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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, INDIAN CENTER NEWS!

The Indian Center News is eight year old this month and we hope everyone will wish the Indian Center News a "Happy Birthday". We also hope to continue going to your homes to inform you of what is going on.

It's surprising to see all the Indian newspapers, but how many from this area can say they were first? The Northwest Indian News was discontinued when the Indian Center News was begun.

We saw the need for communication among the Indians in the Northwest. Little did we think of a time when we would be sending it to Viet Nam and colleges and people all over the United States, including the San Quentin Prison. We plan to reprint some of the articles written

by our Indian people, for the benefit of our new members.

The Indian Center News is a volunteer effort of the American Indian Women's Service League. We hope you have enjoyed reading our paper as much as we have enjoyed working on it. If we have not given you the news you wanted, it is because you have not sent it to us. We try to use the news we receive.

The paper is intended to be a means of communication to inform interested people, non-Indian and Indian alike, of the progress of the Indian Center and Indian activities.

We hope our paper has been a means of bringing our Indian people closer.

The American Indian Women's Service League meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (with the exception of June, July and August) at the Indian Center. All Indian are welcome to join. Dues are \$1.00 per year (cheap!)

BILLINGS HONORED AT PROJECT DIRECTORS MEETING IN DALLAS

Dr. Thomas A. Billings, national director of UPWARD BOUND, was presented with a scroll honoring him for his service to the program at the meeting of project directors in Dallas in early December.

Dr. Charles Galitri of Hofstra University, New York, made the presentation on behalf of the 300 project directors. It read:

A PROCLAMATION

On this Sixth day of December in the year 1968 the Project Directors of UPWARD BOUND programs in all fifty of these United States and the territories of Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, proudly confer upon

DR. THOMAS A. BILLINGS
NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF UPWARD BOUND
THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

the

UPWARD BOUND
ACCOLADE EXTRAORDINAIRE

FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE in his country, and in particular to the poor and forgotten young men and women whose talents have for so long been wasted by a blind and indifferent public.

We honor Dr. Billings for his distinguished service to the Project Directors and their staffs, for his inspiration and help to them as they performed the daily tasks of helping their students prepare for college.

We honor him for the strength of his convictions and his ability to change his mind when it helps one more student into college.

We honor him for juggling the many demands placed upon him; the mandate of the United States Congress as well as the interpreters of this mandate; the demands pressed

upon him by persistent and impatient Project Directors; the requests for clarification by college and university Presidents, Vice Presidents, Deans and Business Managers; the spotlight of the United States Press as it focused on Upward Bound, the Experiment in International Living, and a letter from a high school girl in Massachusetts; the requirements of bureaucracy; his own instincts and commitments and frustrations; and above all the hopes and desires of thousands of Upward Bound students impatient to succeed. We honor him for his success in juggling all of these demands because in the end he satisfied everyone as Upward Bound students entered college at a rate above the national average. The days were often hard and sometimes green, but the final statistics are red, white and blue.

We honor Dr. Billings not least of all for his humanity; for his romantic realism; for his visits to places east of the Mississippi River; for the education he gave and the education we believe he received; for his Yankee spirit and his Far Western roots; for his combination of head and heart, right hand and left hand; and for his living proof that a Federal bureaucracy can be flexible.

On this occasion, we wish him CAP forms full of happiness, Guidelines of good cheer, Supplements of joy and prosperity, the Federal and non-Federal shares of success, and we grant him the Directorship of his future with the condition that his Follow-Up plans be worthy of his potential.

(The scroll measured 2 feet by 3 feet and was accompanied by signatures of the project directors who attended the Dallas meeting.)

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INDIAN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY OPENED
IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Business, industry, and Government in the Washington, D.C., area now have a convenient source of Indian skill, talent and labor, Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, said, in announcing the opening of a Field Employment Assistance Office in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Building, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

This is the eighth such "Indian Employment Agency" to be run by the Bureau, the Commissioner pointed out. The others operate in Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, Oakland-San Francisco, and San Jose, California.

