

Eskimo mother and son prepare fish at Kotzebue, Alaska



Sioux family camp behind a billboard in South Dakota

The Association's program has grown in scope to include a full legal program in defense of Indian and Eskimo rights; community development projects designed to promote economic enterprise and strengthen tribal governments; and a forceful intercultural relations program in the form of **WE SHAKE HANDS**, helping the Indians to work with their neighbors in planning their own future.

The Association's program has expanded in area, as far north as Alaska, west to Idaho and Washington, south to North Carolina and Florida, where in meetings with the local Indians and their fellow citizens, we consider their problems, and propose possible solutions.

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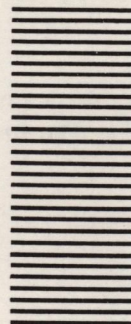
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The Arctic Eskimos are among the most independent people in the United States. Hunters and fishermen, they have an ancient freedom most of us have lost, because they can keep themselves alive by bravery and skill.



Eskimo children play on a boat skeleton at Point Barrow, Alaska

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"Indians and Eskimos are like other Americans in that they are citizens. They are unlike in that they were here when the European invaders came, and never willingly agreed to give up their cultural identity nor the land on which they would live in community. Their oldest relationship with other Americans is that of the conquered; this is being slowly replaced by that of citizen to citizen in equality, but only in legal theory is that replacement at all complete. Education and economic equality can be provided by the American people as a nation. However, there are elements of equality that can exist only when Indians exercise their citizenship, and their right to do so is accepted or -- if need be -- defended by their fellow citizens. The Indian future will be decided by the sincerity of our fellow-citizenship and our willingness to prove it again and again. And we have much to prove."

Oliver La Farge

Oliver La Farge,
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Miccosukees hold conference
in the Florida Everglades



Traditional dwellings at
Taos Pueblo, Taos, New Mexico



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Dynamic programming for the future demands increased financial resources. At this significant moment in the long struggle for Indian and Eskimo equality, the Association on American Indian Affairs must be ready to move ahead. Friends of the American Indian throughout the country must lend a hand in the most generous way they know how. The Association needs YOU to help the tribes.

The Indian people had freedom, dignity, and a good life until the ancestors of the white Americans came seeking those very things; then the Indian people became lonely aliens in their native land.

OLIVER LA FARGE, Chairman, THE AMERICAN INDIAN FUND OF THE ASSOCIATION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS, INC.
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