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Commissioner Glenn L. Emmons of the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced today that the museum of the Northern Plains Indians at Browning, Montana, will continue to be operated by the Bureau without any change except a reduction in staff required by reduced appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

It had been proposed to transfer management responsibility for the museum to the Arts and Crafts Board, created in the Department of the Interior by the act of August 27, 1935 (49 Stat. 891).

Commissioner Emmons stated that due to widespread misunderstanding concerning the operation of the museum by the Arts and Crafts Board and an indication that the State of Montana might be interested in taking over the museum in the near future, he considered it inadvisable to effect any change in the management until the Montana Legislature, at its next session, has had an opportunity to consider assuming responsibility for the institution.

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