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NOTICE OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

In accordance with action taken by the Menominee Advisory Council, a General Council of the Menominee Tribe has been called for November 6 and 7, 1957, (Wednesday and Thursday evenings), at 7:00 P.M., to be held at the Keshena Community Hall, in Keshena, Wisconsin.

The approved order of business is as follows:

1. Report on Termination Progress.
2. Approval and selection of a 3-member Coordinating and Negotiation Committee.
3. Report and status of present legislation.

Should a quorum of 75 Tribal members fail to appear, the meeting will be convened as the Menominee Advisory Council to act upon the above-listed agenda.

This is a very important meeting and every Tribal member is urged to attend.

Melvin L. Robertson
Superintendent

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The General Council meeting called for last Saturday (October 26th) at Neopit could not be held since only 59 Tribal members were on hand by one o'clock. The Tribal Constitution says that at least 75 adult enrolled Tribal members must be in attendance before a legal General Council meeting can be held.

Because of the vital importance of the topics listed on the agenda, the Advisory Council convened and asked that another General Council be called for the evenings of November 6 and 7 at Keshena to consider the same items, which are included in the above announcement.

Aside from the report which will be presented to inform the people on Termination progress to date and the report which is to be made on the current status of legislation by the Congress, the following resolution will be presented for consideration and action by the General Council:

"WHEREAS, Public Law 399, 83rd Congress, as amended by Public Law 718, 84th Congress, provides that the Menominee Tribe shall as soon as possible and in no event later than December 31, 1957, formulate and submit to the Secretary of the Interior a plan for the future control of tribal property and service functions now conducted by or under the supervision of the United States, including, but not limited to, services in the fields of health, education, welfare, credit, roads, and law and order, and for all other matters involved in the withdrawal of federal supervision; and

"WHEREAS, Section 6 of the same Law authorizes the Menominee Tribe to select and retain specialists to study industrial programs and possibilities and make such reports or recommendations as may be desired by the Tribe; and

"WHEREAS, although tribal officials and tribal committees have, along with the aforementioned committees, done considerable work in completing the transition of the Menominee Tribe from federal control to integration in the government of the State of Wisconsin, much remains to be done; and

"WHEREAS, it has become apparent that there is need for full-time attention to termination problems by a member or members of the Menominee Tribe, specifically for the purpose of coordinating with the above-mentioned committees, the Department of the Interior and other federal agencies, and the Congress of the United States; and

"WHEREAS, other duties prevent the Chairman of the Menominee Advisory Council from devoting the necessary time to termination problems, but it is considered essential that he remain a part of any basic committee on termination problems; and

"WHEREAS, there is considerable need for a responsible tribal person or persons to negotiate with outside interests to determine the feasibility and possibility of seeking expert advice and possible financing of tribal industry;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Menominee General Council meeting in a General Council session on this _____ day of _____, 1957, that there is hereby established a Coordinating and Negotiating Committee with primary responsibility for carrying on such coordination and negotiation as it deems desirable and as directed by the Menominee Advisory Council, said Committee to be composed of three members of the Menominee Tribe and the Chairman of the Menominee Advisory Council;

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said Committee shall select its own Chairman and shall have authority to coordinate with persons and organizations involved in Menominee termination problems, and shall have authority to negotiate for work deemed by it necessary to complete the termination process; Provided, such Committee shall not have authority to enter into binding agreements involving commitment of tribal or federal funds without express approval of the Menominee Advisory Council;

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, creation of the Coordinating and Negotiating Committee shall not be construed as limiting or affecting the duties of existing tribal committees."

As was stressed in the last issue of the Menominee News, the items to be considered are of great importance and have a bearing on not only the future of the tribal resources but also on the Tribe itself. Every adult Menominee is urged to attend. Bring your neighbor along. Do your part to see that a quorum is present.

NOTICE

Mrs. Paula Dodge has requested that local residents be advised that she is available for NOTARY PUBLIC services. Such service will be given in her home, which is located on the road to the fair grounds in Keshena.
