

**DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE UNIT: LESSON 3: HANDOUT 1**

**CARLISLE BARRACKS NEWSPAPER ARTICLE**

*This newspaper article was printed in the May 1880 edition of Eadle Keatah Toh, the official newspaper of the Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania. The author was not identified, but it was likely a U.S. Army officer who was working at the Carlisle Barracks.*<sup>1</sup>

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Indian parents are not to be blamed for failing to train their children in our methods of industry.

How can Indians learn except they are taught? If we want them to learn our ways we must teach them.

We train the Indian youth under our care in ways, that with us, succeed best in making useful citizens. They like the training.

Indian civilization will no longer vex the public conscience, if the public conscience will extend educational and industrial training advantages to all their children.

Indians can be civilized, educated, Christianized and taught the same industries that make the white race so prosperous and happy, and THIS OUGHT TO BE.

Nothing could be more gratifying to us in our work here at Carlisle than the constant expressions of appreciation that we receive from Indians who have children here and from chiefs and tribes teachers and missionaries. Some weeks ago Spotted Tail sent us a message through his son, who is at school here, telling us that we could come home and get 500 children from that agency alone.

One of the Sioux Agents asks permission to send enough girls to equalize the sexes; and now comes Agent Miles, who has charge of the Cheyenne and Arapahoes in the Indian Territory saying, that he wants to add 25 more boys and girls from his agency. He says, "I want you to deny in the strongest terms that there is one child in your school or Hampton against the parents' wishes. THEY ARE PROUD OF IT."

He says further, "We have almost daily applications to include my child in the next party for Carlisle." This does not look much as though an Indian war would begin if children were brought from that agency, as was officially reported through the public press some weeks since. The reason that Indians are not educated and civilized is not because they do not want to be, but because we do not want them to be.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu/sites/default/files/docs-publications/EKT\\_v01n03\\_0.pdf](https://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu/sites/default/files/docs-publications/EKT_v01n03_0.pdf)