The Washington, D.C., office is headed by Mary Ellen Rawley, until recently director of the Seattle, Washington, Orientation Center, a Halfway House conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Eskimos, Indians and Aleuts of Alaska relocating to the "lower 48".

Any Indian, Eskimo or Aleut on or near a reservation or trust land may request the help of the Bureau in finding a job in Washington, D.C. and relocating here, Miss Rawley said. An Indian who relocates ordinarily does so because the economic base of his reservation is too small or too poor to provide sufficient new job opportunities, or because of interest in a field not available locally.

The Employment Assistance Office gets details of possible jobs from a prospective employer. It attempts to have interviews available for a specific Indian applicant before he arrives in Washington, D.C.

The Indian jobseeker makes his wish to leave his reservation known to his local Bureau of Indian Affairs agency. He is counseled on possible vocations to enter and suitable geographic locations available. Those who specifically request

Washington, D.C., may be attracted by the type of work here or personal factors, Miss Rawley said.

The Indian, Eskimo or Aleut may come to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area by automobile, bus, train or airplane. In any case, he is met by a member of the staff of the Employment Assistance Office and taken to temporary housing.

Orientation is conducted by the Employment Assistance Office before and after the relocatee is placed in a job. The Bureau of Indian Affairs makes an effort to see that the newcomer has found permanent housing as attractive as he can afford, knows the fundamentals of budgeting a paycheck, has met a minister of his church, and located a suitable transition from the previous rural environment to urban living is available.

Since the Washington, D.C., Employment Assistance Office was opened in mid-summer, 31 Indian, Eskimo and Aleut jobseekers have been placed, Miss Rawley said. Among other employers, they are now working for the Department of State, Department of Defense, Indian Claims Commission, Philco-Ford Corp., U.S. Public Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Senator George S. McGovern of South Dakota, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, FBI, Giant Food Corp., the Girl Scouts of America, Smithsonian Institution, and the Department of Interior.

Prospective employers who wish to consider "hiring Indian" are urged to get in touch with the Washington, D.C. Employment Assistance Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs by calling Mary Ellen Rawley, 343-3331.

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(Department of the Interior
news release)

FROM THE TEEPEES

Mrs. Linda White, daughter of Kathy and James Kerstetter is here visiting her parents for two weeks while her husband is out to sea -- Linda is living in San Diego.

Ed Hayes, Kamiah, Idaho, had the misfortune to fall and break his kneecap. That will require being in a cast for several weeks. He is the father of Helen White Eagle (Nez Perce).

Anna Hickok of Anchorage Welcome Center visited the Indian Center recently.

Alma and Jay Chastain volunteered to take a carload of things to the flood victims in Lummi. They found out they have a real need for almost anything.

Three groups of children from the Federal Way Preschool visited the Indian Center and Bert Peters took time out to talk to them and sing a few songs.

Modelle Mudd is now out of the hospital and is recovering at the home of the C. C. Warrens.

Edward Clapanhoo was elected chairman of the Makah Tribal Council at a reorganization meeting recently. He defeated Luke Markishtum, acting chairman for most of the past year, by a 3 to 2 vote. Joseph Lawrence, Jr. was elected the vice-chairman.

Clapanhoo, a 1947 graduate of Neah Bay High School and 1956 graduate of Washington State University, is vice-president of the Board of Directors of the Cape Flattery Co., a fish processing firm, is chairman of the tribal council's forestry committee, and is starting his second 3-year term on the council. He plans to be married on February 1 to Mrs. Thelma Tolliver, Port Angeles.

Robert Soneneke will be the new business consultant, replacing Tandy Wilbur, Jr.

PFC Charles Moody (Warm Springs) son of Clara Moody of Warm Springs, has safely returned home from an extended tour of service in Viet Nam. He was met at McChord Field by his sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and Al Doney, who drove him home to Oregon. His mother plans the traditional welcome home dinner for him on February 8.

Jessie Cagey has returned home to Alhambra, Calif., and writes that it was 80° there. Quite a difference after her ten-day stay in Seattle with all our snow.

Sympathy is extended to the family of LeRoy Henry who passed away on January 19 in Tulalip. He was Jane Souron's brother.

