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Chemawa School Starts 83rd Year

From the arctic regions of Alaska to the deserts of New Mexico and Arizona, by bus and airplane, 861 students have gathered at the Chemawa school to start her 83rd year. Approximately half the students are Navaho and half Alaskan. Under the leadership of Mr. Hallie Walters, superintendent and Mrs. Nell Brannon, principal. The Chemawa Indian School looks forward to a most promising school term 1963-64. With the increased enrollment it has been necessary to enlarge the staff and provide more classroom space.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE SAYS EDUCATION IMPORTANT

Sunday afternoon, October 13, three councilmen of the Education Committee of the Navaho Tribal Council from Arizona and New Mexico arrived by air for a short visit at Chemawa. It is the duty of the Education Committee to make yearly visits to all schools enrolling Navaho students. This year the members of the visiting committee were: Mr. Lorenzo Yazzie, Sawmill, Arizona; Mr. John Dee, Shiprock, New Mexico; and Mr. Earl Johnson, Leupp, Arizona. This was their first

L-R John Dee, Lorenzo Yazzie, Earl Johnson, Navaho Council; Hallie Walters, Supt.

visit to Chemawa. Monday morning they spoke to all the students. They urged students to get the best education possible. This is especially important for Indian students.

The committee stated strongly how important it is for students to educate themselves and come back to help their own people who have not had educational advantages. Mr. Johnson said: "We need teachers, nurses, mechanics, farmers and people to run the tribal business and tribal affairs." After the meeting students had the opportunity to visit with them. Dianna Shorty