

## T O S O O T H E " A S A V A G E

It is often quoted: MUSIC SOOTHES THE SAVAGE SOUL.

When one was taken from his parents, placed in an Indian School several hundred miles away, and kept there for about 9 months, and then given 30 days to learn the English Language, at the end of the 30 days you were part of the civilized Educational system.

But what about the small Indian children who could not learn the language in 30 days? They were classified as BAD and had to be punished.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs at the time, made sure that all the employees who carried out the punishment for BAD Indians, were INDIAN HATERS. Because the punishment was a beating given by an Adult who many times, was kicked out of some other governmental agency so the bottom of the ladder was an employee who worked at an Indian School.

The beating and your chances of surviving it, was ~~one~~<sup>10</sup> out of one hundred Indian Students.

If you ran away from these Indian Schools your chances of running away a second time was ZERO. When an Indian student ran away, the state the school was located in was alerted. The White Communities from the School to your reservation went on a Man-hunt because the bounty was \$ 100.00 Dls., dead or alive. This represented about 4 months of salary.

If you ran away a second time, you were sent to a state or Federal prison and as an 8 or 9 year old, you never made it out alive.

To me! because of experiences, I can find no excuse or reason that can be given, for anyone not being able to read and write the English language because I know it can be done in 30 days.

But these 30 days can seem like 3 days to a small child who has watched a couple of hundred kids beaten to death so one can find tricks that even english majors never knew existed.

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If you ran away from these Indian Schools your chances of running away a second time was ZERO. When an Indian student ran away, the state the school was located in was alerted. The White Communities from the School to your reservation went on a "hunt" because the bounty was \$160000, dead or alive. This represented about 18 months of salary.

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