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PEARL WARREN DISCUSSES URBAN INDIAN PROBLEMS BEFORE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE

For the first time the United States Congress opened the door to the urban Indian when Mrs. Pearl Warren (Makah) was invited to testify before the subcommittee on Indian Education of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, December 15 in Washington D. C. Senator Robert Kennedy is the chairman.

As far as she knows Mrs. Warren was the only person testifying during the two-day hearing on Indian education problems, who discussed the problems of off-reservation Indian children and what can be done to assist them to reach their educational goals.

Using the efforts of the Seattle Indian Center with its program of adult community cooperation, youth activities and sponsorship of teacher-training workshops as her pattern, Mrs. Warren suggested methods that might be applied to other areas with similar problems. Directly, she requested more financial aid be made available for individual Indians who have left the reservations and no longer can use Bureau of Indian Affairs funds.

Mrs. Warren talked about the Western Washington State College Teacher Workshop sponsored by the Indian Center, the work of our Education Counselor, Miss Jean Hunt, Yakima,

the efforts that have to be made to get special education funds through such organizations as United Scholarship Service, American Friends Service Committee, etc. She stressed the importance of improving the understanding of teachers and counselors of the special problems of Indian children through the use of teacher-workshops.

Senator Paul Fannin, Arizona, did most of the questioning of Mrs. Warren and it was obvious that most of the committee had very little knowledge of the problems of off-reservation Indians. Other witnesses before the committee discussed boardings schools and the need for them. Mrs. Warren, too, suggested a need for boarding schools in this area, but open to students from both on and off the reservations.

Senator Fannin pointed out that while the specific work of their committee was youth education, they were very interested in the adult education counseling efforts carried on by the Indian Center. His questioning brought out the need for additional financing for the many programs the Indian Center feels are necessary to help educate students who no longer can get assistance from the reservation funds. Education of the community to Indian problems and the Indian to the communities problems was also emphasized by Mrs. Warren.

PEARL WARREN TESTIFIES (Cont)

Mrs. Warren suggests that people who feel that additional funds and programs should be developed for off-reservation Indians should write to the sub-committee with their statements. Address: Special Subcommittee on Indian Education, 4232 New Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., Senator Robert Kennedy, chairman.

Copies of Mrs. Warren's remarks before the committee are available at the Indian Center, 1900 Boren Ave.

JOSEPH HILLAIRE, FAMOUS TOTEM POLE CARVER, PASSES

Lummi Indian chief, Joseph R. Hillaire, whose totem poles carved a niche on both sides of the Pacific died Thursday, Dec. 28, in a Bainbridge Island nursing home. He was 73.

Hillaire was perhaps best known for the 31 foot pole he carved for Seattle's sister city, Kobe, and the 33 foot totem he carved for the Seattle World's Fair. In October, 1961 he traveled to Kobe for the dedication of his pole in front of the Kobe City Hall. A year later he traveled to Washington, D. C. and throughout the country with the pole he was then carving for Century-21 here.

Hillaire, who made his home at Suquamish until a stroke felled him in August, 1963, once estimated that he had carved more than 100 totem poles.

Hillaire had little formal schooling, had completed the 8th grade at the Tulalip Indian school. Later he became a non-denominational evan-

galist, establishing churches for Indian congregations in Washington and Oregon. He also worked as a logger. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and he also embraced the Bahai faith.

Survivors include his wife, Lena, Suquamish, four daughters, Mrs. Pauline Covington, Seattle, Mrs. Walter Fowler, Spartonburg, S. C., Mrs. Edna Dorothy Vercoe, Anchorage and Miss Mary E. Hillaire, Bellingham; 3 sons, Benjamin W., Ferndale, Bert V., Lummi Reservation and Rubin G., Bellingham, a brother, Benjamin, Ferndale, and a sister, Mrs. Delphine Tom, Seattle. There are 44 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Chief Hillaire was buried in the Suquamish Chief Seattle Cemetery near the totem pole he carved for the Seattle World's Fair.

