Chairman Reports to the Tribal Council

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.—"Our Tribal budget was approved last week," Paul Jones, Chairman of the Tribal Council, said in his formal report to the Council Tuesday. "While Tribal operations have continued, new programs and committees have yet been implemented in accord with an order issued by my office," he said. "We are not ready to go to work through the initiation of our entire program. Any delegate is wondering why things have not been moving in his area. It is because our new funds were not available. That has been the reason for the delay.

"I am sure that this Council and Navajo people will join me in a pledge of patriotism to our President," Chairman Jones said. "If our nation should go on a complete war footing, it goes without saying that many of our tribal plans will necessarily be changed or delayed."

The Chairman reported that President Kennedy has submitted the name of Philleo Nash as Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the U.S. Senate for confirmation.

"Mr. Nash was a member of President Kennedy’s Task Force and he was instrumental in drafting the report which makes many recommendations for reorganization of the Bureau of Indian Affairs," he said.

"Noteworthy in the Task Force Report, was the recommendation that the Navajo jurisdiction be changed and this largest of all Indian reservations become an area of its own. I am hopeful that the new Commissioner will follow thru on the recommended reorganization of the Bureau especially insofar as the Navajo Reservation is concerned," Jones said.

Mr. Jones stated Secretary Udall is largely responsible for this progressive forward step any if it means a new day for the Navajos and other Indian people, the administration will certainly have the unqualified support of the Navajo Tribe.

"I am advised that the planning for the Fifteenth Annual Navajo Tribal Fair is progressing according to schedule and we can look forward to a bigger and better Navajo Tribal Fair on September 7, 9, and 10. The Air Force and Navy will again give us an air show. Because Congress will be in session at that time, Congressmen and other Washington officials have expressed their regrets that they will be unable to be our guests at the Fair this year. However, many distinguished visitors have been invited and they have indicated they will be with us," The Fair theme this year is "The Era of Resources Development."

"Everything is in readiness for the school clothing program. All clothing ordertc has been made. A special effort has been made to mail these materials to the schools in advance of their opening dates so there will be no delay in getting clothing to the Navajo children," Jones said.