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Nine American Indian high school students met their Congressmen, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and other Washington luminaries last week.

They were participants in the Washington Workshops Congressional Seminar June 15-22.

This week they are in New York City studying the operations of a large corporation as guests of the Union Carbide Corporation the Company also picked up the tab for the Washington seminar.

The seminar schedule included daily dialogue discussions with Congressmen, White House staff and other officials of Government. The students attended Congressional committee meetings and House and Senate chamber sessions and were briefed by Congressional staffers on the traditions and procedures of the Congress.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson spoke to the group Friday evening at the Mount Vernon College where the students lived for the week.

The Indian students are Janell Williams, Wanblee, South Dakota; Orla Wounded Knee, Fort Thompson, South Dakota; Amanda Dakota, Belcourt, North Dakota; Cheryl Connywerdy, Lawton, Oklahoma; Russell Taptto, Anadarko, Oklahoma; Alfredo Gonzalez, Sacaton, Arizona; Henry Salazar, Laveen, Arizona; Theresa Buckner, Omak, Washington; and Michael Gomez, Warm Springs, Oregon.

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