

Indians Regret Liquor Inspired White Status

Canadian natives should be permitted to regain their Indian status, the Yukon Territorial Council proposed last week.

According to a report in The Whitehorse Star, many natives who gave up their Indian status are sorry now. They acquired white status because of old liquor laws that forbade natives of Indian status to drink. They did not realize at the time that by giving up their Indian status for liquor, they also were giving up free government medical and educational facilities.

Under existing laws, once a native has become a white man, he cannot revert back to Indian status.