

Seiling is quite a bit better than Canton for Indians. This Max Odell at the Seiling High School tries to help the Indians, and so there's hope there. Also there's different kind of Indians in Seiling. They have better homes, and a higher income, and don't drink like the ones in Canton. And in the halls of their high school there was pictures of some of the outstanding school athletes, and teams, including pictures of Indian athletes and members of the teams. Canton is the worst. We have the same problems here in Geary, but they are much worse in Canton.

The school administration here won't allow Indian participation in school activities--here in Geary or at Watonga, etc. When I was principal here in Geary we had a whole unit on Indian history and customs, etc. Taught about Indian life. And we got some of these old tribal dances put on at night. The old people came out, and singers and drummers. The parents got their kids costumes to dance in and lots of Indians turned out, and lots of Indians joined the PTA at that time. But there's nobody here now that would consider doing that.

The OIO had a meeting here in Geary not long ago. The Ministerial Alliance set it up--contacted the participants for the panels, etc. They contacted the leaders in the community. The superintendent of schools couldn't attend because he would be "out of town". The high school principal was also going to be "out of town". Another man was also to be out of town. They finally got a young English teacher to agree to participate. She was just out of college and this was just her first year teaching in Geary. There was an all Indian panel in the morning, which I moderated, and in the afternoon, there was an all white panel, with representatives from the police, the farmers, the schools (the English teacher), etc. After the panels they broke into groups for discussion. Iola Taylor and her assistant, Bill Gover were there, and LaDonna Harris. This Bill Gover is very radical and I think he alienates a lot of people. He came up to the group I was in and asked me what did I think of Little Red? I told him I thought Little Red was just fine, and I liked to see him dance whenever O.U. made a touchdown. He didn't like my answer. Said he thought Little Red as a mascot was bad for Indians, and that Indians didn't like this kind of thing, etc. He didn't like the way I had had the Indians dance and sing and wear their costumes at school, either.

My impression of OIO is that they go into a place, get the Indians and the whites fighting good--then they leave. The Indians end up worse off than before.

About four or five years ago there was a big fuss at Watonga and a lot of publicity in the Oklahoman, etc. They alledged police brutality and raised a big fuss, and they left. Now the Indians in Watonga have their ears really beat down.

There's a family here in Geary that gets about \$120.00 a month from welfare. There's a grandmother and two kids and the kids' father. The old lady and the father are alcoholics. Every month when they get their check they buy a jug of