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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Philleo Nash, accompanied by other Indian Bureau officials, will travel extensively through Indian areas of North Dakota in early May, and Minnesota in early June, to consult with Government officials and Indian leaders and visit with Indian families in their homes.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, May 8, and the following morning, Commissioner Nash, Miss Selene Gifford, Assistant Commissioner for Community Services; Area Director Martin N. B. Holm and other area officials will attend a meeting at Bismarck, N. Dak., with Governor William L. Guy and members of his legislative research committee on proposed Indian programs and policies.

On the evening of Wednesday, May 9, Commissioner Nash and Area Director Holm, will attend a mass meeting at Devils Lake, North Dakota, with the Devils Lake Sioux and Fort Totten Indians. In traveling to the meeting from Bismarck by automobile Wednesday afternoon, they will visit Indian homes enroute.

On the morning of Thursday, May 10, the party will leave for Fort Berthold Reservation. They will travel by automobile from Rolla to the Turtle Mountain reservation at Belcourt, and will attend a mass meeting with the Turtle Mountain Indians until noon. During the afternoon they will visit Indian homes, and hold a mass meeting with the Indians upon arrival at New Town that evening.

Following a breakfast with the Fort Berthold tribal council on May 11, they will leave New Town for a mass meeting with the Indians of the Standing Rock reservation at Fort Yates.

In returning to Bismarck that evening they will visit with Indians in their homes.

On Monday, June 4, Commissioner Nash will leave for a tour of the reservations in Minnesota, which will culminate in a conference at Bemidji with interested State, county, municipal, and tribal officials at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, and will conclude his plans to visit all major Indian reservations in Minnesota.

On Tuesday, June 5, Commissioner Nash in company with Area Director James E. Hawkins and other area officials, will visit the Fond du Lac and Grand Portage reservations.

On the morning of Wednesday, June 6, they will visit Nett Lake and Leech Lake reservations.

Thursday, June 7, will be spent at the Red Lake Reservation.

On the morning of June 8 they will tour the White Earth Reservation. That afternoon Commissioner Nash will leave for Madison, Wisconsin.

On Saturday, June 9, he will meet at Madison with State officials regarding Indian problems in Wisconsin.

From Madison he will return to Bemidji for the meeting on Sunday, June 10.

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