office of the Department of the Interior was Harry Isaacs, ~~executive~~ <sup>Senior</sup> vice president of BVD; the Hopi's tribal attorney, John S. Boyden; members of the Hopi Tribal Council; Dewey Healing, chairman, Homer Cooyama, Robert Sakiestewa and Clifford Honahni; Mayor J. Lester Allen of Winslow and Harold Elmer, director of the town's Industrial Development Commission; as well as Deputy Commissioner Theodore W. Taylor and other Bureau of Indian Affairs officials.

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