

National Indian Training Center

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton and Civil Service Commission Chairman Robert E. Hampton recently announced the creation of a National Indian Training Center at Brigham City, Utah.

The purpose of the Center will be to provide training (both preparatory and in-service) for Indian men and women who are working in, or seeking employment in, federal, state, and tribal governmental jobs.

It is expected that the Center will be able to enroll at least 500 Indians annually, and curriculum plans are flexible enough to allow changes as new personnel needs in government emerge.

The Center will be jointly

operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Civil Service Commission and will be physically located at the BIA Intermountain School.

It will have at its disposal modern, well-equipped classrooms, a 25,000-volume library, and extensive audio-visual equipment for the job training program.

Particular emphasis will be given to preparing Indian men and women for management jobs in government and tribal agencies.

As a secondary priority, the Center will provide courses to non-Indian people who are now working with federal, state, and local governments in various aspects of Indian affairs.

The Center staff also hopes to be able to provide training at tribal sites elsewhere in the United States.

In commenting on the opening of the Center, Secretary Morton said: "This unprecedented training program for Indians is designed to bridge the gap between the dream and the reality of Indian direction of Indian affairs.

"We shall be seeking to un-

cover and develop enough Indian talents to assure that tribal government and other government programs are providing the maximum in benefits to the Indian people."