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### INFORMATION REGARDING INDIAN ANCESTRY

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has never attempted to maintain a comprehensive list of persons possessing Indian blood. Such people are ordinarily identified by and with the tribal groups with which they are affiliated, and recent membership rolls and other pertinent records are maintained in the Bureau's field offices throughout the country. Early tribal records are on file with the National Archives and Records Service, 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue N. W., Washington 25, D. C. To be of assistance in establishing Indian ancestry, the Archives must be informed as to the tribal group with which a person believes he is affiliated and the names of individual Indians from whom he believes he is descended.

No payments are made by the Federal Government to persons simply because they possess Indian blood. Many individual Indians and Indian tribes have money on deposit to their credit in the United States Treasury and checks based on these deposits are issued from time to time to tribes and individuals who have a beneficial interest in the funds involved. This money comes from a number of sources, but in no case was it given to Indians by the Federal Government solely because of their racial identity. Funds held in the Treasury to the credit of Indian tribes often consist of

money received from the Government as compensation for losses of property when the West was being settled years ago, or as reparation for land or other tribal property recently taken for dams, reservoirs, or other Federal projects. Such money, however, belongs to the tribe and is in the United States Treasury only for safekeeping and convenience.

To be eligible to receive payments from tribal funds, a person, in addition to possessing Indian blood, must be a recognized member of an Indian tribe whose assets are being distributed.

There are many persons in the United States who are descended from eastern tribes which dispersed before the present government of the United States came into being in 1789. Accordingly, there may be no existing tribal group possessing property with which they can affiliate. Similarly, there are descendants of surviving western tribes who, because of lack of early family records, cannot substantiate their claims to membership. Consequently, they are unable to establish a right to share in a distribution of cash assets by these tribes.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 2 Sunday dinner - 1 to 4 p. m.
  - April 6 Education Committee - Indian Center - 6:30 p. m.
  - April 10 American Indian Associates - 8 p. m. Fred Paul, President
  - April 13 American Indian Women's Service League - 7:30 p. m.
  - April 14 Indian Center Operating Committee Noon luncheon
- Indian Lore - every Tuesday evening
- Study Hall - every Wednesday 7 p. m.
- American Indian Youth Activities Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p. m. at the Indian Center.

- May 4 Education Committee - 6:30 p. m.
- May 7 LAST SUNDAY DINNER 1 - 4 p. m. (no dinners during the summer)

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SEATTLE WAR-DANCE OPEN COMPETITION

On Sunday, May 21, at the Seattle Center Arena will be an open competition for War Dancers.

- 1st prize - \$300
- 2nd prize - \$200
- 3rd prize - \$100

Write: Bernie White-Bear  
2317 19th Avenue South  
Seattle, Washington 98144

for further information.

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YOUTH RETREAT

The American Indian Youth Activities Club Retreat is scheduled for April 28, 29 and 30 at the Covenant Beach, Des Moines, Washington

The cost will be \$3 for the weekend (\$1.50 per night). Details and information will be sent to all interested youth.

Help will be needed in the kitchen and food donations will be solicited.

Call Miss Jean Hunt, Education Counselor, Indian Center, at MA 2-4980 or write to her at 1900 Boren Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101

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INDIAN CENTER INFORMATION

The 1967 Indian Center budget was approved by the United Good Neighbors Fund and as a result the Indian Center is now able to be open on a 40-hour week. The Center will be open Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 4:30 and from 10 to 3 on Saturday. This makes it much easier to accommodate Campfire Girls, Scout Tours, and other organizations who come to view the displays of Indian arts and crafts.

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"If somebody tells you you have ears like a donkey, pay no attention. But if two people tell you, buy yourself a saddle."

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MORE HONORS FOR MRS. WARREN

The Metropolitan Sertoma Club honored Pearl Warren on March 14 with the Service to Mankind Award for her years of service and counsel to Indian families and for the organization and development of the Indian Center. Pearl and Dorothy Lombard were guests at the Sertoma Club luncheon at the Roosevelt Hotel.

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INFORMATION CORNER

IF YOU NEED HELP AND YOU WANT HELP YOU MUST SEEK IT, ONLY THEN WILL HELP FIND YOU.

Somewhere there is help for you, whatever your needs may be, but first your problems must be known. There are many kinds of help available to the Indian people and we at the Center will try to direct you to the proper place. I think it is important that the Indian people know about some of the kinds of aid available so they may pass the word along to others. In this issue of the Newsletter, I want to talk about the Legal Services Program.

The Legal Services Program provides low income persons with legal counsel, representation and understanding of the law. These services are available to anyone whose income is less than \$2500, plus \$500 for each dependent, per year. THERE IS NO FEE. The program is funded by OEO.

