

Nine Member Group—

Vice President Agnew Appoints Education Committee Within NCIO

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew last week appointed nine members to a special Indian Education subcommittee within the National Council on Indian Opportunity.

The appointments were made according to the directive from President Nixon's Indian message that the subcommittee should be comprised of Indian educators selected by the Council's Indian members.

In making the appointment, the vice president, who serves as chairman of the council stated, "consistent with our policy that Indians should have the right to control and operate federally funded Indian programs, we will assist every community wishing to control its own schools to do so, under the mechanisms of this special subcommittee.

"Such provisions should enhance the quality of Indian education and insure the relevance of educational experiences for Indian children."

The subcommittee will provide technical assistance to Indian communities wishing to establish school boards as well as conduct a national review of the educational status of Indian children in whatever school they may be attending.

The subcommittee will also evaluate and report to the President on the status of Indian education annually, including the extent of local control.

The nine members of the special Indian Education subcommittee include: Will Antell, Chippewa, of Stillwater, Minnesota, Director of Indian Education for the State of Minnesota;

John Borbridge, Jr., Tlingit, of Juneau, Alaska, President of the Central Council of the Tlingit-Haida Indians of Alaska.

Ned A. Hatathli, Navajo, of Many Farms, Arizona, President of the Navajo Community College.

Overton James, Chickasaw, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation;

John Ranier Jr., Taos, of Taos New Mexico, graduate student at the University of New Mexico and member of the faculty at Brigham Young University;

Linda Ressler St. Peter, Wailaka-Wintun, of Billings, Montana,

student at Eastern Montana College;

Alonzo P. Spang, Northern Cheyenne, of Lolo, Montana, director of the Indian Studies Program at the University of Montana;

Jon C. Wade, Sioux, of Aberdeen, S.D., graduate student

working towards a PhD. in education administration at the University of Minnesota;

David Warren, Chippewa-Pueblo, Albuquerque, N.M., Director of Curriculum and instructor at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico.