

# Indian Troubles Aired

OTTAWA (CP)—Taxis and television posed some problems Thursday as the House of Commons - Senate Committee on Indian affairs heard recommendations from the Indian Association in Alberta.

Dr. P. E. Moore, federal officer in charge of Indian health services, told the committee that after being handed a \$600 bill for taxis run up by clinic-bound Indians his department has had to clamp down.

In one instance 33 Indians had hired taxis for trips into town although only seven had appointments with the area doctor. The rest "went to town."

Howard Beebe, president of the association and a member of the Blood tribe, said the sick Indian often does not have money for transportation.

## BEYOND REASON

Even so, "a great many transportation demands are beyond all reason," Dr. Moore replied. He cited a case where Indians wanted transportation provided although public transportation was available between the reservation and the medical centre.

The department receives an annual appropriation of about \$750,000 for transportation costs, most of it used to fly sick Indians out of remote areas.

The association registered a complaint about television, saying that westerns usually portray the Indian as evil. This contributed to racial discrimination against Indians attending non-Indian schools.

Mrs. John C. Gorman of Calgary, association counsel, said she knew one Indian child who consistently denied her race.

"She doesn't want to be an Indian because when the children play games she always has to be killed."

## SEPARATE DEPARTMENT

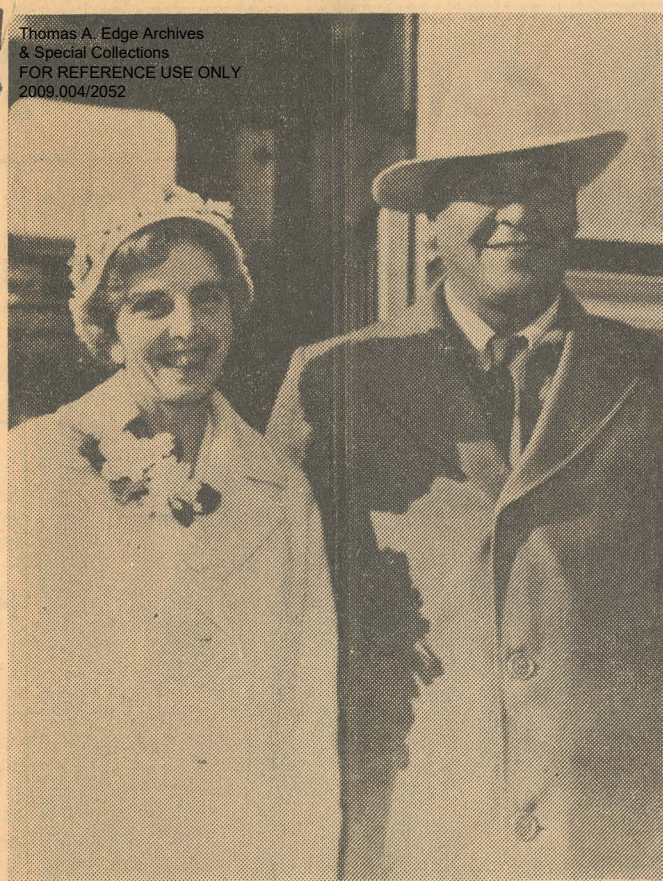
The association recommended that a separate Indian affairs department be set up under a single minister. The citizenship and immigration department now handles Indian matters through its Indian affairs branch.

Dr. Moore told the committee he would resign if a separate department were organized.

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## Royal Visit Planned

LONDON (AP) — The Queen and Prince Philip have accepted an invitation to visit Pakistan in February, 1961, Pakistani President Mohammed Ayub Khan announced today.



# Alberta Indians To Present Brief

The Alberta Indian Association will urge the federal government to improve living conditions for Alberta's 18,000 Indians, in a brief to be submitted in Ottawa Wednesday and Thursday.

The 70-page brief, containing 57 resolutions, deals with such problems as treaty rights, self-government, hunting and fishing rights, need for increased education, welfare and health facilities and employment.

The brief will be presented to the joint committee on Indian affairs of the Senate and House of Commons by Mrs. John C. Gorman, AIA legal adviser, Councillor Howard Beebe, AIA president, of Cardston, Blood reserve, and Chief John Samson of Hobbema reserve.

Before leaving Calgary with the delegation Sunday Mrs. Gorman told The Albertan the brief is based entirely on resolutions voted upon by the Indians and deals with Indian problems as seen by the I

dians themselves. "It is only when there can be a meeting of the minds between the Indians and the government that our Indian policy will be successful," Mrs. Gorman said.

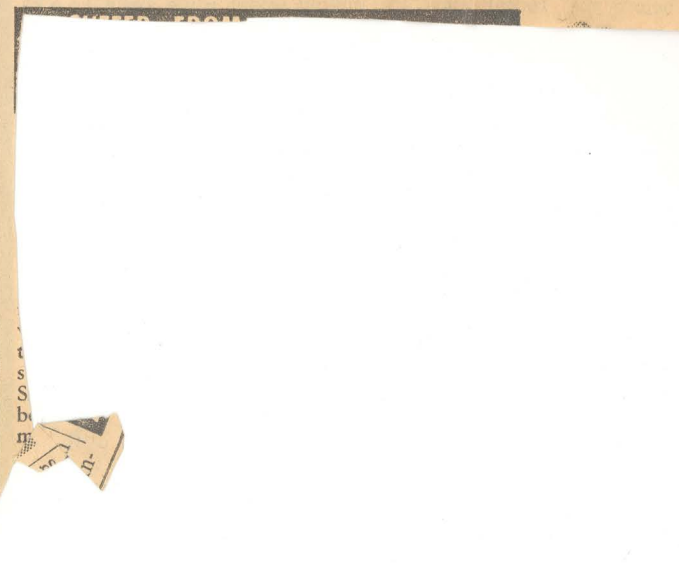
## REPRESENTS ALL INDIANS

The delegation represents all Alberta Indians and the two

Indian members were elected by all tribes.

The brief will be made available to the public soon. The document will be distributed on a non-profit basis.

**AID FOR INDIANS** — Alberta Indian Society will petition the federal government to improve living conditions of Alberta Indians in a brief to be submitted in Ottawa Wednesday and Thursday. Leaving Calgary Sunday to present the document are Mrs. John C. Gorman, legal advisor of AIA, and Chief John Samson of Hobbema reserve. —Ed Grah Photo.





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December 12, 1962.

Miss Ruth L. Gorman, B.A., LL.B.,  
Barrister and Solicitor,  
2713 - Tenth Street S.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Miss Gorman:

Thank you for your circular letter of  
November 23rd concerning the Alberta Indian  
Association.

As National Leader of the Social  
Credit Association of Canada, I am very pleased  
to give you an undertaking on behalf of my Party,  
that it will not, when in Government, make any  
attempt to deprive any Indian of his treaty  
rights on the grounds that he or she has voted  
in a Canadian provincial or federal election.

I hope that, with this assurance,  
Indians will not be reluctant to exercise the  
valuable privilege of the franchise in choosing  
the government of their country.

Later this week the National Executive  
of the Social Credit Association of Canada will  
be meeting and I will be pleased to present the  
matter to the Committee, requesting a formal  
ratifying statement.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. N. Thompson".

R. N. Thompson, M. P.