(From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, December 30, 1967)

JEAN HUNT TRAVELS FOR UNITED SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Jean Hunt recently returned from a 12 day trip to the East for United Scholarship Service. Miss Hunt spent 5 days in Philadelphia chaperoning a Thanksgiving retreat for Indian students attending college prep schools in the area. She attended a staff meeting in New York, then went to Connecticut and New Hampshire, visiting Yale College and high schools in the area with Indian students. She completed her trip with conferences in Washington, D. C. and commented on her return, "it was inspiring, rewarding, but exhausting, and very good to be home

LOCAL INDIANS WIN HONORS IN NATIONAL INDIAN ART EXHIBIT

Northwest Indian Artists, participating in the 1967 Biennial Exhibition of American Indian Arts and Crafts, in Washington D.C., came home with several awards.

Lawney Reyes (Colville) of Seattle won a special award in the professional category for his carvings; Peter Seeganna (Eskimo), Sitka, Alaska, sculpture; and Delores Castillo (Spokane) of Oswego, N. Y., pottery. Purchase awards were made to each of them.

Entries for the exhibition were gathered on an invitational basis from 138 Indian artists and craftsmen representing more than 40 tribes throughout the nation. The over 250 items entered included paintings, sculpture, graphic arts, pottery, textiles, basketry, jewelry, and carving.

Isaac Koyuk (Eskimo), College, Alaska, was a student award winner in the student classification. Other local artists participating by invitation were Nathan Olney (Yakima) textiles; Carol Orr Maas (Colville) paintings; Earl Livermore, (Blackfeet), paintings; and John Hoover (Alaskan), carvings.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Center for Arts of Indian America, a non-profit organization.

JOB OPENING

The Public Health Service Indian Health Area Office in Portland, has an opening for a Management Trainee. Preference will go to a qualified candidate with 1/2 or more Indian blood; a Bachelor's Degree or higher degree in arts or science;

and an interest in person-to-person relationships. The candidate must take the Federal Service Entrance Examination. A two-year training program at the GS-5 or GS-7 pay level is planned for the excepted trainee. More information is available at the Public Health Service Office, 319 S. W. Pine Street, Portland, Ore., 97204.

MAKAHS ELECT

Two new councilmen were elected last month to the Makah Tribal Council at Neah Bay. Joseph Lawrence, incumbent councilman, defeated Alberta Thompson and Harry Wachendorf defeated Hilary Irving.

BOAT FUNDS APPROVED FOR MAKAHS

The Small Business Administration has approved a \$347,080 loan to the Makah Development Corporation for buying and equipping 10 fishing vessels. The fishing vessel project is a part of an economic development program launched by the tribal council and Bruce Wilkie. It also includes construction of a pier for tying up a floating fish process plant.

CHRISTMAS BOXES

Over 80 Christmas boxes were filled and delivered or picked up by grateful families. Many hands and long hours made Christmas happier for many. Those helping were: Gerry McClurg, Lottie Fenton, Odellia Hunter, Joycelle and Bob Smythe Liz Saludo, Kathy Timmons, Ida Dahl, Helma Ward, Julia Fisher, A&E Jackson and Frank Pushruk plus the Indian Center staff.

COYOTE'S HAIR

The coyote was once a man. He was very foolish and at the same time, he was very smart. He managed to live without working for his food most of the time. One winter, he and his children ran out of food before the winter was over, and he had to find food soon or he and his children would surely starve to death. So he went out looking for some friendly neighbors whom he hadn't visited before. He found the Eagle family living close by. He managed to talk them into giving him some food for both him and his family, but being a coyote he ate all the food before he got home. In a short time, he was hungry again. He went to see his friends, but they would not give him any more food because they knew that he ate all the food before. So he walked all day and could find no one. He went out every day and looked for some one to give him food so that his children would not starve to death. Actually, he was looking out for himself and not all interested in his kids. Finally a day came when he could not stand it any longer, so he killed one of his boys and roasted him over the fire in his wigwam and had a feast. His other children refused to eat their brother. As the days went by, he killed and ate all four of his children. The day came when he found he did not have any more children to eat and he had no neighbors to go to. He did a lot of thinking as he got hungrier and hungrier.

He went down to the creek to get a drink. He had long hair, mangy and rather dirty. As he stooped down to drink, his hair would fall in the water. He looked at his reflection for a while and wondered if his hair would be the answer to his problems.

