

difficulties and losses to the California Indians that the Attorney General was designated to prosecute the suit, without cost to the Indians.

The anticipated award will amount to about seven million dollars. There will be no money to spare for parasites; every cent of it is sorely needed for a broad social program among the Indians of California.

## **REORGANIZATION "AT A SNAIL'S PACE"**

Every student of Indian affairs, every survey of Indian administration has demanded the reorganization of the Indian Bureau. Every administration has promised it, but none has accomplished more than an atom of the job to be done.

The present Administration is no exception. It perpetuates the old system of uncoordinated services within the Indian Bureau; each service so ignorant of the other's function and purpose as to destroy all concept of their oneness and common goal.

This old nightmare of cross-purpose and negative purpose is a serious threat to the administration of the Wheeler-Howard Act. The Bureau knows this. If frankly admits that it is moving towards reorganization at "a snail's pace," and with over a year of its assured life-span of four years already behind it, we frankly admit that we despair of any fundamental progress being achieved "at a snail's pace."

True, the Bureau has taken a few sturdy steps: It has ordered a codification of the thousands and thousands of pages of Bureau rules and regulations that apply to field administration. (An appreciation of what this codification should mean can be gleaned from a comparison with the Canadian system: There, an Indian agent can slip into his pocket all the rules and regulations under which he must administer his jurisdiction.)

What is more important is the Departmental Order of July 14th last—"Statement of New Indian Service Policies"—which emphasized the need of shifting to superintendents the responsibility for developing programs on their reservations, thus molding the various technical services and projects into a consistent and coordinated purpose. It attempts to cut the slow-