

indians & their culture

Indians are losing their culture and have no place to turn, Chief John Snow of the Stony Indians said at a multi-culturalism conference last Wednesday at the Chateau Lacombe.

"If Indians lose their culture, where can they go back to?" Chief Snow said. "If Germans living in Canada lose their language, they can go back to Germany and learn their

language."

Chief Snow was speaking on a panel with Robert Ostashevsky, head of the Ukrainian National Federation, Edmonton, and James Walker, of the Archives and Museum Association in Washington, D.C.

Chief Snow went on to say that films and books are being used to degrade the Indian people. Some history books are biased against the Indian.

"When Indians won a battle, it was a massacre; when the white man won, it was a great victory."

"We are going to write our own history books, giving our side of the story."

Chief Snow said that since museums exhibit dead cultures, Indians will view museums with suspicion, "until the Indian culture is respected."

Ostashevsky, who spoke on

multi-culturalism in Canada, stressed the importance of preserving and enhancing different cultures in Canada. However, he was opposed to integration of cultures.

He also said that tax money should be given to cultural groups.

Speaking on racial conflict in the United States, Walker said blacks have been ignored in

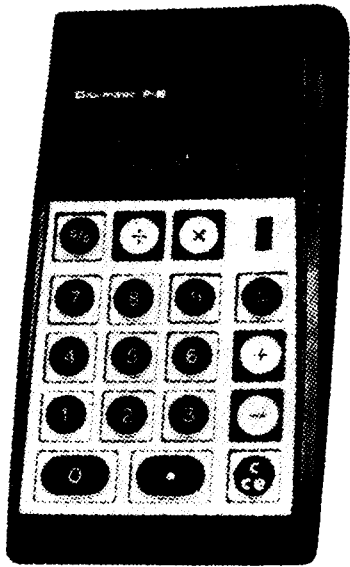
history and made to feel inferior to whites.

After the panel discussion, Walker gave an assessment of Malcolm X and Dick Gregory. Walker said in a *Gateway* interview that they were "great heroes of the American black youth."

Walker urged that more programs that would encourage relations among ethnic groups be established.

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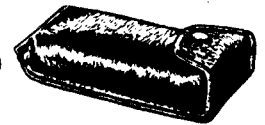
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