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AMERICAN INDIAN

MOVEMENT DENNIS BANKS SAYS HIS ORGANIZATION HAS STARTED A FUND DRIVE FOR FLOOD VICTIMS OF RAPID CITY. BANKS SAYS AIM HAS SET A NATIONAL GOAL OF 25-MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE RAPID CITY AIM SURVIVAL FUND. HE SAID OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND DRIVE WILL BE TO HELP PLAN INDIAN HOUSING, . . . PLAN INDIAN EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE, ESTABLISH AN INDIAN -NON-INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION PLAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISH AN INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. HE SAID THE FUND IS BEING ESTABLISHED IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM INDIAN PARTICIPATION AND THE PLANNING AND RECONSTRUCTION PROCESS OF THE NEW RAPID CITY. BANKS SAYS AIM FEELS THIS WOULD ENABLE INDIANS TO PARTICIPATE AT ALL LEVELS OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

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