

income for years to come. This sacrifice was obviated, however, by an appropriation of \$250,000 from the Drought Relief Association, \$200,000 of which will be used for the purchase of goats, and \$50,000 for sheep. The slaughtered stock will be used for F. E. R. A. relief next winter. Various temporary sources of income have been opened up to fill the gap: Emergency Conservation Work, road building, construction of community centers, and the engineering projects connected with soil erosion.

At Mexican Springs, on the Southern Navajo Reservation, eighteen miles north of Gallup, the Department of the Interior is conducting its largest project in the recovery of soil. For several months five hundred Indians under the direction of a large technical staff have been building dams, fencing and removing flocks in this experimental station of twenty miles long by five miles wide. The experiment will be valuable both to the Indians and to the Soil Erosion Service. It will among other things demonstrate how many sheep, goats, and cattle a given type of range can carry and still recover to its maximum efficiency the forage supply and ground cover.

EDUCATION: "Know thyself." That is the core of the new Navajo educational policy. It will influence every man, woman and child to think and act so that GRASS, their life-stream, shall be permanently restored. Inherent in this emphasis on environment is Navajo history and culture, ancient and modern. Inherent, too, is bi-lingualism. With an individual awareness of the weaknesses and potentialities of their particular economic structure, and an individual understanding of their economic interdependence upon the rest of the country, they can save themselves. To quote Dr. W. Carson Ryan, Director of the Division of Education:

"... unless the soil erosion problem is solved for the Navajos, their land simply will not support them more than a few years longer. This is an immediate and urgent situation. To postulate a so-called educational program or any other kind of program in defiance of it would simply mean that we would have a *program*, and no Indians."

The program will be diffused through forty-five community centers, for the construction of which the Public Works Administration has allotted \$1,839,000. These centers will not be schools in the customary use of the term. They will include work-shops, health clinics, home economics rooms, dining-rooms