

RESOLUTION
OF
THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

NO. 497

WHEREAS, Congress by Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) granted to the Papago Council and other organized Tribal Councils the right to review and comment on reservation budgets of the Indian Bureau before such budgets are submitted to the Bureau of the Budget and the Congress, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Indian Affairs in accordance with this statute has recently for the first time invited the Papago Council to present its recommendations on the proposed Indian Bureau Budget for the Papago reservations for the Fiscal Year 1951-1952,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PAPAGO COUNCIL, That it express the appreciation of the Papago people for this action of Commissioner Myer in respecting the right of Indians to a voice in Indian Administration and that it further express the hope that the following recommendations, which are made in response to the Commissioner's invitation, will be seriously considered by the Commissioner, by the Bureau of the Budget, and by the Congress of the United States:

1. The 7,500 Indians of the Papago reservations constitute more than 1/40 of the reservation Indians of the United States and probably the 1/40 with the lowest income and most in need of Federal aid. Out of a prospective Indian Bureau Budget in excess of \$80,000,000 at least 1/40 or \$2,000,000 should be allocated to the needs of the Papago Indians. The budget just submitted provides for only \$770,844.00, or about 1/3 of this minimum that is needed. We believe that this figure of \$770,844.00 represents nobody's judgement as to what should be spent on the Papago reservations but represents only a hodge-podge of arbitrary percentage increases from the budgets of years gone by, which in turn reflect the fact that for many years the Indians of Arizona were not allowed to vote. We ask that the proposed Papago reservations budget be raised to a sum which will reflect the Commissioner's mature judgement of what Papago needs require, and that any such figure for the year 1951-1952 should not be less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00), including the following specific items:

<u>Nature of Appropriation</u>	<u>Indian Bureau Recommendation</u>	<u>Recommendation of the Papago Council</u>
1. Repair and Maintenance of roads and trails	\$37,950.00	\$100,000.00
2. Public Health Work	46,488.00	200,000.00
3. Field doctors & dentists	None	40,000.00
4. Welfare Gen. Assistance	7,800.00	50,000.00
5. Social Services	9,193.00	30,000.00

6. Law & Order, Police 10,283.00 30,000.00
7. Law & Order, Indian Judges, etc. 1,400.00 5,000.00

2. More than a year ago the Secretary of the Interior issued a report recommending that Congress appropriate \$23,000,000 for a constructive program to bring Papago health, education, resource-use and earning capacity up to a decent American standard. This program was to be in addition to the normal Bureau expenditures on the Papago reservations. This program worked out by the Papago Council with the cooperation and assistance of the Indian Bureau has had the approval of the Bureau of the Budget, and the Public Lands Committee of the House as well as the Secretary of the Interior, the President and the entire Congressional representation of Arizona. Now we find that the proposed Indian Bureau Budget for 1951-1952 completely disregards the findings of the Secretary of the Interior as to the necessity for this \$23,000,000.00 program. Our people find it hard to understand this discrepancy between promise and performance. We therefore ask the Interior Department, the Bureau of the Budget, the Congress and the President to add to the regular Indian Bureau Budget for the Papago reservations a reasonable part of the proposed \$23,000,000.00 expenditure, including the following items which we desperately need at this time:

<u>Nature of Item</u>	<u>Amount Needed According To The Papago 10 Year Program</u>	<u>Amount Needed In 1951 - 1952</u>	<u>Amount Now Recommended By Indian Bureau</u>
1. Soil & Moisture Conservation	\$6,000,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$51,750.00
2. Stock Water Development	1,000,000.00	100,000.00	41,722.00
3. Irrigation Systems and	4,500,000.00	450,000.00	149,500.00
4. Flash Flood Farm Improvements	750,000.00	75,000.00	None
5. Development of Opportunities off the reservations	250,000.00	25,000.00	None
6. Construction of Educational Facilities	4,000,000.00	400,000.00	None
7. Construction of Health Facilities	1,300,000.00	600,000.00 (To replace hospital which burned down)	None
8. Construction of Administration Facilities	300,000.00	30,000.00	None
9. Construction Roads and Communication Facilities	3,500,000.00	350,000.00	20,700.00

10,000.00 10,000.00 None

11. Revolving Credit Fund 1,000,000.00 150,000.00 None

3. We appreciate that at this time all expenditures of Federal funds are properly measured by the yardstick of national defense. We have no objection to this yardstick if it is intelligently applied. We ask those who apply this yardstick to keep in mind two things: (1.) Our children die three times as rapidly as white children. Dead children cannot fight. Nor can adults suffering from hunger and the diseases of hunger and poverty adequately defend the country they love. (2.) How the United States treats its non-white minorities may decide whether the non-white minorities of the rest of the world will help our country to defend its way of life or will turn against our country. Of all the non-white minorities in the United States the Papago Tribe is today at the very bottom in the scale of life and death.

The foregoing resolution was on September 1, 1950, duly enacted by a vote of 16 for and 0 against, by the Papago Council, pursuant to Authority vested in it by Sec. 2 (d) of Article V of the Constitution of the Tribe ratified by the Tribe on December 12, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 6, 1937, pursuant to Sec. 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934, (48 Stat. 984). Said resolution is effective as of the date of its approval by the Superintendent of the Papago Agency, and is not subject to the rescission by the Secretary of the Interior.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL:

BY: Thomas A. Segundo
Thomas A. Segundo, Chairman

Attest:

Friscilla R. Garcis
Friscilla R. Garcis, Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED: _____

Burton A. Ladd
Burton A. Ladd, Superintendent