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FLORIDA SEMINOLE TRIBE LEASES ACREAGE TO MOBILE HOME BUILDER

Three leases covering approximately 120 acres of the Seminole Indian reservation in Florida under which Joseph L. Antonucci, mobile home manufacturer and trailer park operator, will establish both a plant site and trailer park were signed here today.

The leases between the Seminole Nation of Hollywood, Fla. and Antonucci were formalized in a ceremony at offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. They call for an initial payment to the tribe of \$70,000 for the first year, and escalations in succeeding years, including tribal participation in the profits in the future.

Participating in the ceremony were Antonucci and members of his firm; T. W. Taylor, Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and Seminole representatives Bettie Mae Jumper, Chairman of the tribal council, and Joe Dan Osceola, a council member.

Immediate construction plans call for the building of a 55,000 square foot plant for the manufacture of mobile homes and the stocking of spare parts.

According to Bureau officials, members of the Seminole Tribe will be employed in the operation, whenever possible.

Antonucci, who has been identified with trailer parks and mobile home manufacture both in Florida and in Chicago, visualizes production on the Hollywood Reservation as running to 12 units per day, with a cost per unit ranging between \$4,000 and \$7,000.

Market for the units at the outset will be in the local Florida area.

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