Havasupai Tribe in Stunning Victory in Fight for Lands

The Havasupai Tribe of Arizona, against all odds, has won a stunning victory in its age-old quest for title to what remains of its ancient homeland.

Congress, on Dec. 18, passed and sent to President Ford — S. 1296 — the Grand Canyon National Park Enlargement Act

 which grants the tribe trust title to 185,000 acres of its land and permanent use rights to an additional 95,000 acres.

President Ford is expected to sign the measure in the next few

days.

Already many of the 435
Havasupai have begun making

plans to move up onto the plateau, re-establish their traditional winter homes there, and resume the life patterns so tragically interrupted.

Their victory would not have been possible without the concern of so many who came to the aid of these few.