

Apaches May Win This 'Gunfight'

There's one "gunfight" which the Jicarilla Apaches in Dulce, New Mexico plan to walk away from as winners.

It will take place this spring in the movie studios in Hollywood and on location in New Mexico between Johnny Cash and Kirk Douglas.

"A Gunfight" will cost the Indians 2 million dollars but as financiers of the film they plan to get this money back plus 25 per cent of the profits.

As reported in the Jicarilla Chieftain, the tribe's newspaper, the Indians entered into the agreement purely as a profit-making venture. This is one of their many business investments; however, the only one in the movie industry.

The deal looked attractive to them because European distributors have already offered \$1,750,000 television prospects are excellent, and the whole American market is wide open.

To producers of the film, the

offer was attractive because the Indians were willing to put up \$2 million without any of the strings that often tie up many Hollywood productions.

At a big press conference, Kirk Douglas stated that he felt the agreement was a progressive approach and hoped that it would start a constructive trend of outside capital in movie production.

According to the tribal paper, the movie will be filmed this spring in New Mexico. The story takes place in 1885 in Southwest Texas where two gunfighters—Kirk Douglas and Johnny Cash—are pitted against each other. The only problem is that they like each other.