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The new Miss Indian America, Margery Winona Haury is in Washington for her first visit this far East, during which she plans to meet with government officials.

Since Monday, the 18-year old Indian beauty has been in Columbus, Ga., participating in a week-long TV presentation (WRBL-TV) honoring the American Indian.

Miss Haury, from Albuquerque, N.M. is a sophomore in pre-Law at the University of New Mexico. On her mother's side is Navajo and Sioux, and on her father's side, Cheyenne and Arapahoe.

She was chosen Miss Indian America XVI from a field of 32 contestants in the National Miss Indian America Pageant held annually in Sheridan, Wyo., as a feature of "All American Indian Days", during which tribes from all over the country participate in songs, chants and dances.

Her personal goal is to unite and bind the tribes closer together so that all may work for common goals, among the most important of which she believes is education. As Miss Indian American XVI, she will represent over 600,000 Indian people in this country.

Before winning her new title Margery was Miss Indian New Mexico; she inherited the title of Arapahoe Princess from her grandfather, a tribal chief, and she is also a Navajo Princess. She was Miss Indian Southwest, and for two years held the title of Miss Ateed *Nizhoni* of Window Rock, Ariz., the Navajo tribal capital.

Her Indian name is Nah Kah, a Cheyenne name meaning Bear Woman in English. It was given to her at the age of four by her grandmother. The name, Winona, means "first born" and is always given to the first girl baby by the Sioux people.

In keeping with the Miss Indian America title, Margery will travel all over the country, visiting Indian reservations and schools, making radio and TV appearances, and like recent Miss Indian Americas before her, make at least one trip abroad, tentatively to the Exposition in Japan in 1970.

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