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Blackfeet tribe to conduct special forums under humanities grant

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Revisions in the constitution of the Blackfeet Indian tribe will be the subject of a series of 10 public lectures under a $6,100 grant from the Montana Committee for the Humanities.

The next three lectures will be Friday and Saturday (July 20-21) in the Tribal-Federal Complex, Browning.

The theme of the programs, under the direction of Harold E. Gray, is "The Blackfeet Tribe's Quest for Justice."

"The programs will consist of public dialogue between Indians and whites on the Blackfeet Reservation about issues surrounding the revision of the constitution of the Blackfeet tribe," Gray said.

The times, dates, guest speakers and their topics are: Friday (July 20), 7 p.m., Earl Old Person, chairman of the Blackfeet tribe, "Issues Leading to the Blackfeet Constitutional Convention;" Saturday (July 21), 1:30 p.m., Iliff McKay, associate director of the Association on American Indian Affairs, "Blackfeet Tribal Governmental Effects on the Geopolitics of Montana;" and Saturday (July 21), 6 p.m., an open workshop consisting of an in-depth discussion of the issues as presented by the speakers.

In one of the later programs, Vine Deloria, author of "Custer Died for Your Sins," will be the featured speaker.

Bruce R. Sievers, MCH chairman, said "This represents a new direction for projects sponsored by the Montana Committee for the Humanities. We are pleased to be able to assist the Blackfeet tribe in expanding their public information program about their Constitutional Convention. We expect that the series (of lectures) will explore some of the most fundamental questions about tribal government and sovereignty."

The series began June 22 and will continue through Oct. 30, 1973.

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