

Cold Lake Indians Stage Sit-in

Forty to fifty Indians of all ages from the Cold Lake and Kehiwan Reserves peacefully "took-over" the regional offices of the Department of Indian Affairs last Thursday.

The surprise sit-in is the latest step towards forcing Indian Affairs Minister Jean Chretien to accede to Indian demands. The parents have boycotted North-eastern Alberta schools for the past six weeks to protest poor schools and living conditions.

Chief Gordon Youngchief of the Kehiwan Reserve said "we will not budge from the office until Chretien agrees to visit our reserves to discuss a change in education policy".

The Kehiwan band is demanding that new schools be built on the reserve and that water, natural gas, and furnaces be provided for all reserve homes.

The Cold Lake band wants complete Grade 1 to 12 Educational services on their reserve.

The Indians want reserve schools because they feel that they should not be pressured into school integration but should be able to set their own pace. Although the federal government has spent large sums of money on off-reserve schools in the process of integration Indians have no voice in local school boards. These off-reserve schools have also set quotas on the number of Indian children. Reserve schools also bring in much needed revenue in the form of jobs in the schools for Indians.

Chretien has declared that the Indian demands are "impossible to meet". He said "the money just isn't there in this year's budget". He claims that it would cost \$5.5 million to build schools on the reserves while only 500,000 has been allocated for 1971-72.

Chretien insists that all children must be back in school before he will agree to preliminary talks. The Indians remain firm though. They have blankets, books, and food on the 27th floor of the CN Tower. They are prepared to stay for a long time - until Chretien listens to them.

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Council refuses native grant

Student's Council refused Monday night to give in effect a grant of \$200.00 to the Alberta Indian Association.

Co-ordinator Doug Black asked Council to waive the \$200. rental fee on Dinwoodie for the recent benefit social for the Association. The motion was in the amendment to finance board recommendations.

The benefit raised approximately \$160 over and above the fee. The Association is now using this money to feed Indians who are staging a sit-in at

the federal Indian Affairs offices in the CN building.

Treasurer, Frans Slatter said that the fee was charged because it costs over \$200 simply to clean Dinwoodie after a social.

Speaking against the amendment, dentistry rep., Jim Guild said, "Nobody in Canada has it better off than they (the Indians) do." said, "Nobody in Canada has it better off than they (the Indians) do." He felt that there was no call for council to grant them money.

The amendment was defeated with a tie vote.

spring session to be introduced

General Faculties Council last week agreed to the introduction of a spring session, at the U of A. It should begin in 1972.

The session which will run for six weeks during May and June will be another step towards the year-round use of the University. This will not be a trimester system however.

The introduction of the spring session should not substantially affect summer school enrollment. Enrollment is expected to consist of mainly students who attended university during the winter session and want either to pick up a course or who want to accelerate their programmes.

A spring session would enable students to find summer employment when more jobs are available in July and August. It would also utilize laboratory facilities which would otherwise remain idle during May and June.

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