Mr. Robert D. Ashley is the Director and the Assistant Director is Larry Shafer. They have on their staff 6 attorneys in 3 offices located at:

Pioneer Square      West Seattle (High Pt.)  
104-1/2 Cherry St.    6528 - 32nd S. W.  
Ph. MA 3-5455      WE 7-8330

Medical Center  
1700 E. Cherry  
EA 9-2450

Hours 9 to 5 daily  
Monday thru Friday  
by appointment.

These 3 offices handle all of King County. The goal of this office is to see that justice is done for the poor. They have provided legal help for more than 1200 clients since the program started 3 months ago. They handle all civil legal matters, such as divorce, bankruptcy, lawsuits, adoptions, evictions, and garnishments, to name a few.

Each one of the attorneys is sincerely interested in helping to curb the injustice that occurs among the poor. They throw themselves with dedication into solving the legal problems for their clients.

Remember, this service is for you. If you have a problem that requires legal counsel, call one of the offices listed above for an appointment. They are there to help you.

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NEWSLETTER WORKSHOP

Pearl Warren (Makah) and Zena DeLorm (Munsee) attended a Communications Workshop in Billings, Montana, on March 22, 23 and 24. The workshop was conducted by the Bureau of Indian Services University of Utah, Salt Lake City, and was a follow-up of those held last summer.

Many tribes were represented and shared their ideas, problems, and successes. The speakers from the University of Utah had much to offer for improving newsletters and starting new ones.

Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times, Alaska, was a guest speaker and was interviewed by the group.

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FROM THE TEEPEES

Thirty people attended a potluck dinner at the Indian Center on March 2 to honor Chief Lelooska of Oregon. He came to Seattle to teach the abalone classes for two days under the sponsorship of the Department of Interior, Mr. Malin, and the Indian Center. The classes were arranged to be held at the Seattle Center, through the courtesy of Louie Larson. (Special thanks to Mr. Larson for his efforts.)

Carl and Pearl Warren traveled to the Speely-I-Mi craft show in Wapato where they had an enjoyable time renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

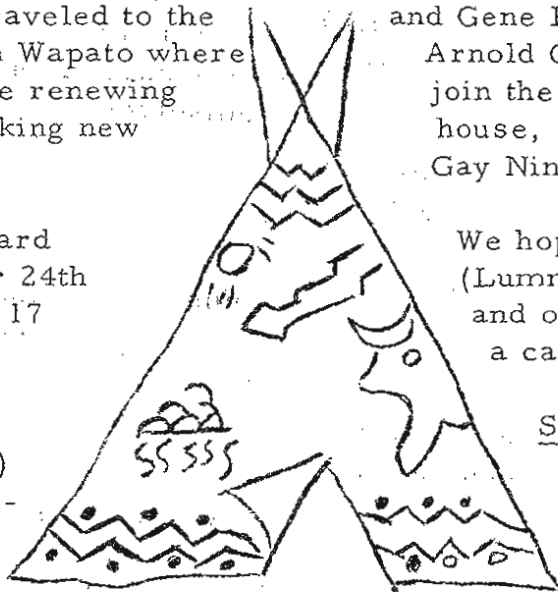
Milton and Dorothy Lombard (Clallam) celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary with 17 members of their family present for dinner.

Meredith Mummy (Makah) is getting to be a real gad-about. She enjoyed lunch at the Black Angus and dinner at the Space Needle on the same day! Later she was a guest of Odelia Hunter at the Mexican Show at the Seattle Center.

Serena Hoptowit (Yakima) is visiting her relatives in California. Sharon Chase (Yurok) is filling in for her at the Study Hall.

Miss Jean Hunt (Yakima), Indian Center Education Counselor, spent three days at Washington, D. C., and attended the American Friends Service Committee Round-up at Atlanta, Georgia.

From Scottsdale, Arizona, Harvey and Nellie Davis send greetings to all their Northwest friends.



Radio KAYO featured Pearl Warren as "Woman of the Week" on their station. She was taken to lunch at the Bellevue Inn and received a beautiful flower arrangement. Joan Lupson (Chippewa-Cree) accompanied her as a guest.

Roger and Zena DeLorm attended a surprise open house for her sister and brother-in-law, Iris and Jerome Matheson, Tacoma, on their Silver Wedding Anniversary, March 4. Two other sisters and their husbands, Nema and Gene Poitras, and Pearl and Arnold Gagnet, came from Oregon to join the celebration. After the open house, everyone went to Steve's Gay Nineties for dinner.

