

urges continued support of the Carter Seminary Indian School."

I also received a telegram under date of May 15, 1947 from the American Legion Post at Ardmore, which reads as follows: "Hundreds of children are going to be deprived of a home and thousands are not going to receive an education unless you restore Indian appropriations. We want Carter Seminary kept open."

These are typical of correspondence which I have received on this question from people who live in the localities where these schools are situated.

As you know, Mr. Chairman, the Bureau of the Budget has asked for about \$11,865,000 for Indian education for the fiscal year of 1948. It is my understanding that the appropriations for the fiscal year 1947 totaled some \$10,000,000. Since that time, there, of course, have been salary increases and a general rise in living costs. Personally, I do not see how these schools can get along on less than they received last year. I have visited a number of Indian schools and I know that they did not have last year as much as they actually needed. I know, for instance, in some cases, building improvements are required for the health and safety of these children. Many improvements of various kinds could be made to give them the type of care that small children, many of whom are not over 6 or 7 years old, require. I feel that this whole matter of Indian schools should be looked into thoroughly by the Congress with a view to making improvements. In the meantime, I feel that it would be a grave mistake and a grave injustice to these small children to deprive them of the opportunities which they have heretofore had.

In addition to the maintenance to boarding schools, the federal government