Aloma Danley volunteered her services to help Indian Center staff catch up on daily statistics.

Fred Paul, Chairman of the Indian Center Advisory Board and Operating Committee, was in Washington, D.C., on business recently.

Bob Lupson has been appointed as a delegate to the Board of the Seattle-Kind County Office of Economic Opportunity.

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SOIC

Every Thursday, Pete DePoe, recruiter for Seattle Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc., is at the Indian Center to interview prospects for job training at the SOIC, 120 - 23rd Ave. East. For further information call him at EA 4-8270.

BORDER WAR WAXES HOT - Indians
Have Reservations About Duties

Customs officials confiscated a grocery-laden sled being pulled by a four-year old boy across the International Bridge between Massena and Cornwall, Ontario, in another confrontation between the Canadian government and Mohawk Indians.

The Indians claim a treaty signed in 1794 (Jay Treaty) protects them from paying duty charges on goods brought back and forth across the international border on their reservation. Forty-seven Indians were arrested on the bridge in December when they set up a blockade to protest duty charges.

Action began when 10 Indians and a Montreal model, Kahn Tinetahorn, crossed the bridge and the model refused to pay duty on her goods.

The group passed without incident, with one Customs official remarking, "Well...I couldn't very well tackle her."

Three hours later, Alex Burns, four year old son of lacrosse player Peter Burns, tried to pull a sled with \$12.94 worth of groceries on it across the bridge, with about 100 Indians looking on. Customs guards, backed by four Royal Canadian Police, confiscated the sled.

Afterwards, the Indians returned to the longhouse on the U.S. side of the reservation to decide their next action. Some leaders said they may try to have the Customs station removed because it is on reservation land.

(News release from Massena, N.Y.)

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NOTICE: Any University of Washington student (Indian) who is looking for part-time work to help with school, call Adelina Garcia, MA 3-0272, if you are interested.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2 - Sunday dinner 1-4 p.m.
Everyone welcome
Adults \$1.25
Children (under 12) 75¢

13 - American Indian Women's Service League meeting at 7:30 p.m.

17: Advisory Board Quarterly meeting. Noon lunch

March 2 - Sunday dinner 1 - 4 p.m.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Northwest Inter-Tribal Club plans to meet on Saturday, February 8, at 6 p.m. at the Indian Center, 1900 Boren Avenue.

The A.A. Totem Pole Group (Indian) meets every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. at 821 Yesler (between Broadway and 8th Avenue) Neighborhood House. For further information call MA 3-4171 or call the chairman, Howard R. at WE 7-4427. Everyone is welcome -- the meetings are open.

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RETIREMENT

Fred H. Claymore (Sioux), Agency Employment Assistance Officer, Western Washington Agency, BIA, will retire effective February 28, 1969, after 32 years of service with the Bureau. Mr. Claymore has occupied positions at Cheyenne River Papago, Crow, Northern Idaho and Western Washington Agencies. He will be honored at a dinner in Everett, February 28 at 7 p.m. at the Elk's Club, 2731 Rucker, Everett. Those wishing to attend should contact the BIA in Everett by February 24.

Elk was a bully. He was bigger than everyone else so he pushed people and things around and no one could stop him.

One day he came to Thrush's house and knocked it over. This made Thrush very angry and he challenged Elk. Everyone came to see the battle.

Thrush got ready, he put his knife in his belt and Elk asked if he was ready. Thrush said, "Yes". Elk laughed and told Thrush he

could just step on him so he said Thrush should try to come at him first. But all the time he was laughing so hard that his eyes were closed with laughter. While his eyes were closed, Thrush flew up Elk's nose and went to his heart where he cut with his knife and won the fight.

The moral of this story is never underestimate the small man.

Told by: John Thomas Nitinat

REMINDER

Sunday dinner - March 2 - 1 to 4 p.m. Adults 1.25
Children under 12 - 75¢ -- Roast turkey with all the trimmings will be served- The ladies from Alaska will be in charge -- The money raised from these dinners go to the Indian Center.

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