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Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton today announced that representatives of the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will meet with Indian tribal representatives in Washington, November 25 and 26 for a national conference on American Indian youth.

The conference is being held under the sponsorship of Arrow, Incorporated, a nonprofit organization formed by Indians and their friends to assist Indian people in self-help projects. Its twofold purpose is (1) the exchange of ideas between Indian leaders, Indian youth, and non-Indians interested in the field of youth problems; and (2) the development and approval of additional programs to benefit the Indian young people.

The proposal that such a conference be held under the auspices of Arrow was first made to Secretary Seaton by the Midwest Inter-Tribal Council which represents a number of tribal groups in North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. Subsequently interest in the conference has been expressed by tribal organizations in other sections of the country.

Arrow, whose headquarters are at 605 14th St., NW., Washington, D.C., is making arrangements for the conference and has extended the invitations to the Indian delegates. It is expected that 40 to 50 delegates, including both Indian youth and adult leaders, will be in attendance.