

APPENDIX IA

As members of the Graduate Student Christian Movement of the University of B.C. we endorse the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the officially declared objective of the Government of Canada should be such equalization of status between Canadians of whatever ancestry as will entail the disappearance of any specific Indian problem probably within a generation and certainly within half a century.

2. That all possible steps to that end should be taken at the earliest possible time, and specifically, that Indians should be relieved of all restrictions as to conduct, occupation, place of residence, civil rights, education, and equally applicable to the citizen body generally; and that the conferring and exercise of these and related rights be effectually disassociated from the economic and social sacrifices incidental to enfranchisement under the present Indian Act.

3. That in the case of Indians whose health, morale and earning capacity have been undermined or left undeveloped under present conditions and public policies, the Indians concerned be classed and treated as unemployables of whatever ancestry; that those classified as partially but not wholly self-sustaining be given such training, supervision and assistance, of whatever needed kind, throughout such a period as conditions may render necessary, and no longer;

4. That any Indian child shall be entitled to free education in the public school nearest to his parents' place of residence, or such other school as they may choose; and that, where attendance at an ordinary public school is impossible it shall be the duty of the federal authorities to provide educational opportunities equal in efficiency with those available in provincial public schools.

5. That persons of Indian ancestry shall be eligible, on terms of equality, with Canadians of any other origin, to enjoy the advantage of any and all social services financed by public funds; it being understood that expense thus devolving upon municipal and provincial authorities shall be reimbursed by the federal authorities.

6. That subject to the possible wisdom of providing, during the period of transition, for special Indian representation in the parliament of Canada, in accordance with practice in the case of the Maoris of New Zealand, all Indians shall be entitled to enrolment on the voters' list of the constituency within which they may severally reside.

7. That the Government of Canada should announce a definite time for the attainment of the objectives of this Dominion relative to its native peoples and that, in the meantime, progress reports should be issued at specified periods.

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