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TAOS PUEBLO INDIANS NEED SENATE APPROVAL FOR RESTORATION OF HISTORIC
RELIGIOUS BLUE LAKE WILDERNESS AREA

From: New York Times Editorial,
July 17, 1968, under heading THE IN-
DIANS NEED BLUE LAKE

The Taos Pueblo Indians of northern
New Mexico recently held a celebra-
tion, complete with colorful Indian
dances, to thank the U. S. House of
Representatives for unanimously pass-
ing the bill (H.R. 3306) proposing
to restore to the Indians some
48,000 acres of the sacred Blue Lake
watershed in the Sangre de Cristo
Mountains.

When President Theodore Roosevelt
authorized establishment of Carson
National Forest in 1906, these long-
recognized tribal lands were taken
from the Pueblo - but with a promise
that the Taos Indians would have
exclusive use of the area for their
personal needs. Unfortunately, in-
fringements on "exclusive" use soon
occurred, and the Pueblo people have
been trying to get their lands back
ever since.

The Blue Lake area is of course a
valuable source of water, food and
wood for the Indians. Yet it is
far more than material wealth that
motivates these people-of-the earth.
As with all inhabitants of arid
regions, water has a particular val-
ue - often symbolic of the essence
of life itself. The Rio Pueblo de

Taos, which waters the crops of the
Pueblo and which flows through the
central plaza of the village itself
has had this prominent spiritual
significance for centuries. This
waterway of life, originating high
in the snow-capped mountains at
Blue Lake, literally and symboli-
cally sustains all life forms in
the area.

The pending legislation, which now
awaits Senate action, states "That
the Pueblo de Taos Indians shall
use the lands for traditional pur-
poses only, such as religious cere-
monials, hunting and fishing, a
source of water, forage for their
domestic livestock, wood, timber
...", and then adds that "the lands
shall remain forever wild and shall
be maintained as wilderness" as
defined in the Wilderness Act of
1964.

This measure gives the Senate a
clear opportunity to correct one
of the multitude of tragic mistakes
of the past in the abuse of the
American Indian."

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Bob Jim, Chairman of the Yakima
Tribal Council, has sent a letter
of appeal to Senator Henry M. Jack-
son, ending with the following
request: We therefore ask our
brother, United States Senator

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Taos Pueblo Indians

Henry M. Jackson, to take the lead in supporting and urging passage by the Senate of H.R. 471 as a matter of first priority. No group has been more patient than the Taos Indians in their plea for the right to live in dignity and honor. No issue more clearly expresses the quest of my people and of all Indian citizens to share this fundamental American right.

on February 19 and 20 and was very informative. On the 17th she attended the Seattle Youth Activities luncheon, a new area to be explored more fully.

One evening was spent at the Lowell School speaking to a class on American Indian problems here in Seattle. The rest of the month was spent visiting schools and recruiting for the Upward Bound summer program at WWSC.

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Sympathetic citizens of both Indian and other background are asked to request immediate favorable action on HR 471 from their United States Senators. The Senate's bill, S750 is completely unsatisfactory to the Taos Pueblo people as it does not solve their needs either for adequate religious and spiritual area or forest area. PLEASE WRITE TO SENATOR JACKSON WITH REQUESTS FOR IMMEDIATE FAVORABLE ACTION ON HR471.

Bertha Russel, counselor for the Eastern Washington area, reported: The greatest number of contacts (52) was with Junior High School students and elementary contacts were second with 42. The remainder were almost equally divided among post graduate high school and primary age students.

Student conferences, both individual and group, accounted for 77 contacts. Tutors for 11 students and free lunches for 7 were arranged. Five requests were for assistance with financial problems while referrals of 3 students were made to BIA vocational training and counseling through other agencies. Appropriate forms and information were provided to junior high school students for BIA boarding schools. Other activities consisted of addresses to various classes, conferences with resource people, home visits and tutor contacts for a total of 291 contacted. A record of phone calls showed 79 contacts which is a minimum number since they are the most difficult to record totally. The highlight of January was a new activity in scheduling visits to Havermale Junior High Mondays through Thursdays. This activity was begun because the greatest concentration of Indian students attend school in that district.

