

INDIAN RESERVATIONS



FIVE CENTURIES ago the Indians owned all the land that makes up the 48 states of our country today. Most authorities agree that there were less than a million red men in that area, but nevertheless the tribes were constantly at war. Now there are more than 130,000,000 persons supported by the same area. Less than 400,000 are Indians. At one time it seemed that the Indians in the United States might die out, but since 1910 their number has increased. They are American citizens with full rights although their voting privileges are restricted in a few states. This map has been prepared from data furnished by the Office of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior and the American Association on Indian Affairs. The tribal names in red italics indicate the approximate locations of the principal Indian tribes before the arrival of the white man. Some of those tribes no longer exist. Names of tribes that have stayed near their old hunting grounds are, in some instances, given only in the type used for locations today. Reservations which are tribal property are shown in red. Orange indicates land which has been or is in the process of being allotted to individuals. Areas in pink are open to allotment to Indians and other races. The green dots represent small areas occupied by Indians, either tribal lands granted by states, counties, towns or individuals, or lands held in full ownership by individuals or colonies of Indians. An outstanding example of the problem involved in providing living areas for Indians is the experience of Oklahoma. At one time nearly two-thirds of the state comprised Indian reservations with most of the land allotted to individuals. The discovery of oil led to the sale of much of the land, making millionaires of a few Indians and leaving many more homeless.

(NEWS map by Staff Artist Sandberg)

LEGEND

- INDIAN RESERVATIONS
- TRIBAL LANDS STOCKED IN PART
- ALLOTTED IN PART
- ALLOTTED AND OPEN
- SMALLER AREAS OCCUPIED BY INDIANS
- BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICTS
- DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS
- AGENCY HEADQUARTERS
- CROW — Type for Names of Reservations
- CROW — Type for Location of Tribes Today
- CROW — Type for Location in 15th Century

SCALE OF MILES

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