No sooner than the sun went down the mountain, before coyote was in his bed for the night. He was hopeful that during the night the Great Spirit would come and tell him what to do. Sure enough, as he was sleeping, he heard a voice saying, "you foolish creature. You do not have to be hungry. When the sun comes up in the morning, go and climb the nearest Pine tree, the tallest one, and climb as high as you can. When you reach the top, you will receive an answer to your problem".

It was quite early in the morning when coyote was already looking at all the Pine trees near his home. Soon, he was climbing one. He reached the top and sat on the trunk of the tree and waited. No sign came. He waited. The day passed. Finally, it was evening, and still there was no sign. He got tired and sleepy. Before he knew it, he fell off the tree. As he fell, his long hair got caught in the limbs of the tree and by the time he hit the ground, a lot of his hair were hanging on the tree. When he hit the ground, he looked up at the tree and there all his hair hung. A voice came to him, "The hair which you lost will be the food which will save your people from starving in the here-after".

Today, the Spokane Indians, as well as the Nez Perce, Yakimas, Cayuse, Palouse, Calispel, Flathead, Umitilla and Warm Springs tribes use the black moss of the Pine tree as food. When baked right, it is delicious. As long as there is a Pine tree standing somewhere the Indians will not starve. Coyote's hair has turned out to be the life-saver of our people.

Ellen McCarty (Spokane), 2428 N. W. Boulevard, Spokane, Washington

Rain drops

FROM THE TEEPEES

Autumn leaves

Walk in the dark

Sadness and despair

Sun shines

birds sing

falling leaves

loneliness

Face in the dirt

a thing called hurt

second try

Who knows why

R. A. Swanson (Chippewa)

Ida Dahl and her grandson, Randy, took a trip to San Diego, California to see her daughter during the holidays.

Visitors to the Indian Center during the holidays included: Jim Danielson, who left the area office in Everett early this fall and is now with the PHS Indian Health Area office in Portland; Dick Phare and family from Lummi; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sampson from Port Angeles, Wash.; Mrs. Ellen McCarty and daughter, Darlene, from Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. George Butterfield (Mary Jo) held a surprise 27th anniversary party to honor her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Warren on December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smythe announce the arrival of a new daughter, born in December, and joining sisters Karen and Lois. Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Paul and their daughter, Nina, left for Mexico on Christmas Day. They spent two event-filled weeks in Mexico City and the surrounding area, Taxco, Cuernavaca, Toluca with their daughter's fiance, Sr. Jorge Montano, acting as their guide. They visited Aztec ruins, Spanish colonial churches, the silver shops, bull fights and the ballet de folklorico. Most memorable part of the trip was the Christmas fiesta spirit and the lovely lighting of all of Mexico City during the holidays. Nina and her fiance met last summer in Connecticut where they were both students at the Institute of World Affairs. St. Montano is presently on the legal committee of the 1968 Olympic Games.

Leo LeClair (Muckleshoot) visited at the Center recently, while on vacation from his position in Salt Lake City. Carol Orr Maas and her husband also stopped by while visiting in Seattle.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH CLAIMS FRANK PUSHRUK

Sunday, December 24, Frank Pushruk fell to his death from the seventh floor of the Frye Hotel. He was an Eskimo, formerly of King Island, and well known for his soap-stone carvings.

BLOOD DONORS ARE NEEDED EVERY DAY.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

January 7: Sunday Dinner, 1 to 4 p.m.
Public is welcome.
Adults - \$1.25
Children - .75

11: American Indian Womens Service League Meeting
7:30 p.m.
Hostesses: Clallama

12: Indian Center Operating Committee Meeting -noon luncheon

15: Education Committee Meeting - 6:30 P.M.

18: American Indian Youth Activities Club - 6:30 P.M. - Election of Officers.

The Children's Christmas party was a huge success with over 300 children attending. Santa Claus (Wilbur Betts) helped entertain the children. Bernie Reyes was responsible for the entertainment which consisted of folk songs and dancers.

Those helping with the party were the members of the Youth Group: Donna Butterfield, Robin Butterfield, Ray Colbey and John Maine.

Adults who helped were: Mary Jo Butterfield, Joycelle Smythe, Meredith Mummey, Eunice Carney, Bill DePoe, and Zena DeLorm.

Roger DeLorm donated a unit of blood last month to the Indian Center Blood Bank.

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