

Shawnee Oklahoma, January 5, 1963
425 North Beard Street

*Mr
Indians*

Mr. Jack Yocum, Executive Secretary,
c/o United States Senator A. S. Monroney,
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Yocum:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 6, 1962 in response to mine to Senator Monroney of November 1, 1962 relative to proposed legislation pertaining to Enrollment on the Sac and Fox Indian Rolls of children who live in Oklahoma, as well as children of parents who have departed, or live in other states, yet entitled to have children placed on New Rolls ordered by former Commissioner Glenn L. Emmons. I have contended all along that Congress closed the Sac and Fox Indian Rolls and other Tribal Rolls of Oklahoma Indians by appropriate legislation in 1919. A permanent final rolls was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on October 23, 1923. Such a Roll was followed until the advent of Glenn L. Emmons. He had no authority from Congress to re-open Indian Rolls.

You suggest the matter of rolls could be handled by administrative action instead of Special Legislation. This is not Special Legislation. The very point suggested we have battled for the past 5 or 6 years - denial by the Indian Bureau, sustaining Indian Business Committees to hear and determine the rights of all Indians. My complaint is identical with that of United States Senator Sam Ervin of North Carolina, investigated by his Sub-Committee, that Indians are deprived of U. S. Constitution rights by tribal Indian laws, forced upon Indians by the Bureaucrats in Washington.

As I said in letter ^A to Congressman Edmondson and other Congressmen whose help has been solicited, I say to you and Senator Monroney, the Tax-paying citizens of Oklahoma, (all Indians are tax-payers even though they just pay sales tax) elect the Representatives in Congress from Oklahoma, and not the tough, tyrannical, hard-boiled, slave-driving Bureaucrats in the Indian Bureau in Washington. The present administration in that Bureau is no different from that under IKE, Truman or Roosevelt. Except, that Roosevelt and Truman, as Presidents, dismissed crooked Indian Commissioners of Indians affairs. President Roosevelt fired John Collier and Mr. Truman fired William Zimmerman, Jr., IKE fired nothing.

I visited the new Commissioner in Oklahoma City last March - he promised to help, but surrounded as he is to-day with the same old gang, he refused to do anything. Just another politically appointed politician who needed a job.

It may be with a new U S Senator to be selected on Monday, the Indians may get a Senator who will represent the taxpaying voters, whites as well as Indians. I expect to go to Washington, I'll peddle by proposed bill - may be to Senator Ervin -or our new Senator whoever he may be. Thank you for your letter and your advice.

Yours respectfully

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