

My interest in Indians came naturally..

And I have som thing of a background in welfare and Indians.. alifornia Indians. old age, blind aid.

Commencement season..commencement for Indians. We have the do-gooders who claim miserable plight of Indians. We need only look around.. They've forgotten h story. I maintain Indians are better off than ever before. Two-way. They also have to improve their own co dition. I am not one who believes the world owes me a living. Some do, some don't. Would be first to to raise my small voice were they mistreated I believe in the fairness of the American people, sense of fair play, always known for

Let me ask: Of what nation but the U.S. could a subjugated people expect the treatment they receive.

o The Indian has been released from slavery, not by
ivil War which freed another race, but by death.

Did you ever hear of Francis de Bobadilla? he was guilty of two outrages. Sent Columbus home in chains in 1500, and "granted liberal donations of Indians to all who applied for them."

The first year of the 16th century saw slavery introduced into our hemisphere which was to spread and gather numbers and races. Indian slavery ceased because of extinction of the race which had been most inoffensive and hospitable mankind in those times knew.

Isabella, just, decreed end of servitude. Died in 1504. Ferdinand issued a decree, declaring after consideration of Apostolic Bull that crown of Castille claimed the right to the New ~~World~~ World possessions and servitude of its Indians.

Columbus didn't bring gold. Successors determined. hence slavery.

At time of discovery of Hispanola, 1,000,000 Indians. Forced slavery, mining, reduced to 60,000 in 15 years.

100,000 imported from Lucavo Islands, reduced to 14,000 . The African Negro was substituted. Granted franchise for importation.

In 342 years ending in 1860, only 99 years ago, ~~thax~~ 15 1/2 million imported to this hemisphere, 500,000 to United States. And by then the 500,000 had multiplied to about 4 million . They were forcibly torn from country and doomed to slavery, themselves and their offspring.

Treaties with Indians, to extinguish title to land, moves from east to west with the sun, with migration 180 years later 200 treaties, over 2,000 laws.

Just 104 years ago today (Treaty was June 8, 1855) goods and gifts distributed, Kamiakin refused. 14 tribes and bands, confederated for expediency .

Yakimas--What is an Indian. degrees, 4/4/ cards.
Yakima... Umatilla, Nez Perce, Colville.

go out of the Indian biz. This difficult for people to realize. Didn't mean it would be relieved of responsibility to Indians any more than you and I, and person sitting next to you is relieved of govt's responsibility. Billions before it is over with.

But: DON'T want to have to go through with it another generation from now, fattening attorneys, guaranteed fees. Burden of billions upon us, billions more on unborn.

Government assisting in development of health, education and development of assets.

How are we doing? You know more about health than I, how four years ago placed under dept. of health, education and welfare, gains. More services, more taking advantage of services. Yet average death is 39 compared with 61 national average.

Tuberculosis, accidents etc. 3 to 9 times greater than national average. Still room for improvement.

Education: You know that too. And for this we are thankful. We do not have situation in our Yakima valley schools that exist in Little Rock etc.

I think the Indians have progressed in the Yakima valley, don't you? I think culturally and in the way of humanity we have progressed in the valley.

Resources

Assets--Tribe working on them. Timber greatest, 500,000 acre Yakima forest, million a year sustained yield.

Relief compensation, an asset, not a resource. What is happening to the "26,000,000 paid to Yakima, Warm Springs, Nez Perce and Umatillas. Yakima greatest, \$15,019,640. Most of it paid, except to handful of adults distributed. Minor's share held

in trust.

Amounted to \$3,270 per individual. This was split 4,700 ways, Not total enrollment yet climbing still, peak at 5,000 or more. Buildings. Old people some enjoyment out of it. Emmons and govt. determined on that.

And here example of government does keep its promise to Indians. Emmons promised on tax. Internal Revenue Dept. regarded money as non-taxable in hands of tribe, took position it would be taxable as capital gains upon distribution to individual members. Dept. of interior sponsored legislation as Emmons promised.

Minor : 21 unless married or head of family.
Some 2,000 of them. (voting)

ceded land, over 10 million acres, allowed 5 cents per acre, sold (homesteaded etc.) for \$1.50 Interest. (No.) To be determined, ^{could be} near 10 million.

Eroneous enrollments by govt. enrolling agents.
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 Tribal leaders aim to build p to per capita of
 around \$400 or more, this supplemental income.

per capital this year, two semi annual of \$120
 (families Next year, just one, about \$100
 because dipped into reserves, pressure of tribe.
 See what you will be up against (Warm Springs \$800)

Marriages--living on various reservations)

Grazing fees, Northwest Indians realized \$248,000 in
 1958 on tribal owned grazing of 3,480,000 acres Indian
 range land Indian and non Indian, grazing 43,215
 cattle, 106,012 sheep, 1,600 horses, 47 per cent of
 live stock Indian owned.

Farming. labor. jobs. Relocation. Fishing nearly
 gone.

I think progress is being made. Future only will tell what kind. Again, rely upon fairness of American people and honesty.

Honesty of Indian chief. George Washington.

Indian story: Teacher asking class: Famous man, Patrick Henry. he said "Give Me Liberty or Give me Death.)

Point 4 program of economic aid to tribal communities, land purchase program, recognizing that Indian communities are here to stay, not extinguish them. When you destroy the culture of a people, you destroy the people. Relocation. Yes, but more births. Youth program patterned after CCC. 180 births a year, more than deaths.

Indian religion. Indian Culture. State law. treaty rights, land base. Linguistic stock