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"NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS"
AN INDIAN BUREAU ORGANIZATION
HOW IT WAS FORMED

(PLAN OF JOHN COLLIER, SELF-ESTABLISHED "MESSIAH" OF MINORITY GROUPS.)

1. FORMER COMMISSIONER JOHN COLLIER'S plan to communize the Indian race of the United States, so far as the record shows, started with the issuance of his "DEPARTMENTAL ORDER NO.420" soon after his confirmation as Commissioner in March, 1933. This order prohibited the issuance of "FEE PATENTS" to Indian Allotments. Then followed the introduction in Congress of his iniquitous, Communistic "WHEELER-HOWARD BILL".
PURPOSE: TO REINDIANIZE AND COMMUNIZE THE INDIANS AND TO PERPETUATE THE INDIAN BUREAU.
2. "INTER-AMERICAN INDIAN INSTITUTE". JOHN COLLIER, undoubtedly anticipating retirement as Commissioner of Indian Affairs at the close of the Roosevelt Administration in 1941, was instrumental in creating the "INTER-AMERICAN INDIAN INSTITUTE" by treaty, ratified by the United States, June 7, 1941. (See Hearings, Interior Appropriation Bill, 1943, part 2)
PURPOSE: To dominate the lives and destinies of the 30-million so-called Indians or natives of the Western Hemisphere.
3. "NATIONAL INDIAN INSTITUTE". Pursuant to the creation of the "INTER-AMERICAN INDIAN INSTITUTE", John Collier sponsored the issuance of an "Executive Order" dated November 1, 1941, creating the "NATIONAL INDIAN INSTITUTE". (See Hearings, Interior Dept. Approp. Bill, 1943, part 2)
PURPOSE: As Director, to place John Collier in an office in the Interior Dept. Building, adjoining those of his own chosen successor; to continue to supervise the administration of Indian Affairs and thus perpetuate his Communistic scheme and policies over the Indians of the United States.

"RESOLUTION NO.10". This resolution was surreptitiously inserted in the official minutes of the convention of the "NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS" held in Denver, November 1944.
PURPOSE: This "resolution" urged the United States Congress to appropriate public funds for expenses of the "NATIONAL INDIAN INSTITUTE". (Congress has since refused to make such appropriations) (See Hearings House Approp. Bill, Interior Dept. 1946, part 2).
4. "NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS". A movement to create this Bureau-controlled organization -- an important LINK IN THE CHAIN to keep Indians under control -- was initiated in Chicago in MAY, 1944, by some 22 individuals, the majority of whom were Indian employees of the Indian Bureau. (See "SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL INDIAN ORGANIZATION HELD IN CHICAGO, MAY 25, 26, 27, 1944")
5. D'ARCY McNICKLE, who lists himself as a Cree, Flathead and Salish Indian, Administrative Assistant to former Commissioner John Collier, was sent on a tour among Indians of New Mexico and Arizona during AUGUST, 1944. (See Hearings on S. 747, March, 1947.)
PURPOSE: To influence Indians in those areas to join the INDIAN BUREAU-promoted "organization" already planned to be perfected in Denver the following NOVEMBER, 1944, which would in effect MERGE and UNITE the Indians of the United States with the INDIAN BUREAU.

6. MRS. RUTH MUSKRAT BRONSON, part Indian, present Secretary and Washington Representative of the "NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS," and who was for a number of years employed in the Indian Bureau, appeared before the Senate Civil Service Committee in February, 1947, and, although representing an Indian organization, failed to endorse or recommend any of the numerous bills sponsored by Indian Delegates, but strongly urged larger appropriations for the Indian Bureau, contrary to the purpose of the Committee. (See Hearings Senate Com. on Civil Service, February, 1947.)

CONCLUSIONS. The activities of a so-called "INDIAN ORGANIZATION" sponsored by a Commissioner of Indian Affairs through Indians employed and formerly employed in the Indian Bureau CANNOT be compatible with the best interests of the Indians.

The scheme of Collier and McNickle to unite the Indians with the Indian Bureau, through organization of the National Congress of American Indians was, in effect at least, denounced at the Browning, Montana Convention in November, 1945, a majority voting against Indian Bureau employees serving as members of the Executive Committee of the National Congress of American Indians.

John Collier, in his self-established role as the "GREAT MESSIAH" of minority groups, is now President of the INSTITUTE OF ETHNIC AFFAIRS, INC., with offices in Washington close by the Indian Office, Congress having refused to appropriate more public funds to maintain offices in the Interior Department Building for the NATIONAL INSTITUTE. He is now actively extending his "Dream Empire" into the far Pacific among the natives of the Island of Guam.

John Collier's fantastic ideas and impractical theories, his iniquitous and communistic WHEELER-HOWARD or REORGANIZATION ACT have pauperized great numbers of Indian people. The WHEELER-HOWARD ACT has created FACTIONALISM, DISSENTION, ENMITY AND HATRED among the tribes.

The following observations by Mary Roberts Rinehart in The American Indian Magazine August, 1920, might fittingly be applied in the case of the "NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS" and so-called "INDIANS"

" * * * For the bland and childlike full-blood Indian today has often less to fear from his conquerors than from some of his own people, who have acquired by a mixture of other blood the white man's cunning. * * * But I do refer to that certain percentage of half and quarter breed Indians, and even those with less Indian blood, who have deliberately exploited their tribal relations.

WASHINGTON IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THESE MEN, PLAYING TRIBAL POLITICS WITH SKILL TO THEIR OWN INTEREST, CONTROLLING THE FULL-BLOODS WITH FINE SPEECHES, AND INSISTING ON INJECTING POLITICS INTO THE PURELY SOCIOLOGICAL PROBLEM OF THE INDIAN TODAY. * * * "

BY INDIVIDUALS OPPOSED TO EXPLOITATION OF INDIANS.

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