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To this country, the word apartheid connotes South Africa's dealings with its non-whites. But Canada has its own special brand of apartheid for its Indians, which is illustrated in the case of Mr. George Gerioux of Alberta.

Mr. Gerioux left his reservation four years ago with \$100 savings, his treaty money for twenty years. The fortune he sought "outside" eluded him, and he now lives with his wife and seven children in a canvas tent. He wants to go back to the reservation, but the law will not let him. There are thousands like him, says Mrs. J. C. Gorman, legal counsel for the Alberta Indian Association.

The fate of these thousands and the reasons for it, are obvious. Like Mr. Gerioux, they left the reservations to gain the rights and the competition of citizenship. But the white man who gave them this choice taught them no knowledge or skills to make it a success.

What the law and its administration have done to Mr. Gerioux and thousands like him

is also being done to their children. By law, all children on reservations are required to attend school. Mr. Gerioux's oldest son was eight years old when he left the reservation, yet even now he has never been in a classroom. How many more are there like him?

These Indian parents and their children are the pathetic human harvest of past neglect. Mrs. Gorman explains the reason: That each successive Government tried to get by with spending less money on the Indians. They perpetuated, in effect if not with intent, the original white man's thesis that if the Indians were made miserable enough they would solve their own problem by dying out. But the Indians lived. And the more they multiply, the more imperative their challenge.

Some steps on their behalf have already been initiated by the present Government. But we shall remain guilty of apartheid until the last squalid humiliations of past conquest are erased and the Redmen by law and education are given full and equal rights of citizenship.

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'Segregation, Canadian Style'

Compliments for your editorial, Segregation, Canadian Style. It is admirable from the white man's viewpoint. Looking at it from the viewpoint of the Indians, it could be improved. "Each successive Government tried to get by with spending less money on the Indians." That needs looking into, as it is the Indians' own money, the Consolidated Indian Fund, which is being "looked after" by the white man. All the publicity about spending money to improve the "poor" Indian is so much political hogwash.

"Until the last squalid humiliations of past conquest are erased and the Redmen by law and education are given full and equal rights of citizenship." Sorry, white friend, but the real Indian does not want to become a Canadian citizen. Perhaps he is a snob but he considers himself much too good to become as a white man, upon whom he looks as ignorant of the proper way to live and as a hopeless fool who recognizes no gods but money and power.

Necessity is the mother of invention; if the Indian had been the ruthless, cruel savage it is claimed he was, would he not have developed much better weapons of war than his

"peaceful, God-loving" white conqueror? Would Europeans have offered friendship to boatloads of Indians at sight?

Germany was conquered little more than a decade ago for the second time in this century. Already does she not handle her own finances, and has she not acquired almost total freedom of thought and deed?

Isn't it about time that the Indian be allowed to emancipate himself in whatever way he wishes by first being allowed to handle his own money under the guidance of the ages-old hereditary chiefs? (Not the political elective-system chiefs, God forbid!) From there a slow but steady progress would eventually unite all Indians into a whole ethnic group again.

To all supposed do-gooders such as Senator Gladstone, who wish to "assimilate" the Indian into the white race "for his own good", let this message be carried; What is good for the Indian according to the white man is pure damnation to the Indian; the end of all pride, of all spiritual independence, of all individuality, the obliteration of nationhood and the extinction of race.

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