

United Church 'Samaritan' Plan Defended

REGINA (CP) — A United Church of Canada plan to integrate whites and Indians has been defended by Rev. W. S. Poulton of Westminster United Church.

Earlier, Chief Peter George of the Sakimay Indian band near Grenfell, 75 miles west of here, had blasted the scheme as aimed at depriving Indians of their treaty rights.

The "Good Samaritan Plan" adopted by the United Church of Canada recently calls for integration of Indians in schools and all walks of life to give them better opportunity.

The 83-year-old chief said the Indian is fearful of leaving the reservations and losing "his heritage through the treaty signed by Queen Victoria."

"It is the negligence to the welfare of the Indian the Good Samaritan Plan is designed to correct," said Mr. Poulton.

The chief also levelled a broadside at Indian schools claiming much religion and little else is taught in them.

This is not so, said the minister. No more religion is taught in reservation schools than in outside public schools.