WITH THE EDUCATION COUNSELORS

James Somday, supervisor of the counseling program at the Indian Center reports: During the month of February he attended meetings in Seattle, Olympia, Vancouver, LaPush and Toppenish.

He also visited several schools in the Seattle area and sought financial assistance for post-high school students.

Cindy Doney, counselor of the north and southwest area of Washington, had a busy month attending meetings, a conference, school visits and luncheons. The conference was the Oregon-Washington Financial Aides Association held in Vancouver, Wa.

CENSUS WILL BE TAKEN APRIL 1

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All households in the United States will receive census questionnaires before April 1. The Census bureau stresses that all information on the forms is confidential and will not be used by any other person or agency of the government. New information that will be included in this year's questionnaire will include a request for Indians to name their tribes. This will be used to find out how many Indians live on reservations or elsewhere. Special census assistants will be available to assist families on reservations in making out the forms.

The new information on Indians is expected to be used in planning for better job opportunities, educational and health facilities. It is also important to tribal organizations to know the number of their members and the places where they live.

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF THE LUMMI TRIBE

There will be a Lummi Constitutional Election for all eligible voters on March 14, 1970 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to be held in the Old Library Building next to the present Tribal Office, on the Lummi reservation.

MISS INDIAN CENTER CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The American Indian Women's Service League has announced a competition for Miss Indian Center candidates.

Candidates who are interested and have the following qualifications should apply at the Indian Center before April 30th.

- MAR. 9,11,16,18,23,25,30, Apr. 1
GED Classes, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- 3,10,17,,24,31: GED classes,
6 to 10 p.m.
- 4,11,18,25: Family Night Indian
Dancing, 7:30
to 10 p.m.
- 5,19,26: Northwest Coast Indian
& Indian Dancing, 6 p.m.
- 14, Potluck dinner and
Coast dancing.
- 6: Tlingit-Haida Meeting at
7:30 p.m.
- 7: Alaska Federation of Na-
tives, 2 p.m.
- 12: American Indian Women's
Service League, 7:30 p.m.
- 13: Indian Center Operating
Committee, noon, sack
lunch.

- APR. 2: N. W. Coast Dancing, 6 p.m.
- 5: Sunday dinner, 1 to 4 p.m.
Public welcome
Adults, \$1.25, Children 75
- 9: American Indian Women's
Service League, 7:30 p.m.

Qualifications for candidates are:

- 1. 18 or over by Aug. 2, 1970
- 2. High school graduate
- 3. Seattle resident
- 4. Not engaged and should she
become Miss Seafair can not become
engaged for one year.

Miss Indian Center will be one of the contestants in the Miss Seafair contest.

WITH THE DIRECTOR DURING FEBRUARY

- 2: Comprehensive Health planning Meeting, Chamber of Commerce
Eve: Exec. Comm. no-host dinner, Wash. Ath. Club, Comprehensive Health Planning
- 3: Holy Rosary High School talk on Indian Culture.
- 4: All day with Madeline Goldi from Washington, D.C. H.E.W.
- 5: U.G.N. Agency Exec. Mtg.
- 9: 6th Grade class, Robinwood Elem. School
- 10: 1 p.m. - Seattle Community College Contemp Problems of Indian talk. 3 p.m. - Student nurses talk.
- 11: Jefferson House Board Meeting
- 12: AIWSL Meeting at Center, Eve.
- 13: Pinehurst School, talks, 2:10 to 2:40 and 2:45 to 3:10 p.m. (2 classes).
- 16: Advisory Board Meeting, noon
- 17: 8:30 a.m.-2 sessions Head Start teachers, Garfield High School
11:30 a.m. - U.G.N. Exec. Bd. at Red Cross headquarters.
8 p.m. -Model Cities, Seattle University library.
- 18: Noon, Soroptomist Luncheon
7:30 p.m. - Human Rights and Educ. for teachers, Valley View Elementary
- 19: Noon, Circle 9, Plymouth Congregational Church
- 20: 10 a.m. -Meeting to plan Comp. Health Planning Task Force for Environmental Health. 11 a.m. U.G.N. Executives.
- 24: 10 a.m.-King Cty. Environmental Health Task Force, Public Safety Bldg. 7 p.m. - Law and Justice Task Force.
- 25: 1 p.m. meeting, Olympia with Mr. Bruno and Quilyute Tribal Representatives. 7:30 p.m. -

U.G.N. Employees Credit Union
26: Noon, Naomi Circle, 1st Baptist Church
27: Native Women's Society of Canada Convention. It was a real productive convention for Indian women. I hope Hattie Ferguson will send us a report.

