



INDIANS TO RUN OWN EDUCATION

Southam News Service- Ottawa- Canada's Indians will run their own schools and select their own curriculum, under a new government policy.

The Policy, reached after lengthy consultation between the Indians and the federal government, is to be announced by Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Jean Chretien.

It will mean the transfer of up to \$100 million dollars. It will affect 73,000 Indian school pupils.

Under the policy, which will apply only to schools on Indian Reserves throughout Canada, Indian bands will choose what kind of education Indian children should have to compete in both theirs and the white man's world.

Experiments of Indian control of schooling have been tried with success in Ontario. Now the federal government is ready to turn all schooling over to 250,000 registered Indians.

It will be a gradual turnover with no definite date nor deadline for implementation. The more than 500 Indian bands expected to take advantage of the new policy and of the funds, will first have to reach an agreement with the Treasury Board and the teacher's professional association about the status of the teachers in the Indian controlled schools.

Where the pupil population warrants it, a complete education, up to the final year of highschool may be offered on a reserve.

Departmental sources said while Indian schoolchildren now leave the reserve to attend school, under the new policy, white children, living near a reserve, could attend a school on it.

POOR POLICY CHANGED FOR NORTHERN RESERVES

Toronto- Jack Stokes (NDP-Thunder Bay) told the Legislature the Civil Liberties Education Trust had published a report on the Ontario North that was positive proof that policing in Northern Ontario was not always adequate.

He said that in most areas of the province adequate police protection was taken for granted but in the North many areas were not being properly served.

Solicitor-General John Yaremko referred to the situation as a "real tragedy" but said that policing wasn't the answer and suggested the root causes for problems on Indian reserves had to be found.

He said the provincial police have had difficulty in attracting qualified police recruits from reserves but said that steps were being taken to use native people more extensively.

Mr. Yaremko said his ministry has proposed a native recruitment program that will cost \$255,000 between 1973 and 1975.

James Renwick (NDP-Toronto-Riverdale) said every citizen of Ontario had a right to have his person and property protected. Noting the report by the civil liberties group, Mr. Renwick said it was a devastating comment on the provincial police.

NDP leader Stephen Lewis said much of the discontent and unhappiness on reserves in northwestern Ontario could be blamed on government policy.

He said government policy on mercury pollution has put most of the Indians out of work without providing compensation.

"Every aspect of government policy locks the native people in northwestern Ontario into a situation from which there is virtually no escape," he said.

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PETERS NAMED INDIAN MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

Toronto-Omer Peters of the Thames River Band near Chatham was named Friday June 8th, the Indian representative on

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