

right? They speak their own language, Spanish, and a good many of them now speak English?

Governor LEWIS. Yes, sir. But only a very small percent of my people can talk Spanish. It is the older people who do.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Washington.

Mr. MEEDS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Governor, my compliments also on your testimony and upon your statement. I wish I had more time to come down and watch the operation, the things about which you speak.

I do not want to be repetitive here. You have been present and heard all of the other witnesses; have you not?

Governor LEWIS. Yes, sir.

Mr. MEEDS. So I will try to be very brief.

First of all, in your Pueblo, you would not make any law—there would not be any law against the free exercise of any religion; is that correct? A person could exercise any religion?

Governor LEWIS. In fact, sir, we have a Christian Reform Mission and a Catholic Mission in our community.

Mr. MEEDS. And a person could speak freely, and could criticize the governing body of your organization?

Governor LEWIS. Yes, sir.

Mr. MEEDS. He would not be punished for this; is that correct?

Governor LEWIS. No, sir.

Mr. MEEDS. Assuming he did not advocate overthrow of it forcibly, or something like that?

Governor LEWIS. We would let him proceed as far as he can go.

Mr. MEEDS. And people can print what they want, within reason, without advocating the forceful overthrow?

Governor LEWIS. With basic truths; yes.

Mr. MEEDS. Is there any limit within which people can write what they want in your pueblo?

Governor LEWIS. I do not think we would put a limit to anything they would want to write, provided it has some truth or bearing on a particular matter.

Mr. MEEDS. Who would decide whether it has bearing?

Governor LEWIS. Well—could I give an example, sir?

Mr. MEEDS. Sure.

Governor LEWIS. We had trouble with our arts and crafts program. We were opposed by our friends in the nearby town of Gallup, and of course they put out a lot of untruth. It made it very hard for us to get started. But we never retaliated through the news media. We let them go ahead. We had a job to do. We had a beneficial program to set up for our people. And that was our main object.

Mr. MEEDS. You felt stronger for it; is that right?

Governor LEWIS. Yes, sir.

Mr. MEEDS. As the other gentlemen have testified, there would be no law or rule against anyone, a group getting together, and discussing things, and even coming out against the pueblo governing body?

Governor LEWIS. No, sir.

Mr. MEEDS. And saying that you should have a sufficient system?

Governor LEWIS. They are perfectly free to do what they wish.

Mr. MEEDS. Now, a thing we have not gone into with the other witnesses—could you explain to me the kind of living quarters that members have in your tribe? Do they have individual houses?