Pearl Warren
Exec. Director

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN WAPATO

The 15th Annual All-Indian Invitational Basketball tournament will be held March 25,26,27 and 28 at the Wapato Sr. Hi Gym.

12 Teams will participate and the Alaska Nuggets from Seattle will return to defend their crown. Others are: Bloods from Canada, Yakimas from Brownstown, Nez Perce from Lapwai, Assinaboine-Sious from Wolf Point, Montana; Warm Springs, Oregon, Nisqually, Sioux Nation from Rapid City, S.D., Yakima from Glen Wood, Wa., J& M Bucks from Tacoma, Ft. Washakie, Wyoming Shoshones, Klamaths from Sprague River Oregon.

There will be a Queen contest and the queen and her court will be crowned at the Queen's Ball to be held on March 21 at the Wapato Indian Longhouse.

In conjunction with the tourney a bowling tournament will be held in the Toppenish bowling lanes on March 27,28 and 29, featuring all-Indian bowling teams.

Indian entertainment will be an added feature during the four-day tournament. Everyone is welcome and there are many accomodations in the area. For further information contact Rudolph V. Saluskin, Promotion and Advertising chairman, 419 North Elm St., Toppenish, Wa.

FROM THE TEEPEES

Pearl Warren and Dorothy Lombard attended the farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Bauck, held at the Plymouth Congregational Church. A large crowd was there to bid them farewell prior to their departure for California. They were presented with a complete camera outfit and enough money to buy lots of film. Mr. Bauck has served on the Indian Center Advisory Board for many years and we wish him well in his new job.

Minnie Stevens has taken her vacation to visit her home in Alaska.

Meredith Mummy and Eunice Carney drove to Vancouver, B.C., to attend the wedding of Jean Galligos who was recently married to Steve Albin at the St. Mary's Cathedral. Jean wore a beautiful Indian dress she made and Eunice beaded her headband for the occasion.

Recent visitors to the Indian Center were: Irving Waters (Nez Perce) of Lapwai, Idaho and Duane Conner of Pendleton, Oregon. Mr. Waters was here to attend an Economic Development Association meeting. Also here was Allen Slickpoo who is a brother in-law of Helen White Eagle.

Mr. Ed Skonowah (Yakima) is a patient at the University Hospital, Room 605, Ward 6 North and would enjoy your company.

Paul J. Bernal, Tribal Council Secretary of the Taos Pueblo Indians, Taos, N.M. and Quirino Romero, Governor of the Taos Pueblo were here to seek support in their endeavors to recover their tribal religious area at Blue Lake.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: At the last regular meeting of the AIWSL in February the necessity of a strong membership was stressed by Joyce Reyes, membership chairman. All members were urged to invite potential new members to join the league as well as contacting those members who have been inactive. This includes building up the Associate membership as well. The stronger the AIWSL membership, the stronger is its position in the community. A strong community position is exceptionally critical at this time because we are actively seeking a site from the city for a new American Indian Cultural Center. The AIWSL member who introduces the most new members into the league will be honored at the annual summer banquet to be held in July. (By Joyce Reyes)

MORE TEEPEE NEWS

Pearl Warren was speaker at the annual meeting of the British Columbia Native Women's Society in Vancouver, B. C. Her grandson Robin Butterfield accompanied her on the overnight trip.

Reminder: School clothes are given only on Saturdays from 11 to 1 p.m.

The newly re-formed education club is now headed by Mary Jo Butterfield. Members of the committee include: Marirose Morris, Alma Chastain, Betty Seiber, Ione Bowe chop, Donna Butterfield, Julie Johnson, Joycelle Smythe, Jean Halliday and Ramona Bennett.

GED classes are now being held at the Center every Tuesday evening from 6 to 10 P.M. and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:30.

To join the American Indian Women's Service League, send the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip _____

Tribe: _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Please enclose: \$1.00, regular dues, \$2.00, Associate member (non-Indian)

Members are reminded again to bring prospective members to the next meet-

ing of the AIWSL, Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Indian Center.

