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**NATIONAL INDIAN URBAN CONSULTATION ORGANIZES IN SEATTLE**

Delegates from Indian Centers and interested organizations from all parts of the United States met at the Mayflower Hotel in Seattle on January 29 and 30 to discuss the problems of urban Indians. The meeting was sponsored by the coordinating council of National Indian-interested organizations.

The more than sixty-five delegates came from California, New York, Illinois, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington D. C., New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, British Columbia and from several communities in Washington. In addition, some fifty observers attended the meetings.

An ad hoc committee was formed to do the groundwork for establishment of a federation of Indian Centers and urban Indian groups. Jess Sixkiller, (Cherokee), Chicago, was named committee chairman. Other members of the committee are Hubert Blatchford (Navajo), Gallup, New Mexico; Eula Doonkeen (Seminole), Oklahoma City; Alfred G. Elgin, Jr. (Pomo), San Lorenzo, California; Morland H. Hays (Choctaw), Pampa, Texas; Juana Lyon (Apache-Comanche) Phoenix, Arizona; Floyd Westerman (Sioux), Denver, Colorado; Rev. Raymond G. Baines (Thlingit), Minneapolis, Minnesota; Ed LaPlante

(Chippewa), Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Tony Luscombe (Chickahom), Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. Pearl Warren (Makah), Seattle; and William Ng, Los Angeles.

The hope of the organization is to present a unified front for future efforts in improving the lot of the urban Indian. The committee also will share information and ideas, and help in the development of other centers in large cities. Tribal problems will not be included in the considerations of the committee. They will devote their attention to general problems of Indians who leave the reservations and Indian communities - when they have to make their way in urban areas.

The committee was invited to hold their next meeting at Tempe Cook Christian Training School in Arizona. About 20 cities with Indian Centers or organized urban Indian groups are represented in the new organization

Officers of the organization made it very clear that this was not to be another organization concerned with such tribal problems as termination; that they are most concerned with an effective exchange of information between Indian Centers, and a group who can speak for urban Indians before such bodies as the recent Senate sub-committee meetings in Washington D.C.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS

Hi ther, I'm sorry that we didn't get in the news last month but busy, busy, busy.....

First off, I'd like to report that at the January general meeting the Club elected their officers for the year 1968.

Donna Butterfield.....President  
Karen Growing Thunder...V. President  
Jenny Smith.....Secretary  
Fay Smith.....Treasurer  
George Abbott.....Sgt. at Arms

Appointed to be Host and Hostess were John LaChester and Dolly Cavanaugh.

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE AND SUCCESS TO YOU ALL IN 1968.

We have had several meetings in January for dancing as we will be performing before the "Inter-Racial Catholic Convention at Exhibition Hall at the Seattle Center on the evening of February 7. We sure hope it will be a success and I'm sure all will have a good time.

During the month of December a couple of our boys in the service were home for the Holidays. One was Teddy Abella, who joined us for a couple of our meetings and visited with friends. Another was Ralph Butterfield who left the day after Christmas and is stationed at Fort Polk, La. where he will be for some time. Also Dennis Jackson left us to go into the Navy and is in Boot Camp in San Diego. From what we hear he is doing pretty well even if there are no girls and he won't see any until the middle of February....too bad Dennis....

On January 15th Lillie Kauffman was asked to be on an All-City Panel at the Madrona Presbyterian Church,

where they had a discussion on Problems of Today's Youth. From all reports she did a wonderful job. Lillie goes to Western Washington State College in the fall and we are all proud of her. She also won second prize in a straight dance contest at White Swan in December. Congrats again, Lillie.

At our January 10th meeting Mrs. Lee Piper came down and showed us how to make moccasins and sold us an elk skin. Now she has them all sewed and ready for us. Our many thanks to Mrs. Piper.

Tickets to the February 12 Seattle Youth Symphony were given to members of the Youth Club and those enjoying it will be Dolly Cavanaugh, Karen Growing Thunder, Jenny Smith, Allane and Carla Kauffman and the Chastain family. Hope you have a good time everyone.

In January the newly formed Canoe Pulling Team had a meeting at the Center. The Counselors for this will be Ike George, Bernie Reyes and Bob Lupson. If anyone of you are interested give us a call and we will be really glad to have you.

The Teens have decided to have a Valentine Dance. Those on the committee are George Abbot, Jenny Smith, Faye Smith and Karen Growing Thunder.

At the Basketball Tournament January 19 to 21 George Abbott danced for everyone during the intermission. I guess I know of no one who enjoys dancing more than George. Dolly Cavanaugh was elected Queen of the Basketball Tourney. First Princess was Cheryl Parry and Karen Growing Thunder. Congratulations, girls.

