Extends Praise

The selection of Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson as one of America's 10 outstanding young men was described recently as "symbolic of the achievements and progress of all American Indians," by Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton.

"One of the reasons Morrie was given this honor was because he overcame the odds against a poor Athabascan Indian from the fish camps of the Yukon River. Today there are thousands of Indians overcoming similar odds and moving towards greatness in various fields," Morton said.