NEW EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETS

The Education Committee held a meeting on March 2. Business included the appointment of Ramona Bennett to investigate and report on scholarships available to Indian students. A report was made on the financial standing of the scholarship fund and arrangements made to transfer both the savings and checking accounts to Pacific National Bank.

The GED classes on Tuesday nights are going beautifully. Attendance has been exceptionally good for both students and tutors. We have 183 volunteer hours for the tutors for 5 weeks of instruction and 15 students who have signed up. (Mary Jo Butterfield, chairman).

LEGAL PAMPHLETS NOW READY AND AVAILABLE TO INDIAN GROUPS

Pamphlets on common legal problems, which have been prepared by the Legal Committee of the AIWSL - National Foundation For the Humanities Committee, Gary Bass, Chairman, are enclosed with this issue of the Indian Center News.

The Indian Center will accept orders for more of the pamphlets for Indian groups. In addition, members of the legal committee will be available to speak to groups in the Seattle area concerning the pamphlet information.

Pamphlets will be mailed under separate cover.

INDIAN GROUP ASKS SENATOR JACKSON
FOR SURPLUSSED FORT LAWTON

A plan for the Indian use of surplus land at Seattle's Fort Lawton was presented to Senator Henry M. Jackson by a group of approximately 50 Indians, Saturday, February 28 at Fort Lawton.

Bernie White Bear read a summary of their program to convert Fort Lawton into an Indian Cultural and Educational Center. The plan was written and developed by an ad hoc committee of local Indians headed by Mrs. Veronica Irwin.

John Vigil and Sid Mills, Indians who have been participating in the settlement on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay, joined local Indians for the presentation to Senator Jackson.

From the Seattle P.I., Friday, March 6, headed, INDIANS PLUS JANE WIN

Sacramento, Calif. - (UPI) - Actress Jane Fonda and nine Alcatraz Island Indians invaded the state capitol yesterday. The politicians surrendered without a struggle.

Miss Fonda and the Indians showed up to testify on Assembly Democratic Leader Jess Unruh's resolution asking the federal government to turn over Alcatraz to the Indians for a national educational and cultural center.

The rules committee quickly approved the measure before Miss Fonda, the Indians and Unruh had an opportunity to testify. It was sent to the floor and quickly endorsed, 52 - 0.

Asked if she was disappointed she didn't get a chance to testify, the blue-eyed actress replied: "How could I be disappointed? I came here to help get it passed and it did."

Miss Fonda later told newsmen she also plans to appear before congressional committees on behalf of the Indians.

INDIAN ARTIST SHOWS IN NORTHWEST
PRINTMAKERS EXHIBITION AT ART
MUSEUM

Caroline L. Maas (Colville) has had her picture "Owl Woman (a Coast Salish Myth)" copper plate etching accepted for the Northwest Printmakers 41st International Exhibition. The exhibition will be on display at the Seattle Art Museum Pavilion until April 5.

Mrs. Maas is the former Caroline Orr, and her work has been on display at the Indian Center regularly since the Center opened in 1960.

Mrs. Maas is presently living and continuing her art work in Winnipeg Canada, while her husband finishes his education there.

"INDIANS" WILL PLAY AT REP'

The play "Indians" by Arthur Kopit will lead off the Seattle Repertory's Eighth season, in October.

The play, which has been produced in New York to excellent artistic reviews, is a gaudy, extravaganza of the "wild west", pointed at the destruction of Indian life. Local Indians will be used in the casting according to Director Duncan Ross.

THE ETERNAL FAMILY

I am an Indian!

I am proud!

The mountains are my brothers!

The streams that tumble from them are my brothers' voices.

Lakes, set high for safety, are my little sisters,
they're shy to make great noises.

Trees are my servants, they're very good to me,
everything they do, is done very well.

Flowers are the callers, throughout the year,
they visit me very often.

Mother Earth is good to me, she feeds me,
her breasts are very full.

Herbs and berries are always in her basket.

Father Sea challenges me, every day,
to hunt the fish he nurtures.

I am an Indian,

I am proud!

This is my family.

By Pauline Covington (Lummi)

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