Bernie Reyes is getting ready for his "Pow-Wow" again this year and

DEFLATION OF A CHILD

A child running  
To catch the breeze  
To feel exhilaration  
Against quivering knees

The chilling wind  
Has a forceful hold  
On shoulders thin  
And a mind so bold

Stuttering lips  
And wavering words  
Lead a child so small  
To an insecure world

Thoughts of escape  
No time of release  
The child's regressed  
Into yesterday's peace.

Donna Butterfield  
President, Youth Club

Youth Activities (con't)

has really been busy. Anyone wanting to get in on the excitement give us a call as he can use all the volunteers he can get and it should be a lot of fun. The event will take place in May.

We are sorry to hear that Jim Frazier has been down with the flu and hasn't been able to get down to see us. Get well soon Jim -- we miss you.

The Horseback riding Club will be going out to learn the fundamentals of riding on February 11. Instructor will be Sue Christianson who has two horses of her own. Counselors will be Mary Jo Butterfield, Joy Smythe, and Jean Hunt. The boys will go out on February 18 with Bernie Reyes and Jim Frazier to counsel and instruct.

May I again note phone numbers for

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 7: Catholic Inter-Racial Banquet - Exhibition Hall, Seattle Center Seating at 6:30 promptly. Tickets, \$5.00, available at the Indian Center.
- 8: American Indian Womens' Service League - 7:30 P.M. Haidas - Hostesses
- 13: Red Cross Classes - 7:30 P. M.
- 15: American Indian Youth Activities Club - 6:30 P. M. Dance Meeting.
- 19: Indian Center Advisory Board quarterly meeting - noon luncheon
- 19: Education Club - 6:30 P. M/
- 22: Washington's Birthday Holiday - Youth Club meets - 6:30 P. M.
- 28: Dance Meeting - Youth Club
- 3: Sunday Dinner - 1 to 4 P. M.
- 8: Indian Center Operating Committee - Noon luncheon.

for those who might like to join us. Mary Jo Butterfield - LA 2 2781 or Joy Smythe - CH 4 2788.

May I again invite all interested teens to join us.

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ACLU COMMITTEE SUGGESTS MORE PARENT districts:  
PARTICIPATION FOR OEO SCHOOL FUNDS

An important principle of Office of Economic Opportunity projects is participation, in both the planning and carrying out of those projects, of the persons to be directly benefited.

Applying this principle to the expenditure of federal funds (Provided through the Johnson-O'Malley bill) to help schools on or near reservations, the Indian Rights committee of the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, in cooperation with the Seattle Indian Center, suggests that parents and interested adults throughout the state inform themselves about, and discuss with appropriate school principals and superintendents, the specific amounts allocated for the current school year.

The figures below have been provided by James O. Click, Supervisor of Migrant and Indian Programs in the Olympia office of Louis Bruno, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mr. Click, who came to Seattle for an Indian Rights committee discussion of this subject Dec. 19, 1967, said that \$17,000 of the \$130,000 allocated to Washington State this year under JOM is reserved for administrative expenses including travel. This amount will increase to \$20,000 next year, when the total is raised to \$160,000, and will remain at \$20,000 in 1969-70 when the total rises to \$180,000. Obviously there is room for thoughtful planning in consultation with parents of the children to be benefited.

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Here is the list of allocations for 1967-68, by counties and by school

CLALLAM County

Cape Flattery School District (\$5000 - 224 Children - Dec. 1, 1967 date of payment) - School counselor; primary teacher for smaller class loads.

Port Angeles School District (\$2400 - 161 children - Feb. 15, 1968) - Home visitor and counselor aide.

FERRY County

Hazelmere (8)

Keller (36)

Inchelium (\$5,000 - 129 children - Dec. 1, 1967) - Home Economics program and teacher; Business education program and teacher.

GRAYS HARBOR County

North Beach (\$7,000 - 102 children - Feb. 15, 1968) - Counseling and guidance research service; Remedial reading.

Oakville (\$6,300 - 54 children - Dec. 1, 1967) - Home visitor and counselor.

Taholah (\$5,000 - 107 children - Feb. 15, 1968) - Nursery school; playground supervision; school lunch program; evening study hall.

KING County

Auburn (\$3,500 - 80 children - Feb. 15, 1968) - Fees and lunches; home visitor; adult education; athletic participation and assistance.

KITSAP County

North Kitsap (\$502 - 65 children - Dec. 1, 1967) - Evening study hall.

