

loan fund, the appropriation for organization of tribal councils and corporations, the two million dollar appropriation for new lands, and the prohibition of further allotment.

Let us look at these gift-horses:

Since Oklahoma Indians are denied the right to form corporations, they cannot borrow from the ten million dollar revolving loan fund.

Since they are denied the right to form tribal organizations and corporations, the \$250,000 appropriation for the formation of such groups is useless to them.

Since the Act provides that newly purchased lands be added to existing Indian reservations, or set apart as new reservations, and since the Oklahoma Indians are excluded from that provision, it is inconceivable that the Federal government would buy lands for these Indians unless it had full control over such lands when they fell into heirship status. Therefore, the two million dollar annual appropriation for the purchase of new Indian lands cannot be considered applicable to Oklahoma Indians.

Therefore, the prohibition of further allotment—and what land have they to allot?—the educational loan, and the Indian Civil Service provision are the Oklahoma Indians' miserable share in the New Deal.

How much longer will the Oklahoma Indians be pauperized by a system of law which has for its main purpose the accelerated dissipation of their lands and property? The tribes of Oklahoma need the Wheeler-Howard Act as do few other tribes. Yet they were in substance excluded from its benefits, not by *their* decision, but by the decision of the Oklahoma delegation. The record is explicit and undeniable that an overwhelming majority of Oklahoma Indians voted in favor of the original bill of which the enacted Act is a distillation. This dictum of the Oklahoma delegation was accepted only because in the race against time in the closing days of the session, it was imperative to secure the Act for the Indians of the rest of the country.

The Oklahoma issue must be met head-on in the next session of Congress. Only by forcing it to the center of attention and demanding a show-down can the Administration and the friends of the Oklahoma Indians show their sincerity of purpose.