

you would hear a town holler and cry, because we depend on this governmental agency located in our town. I need not remind you that Riverside near Anadarko, that the Kiowa agency is within the city limits of Anadarko. We will benefit by having it in a better centrally located area for the fact that we, too, can benefit just as southwest people use it. I have another resolution. We have heard comments (words not clear) in regard to our schools up here in nearby Arkansas City. The Chilocco Indian School boarding school (interruption--tape recorder malfunction). (Words inaudible) that there are a hundred and fifty thousand young Indian children, of which two-thirds of that hundred thousand attend public schools. And (words not clear) inefficiencies and of lower grade level than those that attended boarding schools; and that the two-thirds of our Indian population whatever that ought to be-- if had as high as six hundred thousand, I have read--but two-thirds of that many people are under seventeen years of age. Now, you and I and other concerned people must realize that these are our students; therefore, we must be concerned about their welfare. When the highest as a whole in Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, on down and even in Alaska, when thirty to forty per cent of these Indian people are un-employed, this we must reflect in the way of trying to find a better way of preparing so that they can become a proud people once again. My resolution reads: "A Resolution to petition for certain changes in the educational program in the curriculum operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Whereas, nine boarding schools exist now in Oklahoma which are operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the education of students of Indian descent; and Whereas, the said nine boarding schools have been operated for many years with unquestioned of Indian descent; and Whereas, now it appears obviously that the educational program of many years fails to adequately meet the educational