KLICKITAT County

Klickitat (\$1,500 - 27 children - Feb. 15, 1968) - Specialized curriculum materials.

MASON County

Hood Canal (\$2,000 - 46 children - Dec. 1, 1967) - Appropriate cur-

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riculum materials; guidance counselor and home visitor; food services.

OKANOGAN County

Coulee Dam (\$3,500 - 191 children - Feb. 15, 1968) - Home Visitor; instruction in arts and crafts; remedial reading.

Nespelem (\$2,000 - 133 children - Feb. 15, 1968) - Kindergarden.

PEND OREILLE County

Cusick (\$4,000 - 50 children - Dec. 1, 1967) - Playground supervision; lunchroom supervision.

SKAGIT County

LaConner (\$9,000 - 97 children - Dec. 1, 1967) - Home visitor; expanded industrial arts program; ungraded primary (planning); reduced teacher-pupil ratio at primary level.

SNOHOMISH County

Marysville (\$12,000 - 189 children - Dec. 1, 1967) - Teacher aides' salaries; teaching materials; home visitor travel expense; school lunch support.

STEVENS County

Columbia (\$4,000 - 46 children - Feb. 15, 1968) - School lunch program.

Mary Walker (\$1,000 - 24 children - Feb. 15, 1968) School lunch.

WHATCOM County

Ferndale (\$11,500 - 310 children - May 10, 1968) - Home visitor; school fee and assessments; school lunch program; after-school study center; pre-Headstart orientation program.

Mt. Baker (\$1,000 - 18 children - Dec. 1, 1967) - School lunch program

Nooksack Valley (\$1,200 - 28 children - Feb. 15, 1968) School lunch.

THURSTON County

Yelm (\$2,000 - 58 children - Feb. 15, 1968) School lunch program.

YAKIMA County

Granger (\$7,357 - 134 children - Dec. 1, 1967) - Elementary art and counseling; home visitor or attendance officer.

Mt. Adams (\$10,000 - 390 children - Dec. 1, 1967) - Elementary guidance; home visitor or attendance officer; school lunch support; kindergarden.

Toppenish (\$2,500 - 336 children - Dec. 1, 1967) - Home visitor or attendance officer.

Wapato - \$3,000 - 444 children - Dec. 1, 1967) - Counseling and guidance service; home visitor.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Education Committee met at the Center on Monday, January 15. We had as guest Meridith Mummy. She will be a new member of the committee.

Pearl Warren reported on her trip to Washington D. C. and feels that good progress was made toward more aid for Urban Indian education.

Jean Hunt reported on the Secondary School Placement Program of United Scholarship Service. This program is for American Indian students in 9th and 10th grades who are interested in a college preparatory education. They are tested and all expenses are paid to send them to private schools in the East. At this time there are no schools in the West in the program. Several Seattle area students are applying.

Joan Lupson reported that she expected at least a dozen visitors to the Center for her Neighborhood House Indian service get-together.

Lee Piper (E. Cherokee)  
Chairman

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Mr. and Mrs. George Nightgun (Black feet) from Browning, Montana, were visitors at the Center this month.

CHEHALIS INDIANS SHOULD MAKE CLAIMS APPLICATIONS

Application forms to share in the claims judgement award to the Upper and Lower Chehalis Tribes are now available, according to George M. Felshaw, Western Washington Agency Superintendent.

Distribution of the judgement will go to applicants who were alive on October 24, 1967 and who can establish that they are descendants of members of the Upper and Lower Chehalis Tribes as they existed in 1855.

Applications should be requested from the Superintendent, Western Washington Agency, Federal Building, 3006 Colby Avenue, Everett, Wash. 98201, Attention: Tribal Operations. An application must be made by, or on behalf of, each person. The deadline for filing is Aug. 1, 1968.

700 to 1,000 members of the tribe are expected to share in the gross award of \$754,380.

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NEW INDIAN AFFAIRS PROGRAM HELPS OFF-RESERVATION INDIANS GET HOMES

A new program designed to help Indians buy homes in off-reservation locations has been launched by the Employment Assistance Branch of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert L. Bennett announced.

Confined mostly to the major cities where training programs are effectively being carried out for Indian families, a \$500,000 appropriation for fiscal year 1968 is designed to supplement other activities that help Indian people make the transition from reservation to urban living. The program is designed to give guidance and counseling on

on job opportunities, institutional training, cost of living, housing and community resources. Part of the program is to guide the head of the household to areas where either employment or vocational education opportunities are available.

When the family becomes firmly established in the new urban area through adjustment to jobs, schools and community life, the new program can be used to buy the Indian family a home.

