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There are ~~five~~ courts, one in each sub-agency, conducted entirely by Navaho Judges and Officers. I had the very interesting experience of being present at a ^{court} session at Tuba City several years ago. I do not know what offence the young man had committed, but I was impressed with the conduct of the court, and with Judge Hadley's handling of the prisoner. The judge gave the boy a long talk, which ofcourse, I could not understand. But I could understand the quality of his voice and the meaning of words by the inflection and manner in which they were spoken. His voice was persuasive rather than dictatorial, kind rather than harsh or critical, and I felt that the boy was taught rather than admonished. The whole procedure was quiet, reserved, sincere and dignified. I wished that George Washington, looking down from the wall, might have ^rhead this procedure.

Now the Tribe is completing a wonderful new Law and Order building, situated within the Window Rock grounds to be ready for occupancy in the late summer. This is a handsome building of modern design containing the last word in police and prison facilities. On the second floor are two courtrooms with adequate chambers for the judges, a law library, and the finest of modern equipment.

With ^{many} every new project commenced by the Tribe, the Council sends for a top ranking expert to give advice on the best possible way to proceed. They ~~have~~ called in expert architects, engineers, lawyers, geologists, and men of other professions, and their judgement always is to ~~have only~~ the very best. *to seek the best advice.*

seek sound advice