

in the United States — an annual cost for each student of \$1,1562.00 U. S. Currency.

To get to my principal point. The Indian Reservations contain 7,000,000 acres of forest land, fairly well administered by American foresters. Not one Indian has any present prospect of securing an education as a forester, although the service has been maintained for eighteen years.

The Indian is of Mongol stock, and as such has greater chances of success in mental development than the Filipino. Some provisions should be made to provide scholarships for the Indian not only in forestry, but in agriculture, home economics, and other lines which would prepare the Indian boy and girl to lead this badly treated people to economic independence.

The Division of Planning and Development, as mentioned in the Survey, should be the staff agency of the Commissioner to give him expert technical advice in the various fields, to help him in surmising conditions and in formulating programs adapted to the peculiar local conditions in the several jurisdictions, and to report to him regarding the effectiveness of the work being done by the administrative organization of the several jurisdictions.

The person selected as Commissioner of Indian Affairs should have four dominant qualities:

1. He should be an outstanding administrator.
2. He should have social vision and understanding so that he will appreciate the problems of health, education, industrial and social development, and legal administration that are involved.
3. He should have the moral qualities of courage and independence to resist the pressure which will inevitably be exerted at times to secure improper action.
4. He should have tact and good judgment to secure the cooperation of Congress and other organizations of the government, local and national, the missionary organizations, the friends of the Indians, private organizations interested in special fields of public welfare.

In conclusion the Indian's welfare and advancement to economic independence should be developed as far as practicable under their own leadership, a leadership which at the very beginning should prove an inspiration to all young Indians.

Very truly yours,

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