We hope that Pauline Covington (Lummi) is now fully recovered and out of the hospital. She was in a car accident.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the Norman Green (Makah) family at the recent loss of his wife, Esther Green who died following open heart surgery.

Ella Aquino (Lummi) visited her mother, Annie Pierre, who is ill in the hospital in San Francisco.

VISITORS

Dorothy Pease stopped in to say hello. Her husband, Maury, is recovering at home after surgery at Cabrini Hospital.

Mrs. Liza Bill and family of Pendleton, Oregon, and Mrs. Lillian Williams of Auburn visited the Indian Center.

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VISITORS (continued)

From Tahola, Washington, a first time visitor was Clarence F. Pickernell (Quinault) who teaches school at Taholah.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sampson (Swinomish) of Tacoma stopped at the Indian Center to say hello. Martin was at KING-TV taking part in a tape recording. They are planning to go to California for a trip.

James Nahanee (Squamish) is the newly elected Executive Secretary of the Vancouver Indian Centre in Vancouver, B. C. This was his first visit to our Center. He is also serving as interim chairman of the Confederation of Native Indians of British Columbia, a new group formed to help each other with problems concerning their people. They are holding elections for a new director of their Indian Centre and a workshop to work out a program. Best wishes for a successful organization!

Kay Northover (Yakima), Deputy Sheriff, Yakima County, visited the Indian Center for the first time. She also works for the reservation as special police during celebrations. She came to Seattle to visit her brother, Joseph Northover, who is in Harborview Hospital. He will be going to the University Hospital later for open heart surgery. His wife, Martha, is staying with Alethea Runnels and has been contributing her time helping in the clothing department. Kay also visited her cousin, Mrs. Aleatha Northover Carlsen in White Center.

Roger Ernesti of Wapato visited the Center on a recent trip to Seattle.

Ira Fields (Pawnee) was a recent visitor. He is employed at the Seattle Times and has been in the city only a short time. Welcome to our city! Hope you like it here.

Roy C. Brown Tlingit of the Killer Whale Clan (Da-Kee-Xheen) visited the Center. He led a successful fight to be paid for lands taken by the United States when Alaska was purchased by the United States. Public Law 30-180 is now a fact enacted into law as he wrote it. Passed into the province of the Tlingit Nation was complete control of funds of the award.

Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Whitford visited the Indian Center recently. Mrs. Whitford is working in Spokane to start an Indian Center there.

WINNER!!!

Eunice Carney's brother, Paul Ben, of White Horse, Yukon Territory, won the first prize of \$800 in their annual dog team race at White Horse, and he appeared on T. V.

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BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Chief Seattle All-Indian basketball tournament will be held on April 7, 8 and 9 at the Seattle University, Broadway and East Madison. Starting time will be 1 p.m. Friday and it will end Sunday at 6 p.m.

Co-hosts for this tournament will be the Seattle Thunderbirds and the Roadrunners. Twelve teams have been invited. Indian dancers will be there to entertain on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

(Complete results next month on all basketball tournaments.)

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SEYNDEY AND THE WHITE MAN

This story comes from the Kiowa Indians in western Oklahoma. It is also told by other groups, such as the Kiowa-Apache where the main character is Coyote.

Seyndey was going along one day when a white man, riding a horse, came along.

"Hey there," called the white man, "do you know where I can find this Seyndey who always tricks people? I want to see how he does it." "Oh, yes," said Seyndey, "he lives a ways down the road. Would you like me to go get him for you?" The white man said he would like that. Seyndey turned and started down the road, then he stopped and said, "It is a long ways away and I am very tired. Could I borrow your horse?" The white man agreed and dismounted. Seyndey went to the horse. The horse reared up. "The horse will not let me ride him," said Seyndey. "Perhaps if you lend me your hat he will think I am you and let me get on him." The white man took off his hat. Seyndey put it on and approached the horse again, only to have the horse rear up once more.

"He still does not think I am you. Let me borrow your shirt too," said Seyndey. The white man removed his shirt and gave it to Seyndey, who put it on. He approached the horse again, only to have it rear up again. "Perhaps if I had your boots the horse would think I was you," said Seyndey. The white man removed his boots and gave them to Seyndey who put them on. When he tried to mount the horse, the horse reared again. "You had best let me have your pants too," said Seyndey. "Surely he will think that I am you then."

The white man obliged and stripped off his last bit of clothing and gave it to Seyndey. Seyndey put on the pants and climbed on the horse and started to ride away.

As he road down the road, he turned and said to the naked white man, "Oh, by the way. . . I am Seyndey and this is how I trick people." And, so saying, he rode away.

John Beatty (Mohawk)

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