

in the collection, Ethel's statement is to be regarded as typical, and not particular to her own situation.

Side A of this tape is not utilized. The interview here begins on Side B, and is concluded on T-672.--J. Jordan.

CRITICISM OF RECENT CHANGES BY BIA IN HANDLING LAND LEASES

(One thing, I was going to talk to you about. I have a couple of questions I thought you could answer. I wonder if you could tell me, what are some of the agencies around here, in this community that provide services for Indians. Places where you and your family could go to get loans, or whatever?)

I'm going to be the first one to say, we don't get no kind of assistance from this office...from this area office. They wrote to our...see, we get lease money, alright. During the winter, why, whenever we're in need, we go to our renter, and get so much. Like maybe a car repair, or something, you know. And so this office people write to all the renters and tell them to cut that out, not to do that any more. But how are we going to live, because the office people, especially he and I...there is no kind of funds at the office whereby they could help us out, during this time now. How do they expect us to live, when we can't go over there? They told the renters, if you go and pay the lease money ahead, we going to blackball you, you not going to get no more Indians leases. That's about two years now. When we made a new lease, when it's approved and everything...I get about seventeen hundred on this place. Well, when everything's approved, he gives me seventeen hundred. They put it in the bank, and use it. But they cut that out, now. When you get the lease money approved, the renter don't give you nothing until January. Now how are we going to live? Especially this... especially he and I. I've taken him to the office, I've taken him to the welfare. I said, well, they said they told us we can't get no money. Is there any way you can help this man? He can't work. No, they ain't a thing we can do. We come back out again. No kind of assistance. (She is referring to her husband who is an invalid.)

(Why can't the welfare do anything?)

They can't do nothing. They turn us down so many times. I won't