

INDIANS BUYING DEFENSE BONDS

Tribal Council Votes to Purchase \$7,500 With Tribal Funds

SELLS, Ariz., Dec. 13—(Special)—As an additional portion of its contribution toward the war effort, the Papago Council, the governing body of the Papago Indian tribe, has voted to purchase \$7,500.00 of defense bonds, according to Peter Blaine, chairman. The purchase will be made as soon as the resolution of the council is approved by the secretary of the interior, but there is little doubt that the approval will be given promptly, Blaine said.

Papago enlistments in the armed forces of their country during the past week have brought the number of members of the tribe in the services to 48, and that number would be greatly increased if it were not for the education requirement. Since the majority of the reservation schools have been established within the past eight years, few of the older men are able to read and write English. The Papago tribe looks forward to the time when this education requirement will be lowered, so that it can do its part more fully, according to the council's chairman.

Son in Army

Richard Hendricks, member of the council and chairman of the Papago Fair and Rodeo Association, received word from his son at Fort Killen, California, that he not only is enjoying himself but has learned more in the army than he did in school. Hendricks says that this same message has been received from a number of Papago soldiers, and the tribe is beginning to feel that army service will serve the double purpose of helping the nation of which its people are citizens and of helping the tribe by giving its members experience with the outer world, so that when they return to the reservation they will be better able to cope with the many problems caused by the presence of white people in Arizona.

Tribal Funds

The money from which the Defense Bonds are to be purchased is the greater part of the Papago tribal funds, contributed by a sort of income tax on Papagos working on government projects. In the past this contributed fund has been used for such tribal purposes as the establishment of the Papago Arts and Crafts Board, and the construction of the Tribal Community building and fair and rodeo grounds at Sells. The Papago tribe feels that its nation needs the money more than they in this emergency, the council chairman says, and so, like all other Americans, the Papagos will continue to do their part.