

intelligent, intelligible functioning of the Indian Bureau, but also to the execution of Section 16 of the Wheeler-Howard Act which requires that all estimates of expenditures be submitted to the Indians for approval.

SETTLEMENT OF INDIAN CLAIMS: Hampering all phases of Indian progress are the pending suits in the Court of Claims, based upon old treaty claims and depredations of the past. Nearly every tribe has one or more of these suits. Their face value is over a billion dollars and it is calculated that it will take generations to adjust them through the present system. It now takes years for an Indian tribe even to get into the Court of Claims under a jurisdictional act of Congress, and in extending the permission, Congress practically prejudges the issues, and writes conditions into the jurisdictional act which dictate the outcome of the litigation. Usually, all Government expenditures on behalf of the suing tribe are deducted from the award—in a recent case these deductions exceeded the amount of the award. The whole system is costly to the Indians, both in money and morale, and inexcusably slow. Thousands of Indians waste their lives, awaiting the millennium when the Court of Claims will shower gold on them. The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the Institute of Government Research have examined this subject with great care; and the latter group has drafted legislation which should provide the 74th Congress with the ground-work for a practical and acceptable solution.

LAW AND ORDER ON THE RESERVATIONS: Superintendents must be relieved immediately of the unnecessary, time-consuming burdens thrust upon them by the chaotic law enforcement system. Some cases create a conflict between State and Federal jurisdiction; other cases arise in wide areas outside either of those jurisdictions, making it impossible for a Superintendent to get justice for or against Indian or white. Congress can clear up this intolerable waste of effort and money by comprehensive legislation which will clearly place responsibility for the administration of justice, and provide the means for its exercise. This is another problem which has been studied and investigated inside out, and on which legislative action is long overdue.

OKLAHOMA: The allotment system, plus Oklahoma's county court control over the inherited properties of the Five