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MISSOULA---

Representatives from seven Montana Indian tribes and from scattered groups of the Landless Indians in the state will meet at the University of Montana Jan. 11-13 for participation in an Intertribal Policy Board meeting on the Missoula campus.

Leo Sias, Ronan, secretary-treasurer for the IPB and a tribal council member of the Flathead Indian Reservation north of Missoula, said the three-day meeting will concern plans for tribal functions and policies as well as coordination of a joint effort for government support. Sias said he expects 150 for the meeting.

Coordinating plans with Sias for the meeting are Fred Houle, Pablo, tribal secretary of the confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes on the Flathead Reservation, and Thomas J. Collins, UM director of public services.

Representatives at the Missoula meeting will include those from the Flathead Reservation; Blackfeet Reservation, Browning; Crow Reservation, Hardin; Fort Peck Reservation, Wolf Point and Poplar vicinity; Fort Belknap Reservation south of Harlem; Rocky Boy Reservation near Box Elder; Northern Cheyenne Reservation, southeastern Montana; and the Landless Tribes.

Robert A. Bennett, Washington, D.C., commissioner of Indian Affairs, will be among the banquet speakers during the three-day meeting next month.

Others slated to attend the meeting include K.W. Bergan, Helena, state coordinator of Indian affairs; Jim Cannon, Billings, area director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Jake Athone, Billings, who is director of tribal relations for the BIA.

Tribal representatives from Idaho, Oregon and Washington State also are slated to attend the three-day meeting, which is sponsored jointly by IPB and the UM Division of Indian Services.