

Free Status Plan Urged For Indians

Halifax (CP) — The federal and provincial governments should take immediate steps to establish a program under which Indians and Metis can reach free status as Canadian citizens, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce said Monday.

Delegates at the chamber's 40th annual meeting gave provisional approval to a policy statement saying such a program should be similar to that which gave war veterans special privileges in education and land.

The policy is subject to final approval at a plenary session of the 700 delegates later in the convention.

Delegates were told that many elderly Indians would be taken advantage of by unscrupulous white real estate dealers. The policy statement said that \$123,000,000 was spent on reservation Indians in 1968 in various social welfare programs.

Among other policy decisions endorsed was a call for government support for action likely to promote closer relations between Canada and French-speaking countries.

The resolution noted that as a bilingual country, Canada would benefit from closer communications with countries in which French is the major language.

A Canadian claim to sovereignty over the Arctic waters could have serious international implications, the head of the United States Chamber of Commerce said.

Jenkin L. Jones said such a claim could be used by other countries to justify their dominion over waters now regarded as international.

"If the offshore limit of the high seas is shoved back to 12 miles, what happens to the Straits of Singapore," Mr. Jones asked delegates.

He called for a calmer approach to questions of national sovereignty, saying he had been surprised to discover that the sailing of the tanker Manhattan through the Northwest Passage had brought forward so many calls for a firm statement of Canadian control over the Arctic.

Delegates also rejected a proposal that it go on record as supporting a two-price system for wheat.

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PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad

A black-power movement, spread through the English-speaking Caribbean, is putting pressure on the Negro political leaders of the former British colonies as well as on the United States Virgin Islands.

The movement's adherents emulate black militants of the U.S. not only in attitude toward authority but also in dress and hair style.

Feeding on the social and economic despair that may be found on all the islands, the movement—still largely disorganized—has brought armed clashes in Jamaica and anti-white demonstrations in the Virgin Islands. Throughout the region, Negro leaders, while trying to curb the new groups, have also been yielding to some of their demands.

An example may be found here in Trinidad and on the smaller island of Tobago, the most prosperous of the former British West Indies. Prime minister Eric Williams is pressing for the creation of a republic of Trinidad-Tobago within the British Commonwealth.

Following the lead of Guyana, which will declare itself a republic on Feb. 23, Trinidad and Tobago would like to be the first former British colony in the West Indies to eliminate all symbols of the crown.

Discussions with black-power advocates in coffee shops and on street corners here make it clear that few have any firm idea of what direction they seek.

But all are as one in describing what they do not want.

Students at the University of the West Indies campus here denounce their educational system as being a colonial one unrelated to Trinidad's economic and social ills. As one black-power student said:

While the creation of a republic would not be a fundamental change and would mean little to the average man, it would represent a concession.

The black - power group here appears to consist of angry and frustrated students and unemployed dropouts.

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