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Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay will present the Special Award in Human Relations of the American Public Relations Association to the community of Sheridan, Wyoming, at 7 p.m., Monday, March 2, 1953, at a banquet to be held in the ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel. The APRA is holding its annual convention here, March 1-3.

The award, given only twice previously in the history of the APRA, is in recognition of Sheridan 1s two-year campaign to improve relations between the non Indian members of the western community of 12,000 population and the nearby Indians of the Crow and Cheyenne reservations.

Receiving the award on behalf of the Sheridan community will be the 1952 Rodeo Queen Miss Lucy Yellowmule, Crow Indian girl, who was chosen by the community to preside over its traditional rodeo celebration, and four Indian girl attendants chosen by her--Miss Joy Old Crow, Miss Alta Drift Wood, Miss Regina Spotted Horse, all from the Crow Tribe, and Miss Dolores Little Coyote, Cheyenne, who is taking the place of Miss Evangeline Whiteman who was unable to make the trip.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Dillon S. Myer will introduce the girls to Secretary McKay in his office prior to the banquet.

During the noon hour of March 2 the Indian girls will be the guests of Representative William Henry Harrison, a resident of Sheridan and Chairman of the Indian Affairs Subcommittee of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, at a luncheon in the Speaker's dining room at the Capitol.

The presentation ceremony at the Mayflower Hotel will be recorded by the State Department's Voice of America for presentation in the overseas information programs.