Under the new program, after the man has shown satisfactory work habits, the Bureau puts up the money for the down payment and closing costs, no strings attached. Employment Assistance staffers realistically evaluate the chance the family has to keep up regular mortgage payments, and check the prospects of the community in which the Indians want to live.

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4TH ANNUAL TRADE FAIR

The 4th Annual Trade Fair will be held on March 1 and 2 at Wapato, Wash. Hours: 9:30 to 9 P.M. daily Place: Filipino Community Hall and the Japanese Buddhist Hall on 2nd Street. Indian dancing will be four times a day at 10:30 A. M., 1:30, 4 and 7 P.M. There will be a charge for admission this year. Adults: 50¢ - 25¢ for unescorted children under 12; 15¢ for children in organized groups (such as Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, et.)

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Eloise King has been in the hospital for an operation on her knee. She has arthritis and is on crutches now but hopes to be up and around soon.

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## FOR THE TEEPEES

Major Charles A. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Warren, visited them for two days before reporting to his new duty in Korea. While here a buffet party was held in his honor - 25 guests were present to wish him well. His family will remain in Monterrey, California while he is overseas for the next year.

Some of the members of the Service League held a work party, sorting and straightening out the upstairs teen clothes.

Workers were:

Zena DeLorm, president; Jean Hunt, VP; Florence Hall, secretary; and Joycelle Smythe.

Earl George is out of the hospital and now back at work.

Hazel Pete Strom (Chehalis) from Oakville spent one week going to several schools in Seattle speaking to the fourth grade students, telling them legends and showing them her collection of arts and crafts. While here she was the guest of the Carl Warrens.

A birthday party was held at the home of Milton Lombard to celebrate his birthday - 16 members of his family were present.

A Small-Tribes meeting was held at the Indian Center on Friday, January 19, chaired by Roy George of Nooksack. Some 30 representatives were present in addition to several BIA officials.

Lyle Prince (Clallam) was a recent patient at the Swedish Hospital but

has now returned to his home in Port Angeles.

Pearl Warren took a week's vacation going to Neah Bay and the Hoh, where she visited relatives.

Mr. William Gann of Los Angeles, California, Western representative for the Cooperative Program for Educational Opportunity which is located on the campus of Yale University, was a visitor to the Indian Center where he conferred with Jean Hunt, Indian Center Education Counselor, explaining his program.

Meredith Mummey and Dorothy Lombard attended the UGN annual meeting at the Olympic Hotel Grand Ballroom. Dean Charles

B. Brink of the University of Washington School of Social Work was guest speaker.

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## NEW NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COMMUNITY AIDE

Suzy Pittman, an Eskimo from Nome, Alaska, is a newly hired community aide for the Neighborhood House Indian program. Suzy has lived in Seattle for the past 6 years, though she recently spent 8 months in Juneau, Alaska. She is looking forward to her job which will consist of meeting and working with Indian families living in Seattle.

She will be a new member of the American Indian Women's Service League. Though she misses her family who still live up north, Suzy likes Seattle and hopes to make it her permanent home.

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**LEGEND**

QUATii was home making a bow and arrow. His mother was weaving a basket and his mother said, "Quatii, get me a drink of water". Quatii never said a word, and so she said, "Quatii, if you don't get me a drink of water I will turn into a Quish-Quishie (King Fisher)", and still there was no answer from Quatii. It wasn't long before he heard the noise Qui-ish-qui-ish and his mother turned into a King Fisher. She flew up into the rafters of the house, and Quatii got excited and got a pail of water and said "Here Mamma, here Mamma" and his mother flew outdoors. Quatii followed her to the woods and he was crying and singing, "Abaksuh Bootii, Abaksuh Bootii: and he never saw his mother again. So - children should always mind their mothers and not be lazy.

Helen Peterson (Makah)

**DELEGATES VISIT INDIAN CENTER**

The American Indian Women's Service League were hostesses to visiting delegates from all over the country who were attending the conference on urban Indians. A baked salmon and chicken dinner was served by some of the members who responded to a call for help. Over 100 people were in attendance and all

seemed to have a wonderful time. Lending a helping hand were: Adeline Garcia (Haida) who deserves a special thank you for she did all of the cooking; Zena DeLorm (Munsee); Meredith Mummey (Makah); Eunice Carney (Athabaskan); Lee Piper (Cherokee); Mary Jo Butterfield (Makah); Joycelle Smythe (Makah); Karen LaChes-ter (Makah); Helen White Eagle (Nez Perce and Dorothy Lombard (Clallam).

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