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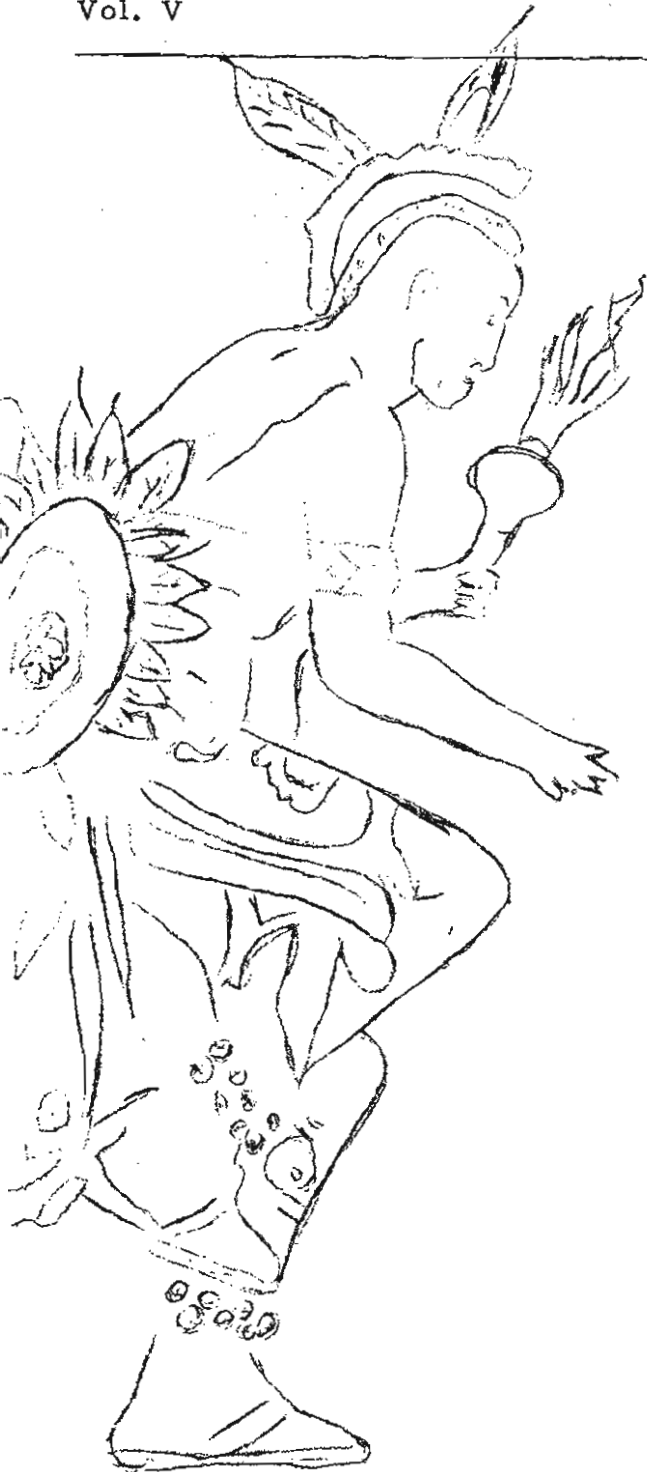
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 21 Seattle Indian War Dance Competition
Seattle Center (doors open at noon)
27-28 All Indian Rodeo - Klamath Falls, Ore
- June 2-4 Indian Center Arts & Crafts Festival
Seattle Center
3-4 All Indian Rodeo, White Swan, Wash.
23-25 LaGrande Festival of Arts, LaGrande, (C
24-25 Lummi Stommish
30-) All Indian Rodeo
- July 1-2) Elgin, Oregon
3-4 Taholah, Washington
4 Forks, Washington
4-14 Yakima Longhouse Celebration
6-15 Calgary Stampede, Calgary, Alberta
12-15 All American Indian Days
Browning, Montana
12-15 Chief Seattle Days, Suquamish, Wash.
27-30 Suds and Sun, Soap Lake, Wash.
30 Indian Days, Sheridan, Wyoming
30 Annual Indian Center
Salmon Bake, Alki Park, Seattle
- August 3-6 Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Celebration
7-21 Crow Celebration
Crow Agency, Montana
Parmalee, South Dakota
27 Makah Days, Neah Bay, Wash.
- Sept. 4 Labor Day Celebration, La Push, Wash
13-16 Roundup, Pendleton, Oregon
- All 1967 Alaska Centennial

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New Regulations for Constitutional Elections of Some Indian Tribes

The Department of the Interior is proposing amendments in the Federal regulations that govern elections to adopt or amend tribal constitutions for tribes organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. Proposals also are being made to standardize procedures under which some 97 Indian tribes may petition the Secretary of the Interior or the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to authorize elections to amend their tribal constitutions.

The proposed new rules would revise Part 52, Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations and add a new Part 53. They have been published in the Federal Register as proposed rule making and interested parties are urged to comment.

The change affecting Part 52 concerns a provision of the Indian Reorganization Act, under which many Indian tribes have organized their constitutional governments. The Act provides that at least 30% of the persons entitled to vote must participate in constitutional elections called by the Secretary or the Commissioner if such elections are to be considered valid.

In the past, the 30% was based on voting lists comprised of all tribal members 21 years of age or over. As tribal members continue to move away from reservations for employment or education, it has become more difficult, and in some cases impossible, to achieve 30% participation. This has worked a hardship on tribal members, both on and off the reservation, who take an active interest in tribal government, according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The proposed revision would require eligible voters to register before they

become entitled to vote and would base the 30% determination upon the total number of those registered, rather than a list of adult tribal members. Also, procedures for filing absentee ballots would become simpler, substituting a certification form subscribed before two witnesses for the previous requirement of an oath taken in the presence of a notary public or other official qualified to administer oaths.

The amendment is intended to make voting in constitutional elections simpler and more equitable, BIA officials said, and may also increase Indian participation in local, State and national elections by familiarizing Indians with voter registration procedure.

The addition of a new Part 53, Title 25 CFR is designed to clarify and standardize procedures to be followed by tribal members who have the right to petition the Secretary or the Commissioner to call a special election to amend a tribal constitution. In the past there has been no all-encompassing procedure for preparing and processing the petitions and inconsistencies and misunderstandings have resulted. The proposed new regulations would establish such rules as the format for petitions; procedures for their filing; and the manner of determining their validity.

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Don't forget the NATIONAL WAR DANCES to be held in the Arena on May 21. We will need hospitality for out-of-town guests and participants. If you can offer hospitality, please leave your name at the receptionist's desk at the Indian Center.

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WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

A teaching workshop for teachers who work with Indian children will be held at Western Washington State College for two weeks beginning July 31.

The third year that the 3-credit course has been offered, this year the entire program will be planned under the sponsorship of the Seattle Indian Center, American Indian Associates, American Friends Service Committee and Western Washington Intertribal Council. Miss Jean Hunt, AFSC Educational Counselor at the Seattle Indian Center, is coordinator for the program.

Class sessions will explore the special needs of Indian children from the viewpoint of the parent, the school and the community, with special attention to the successful teacher and what educational tools really work.

Two days of the workshop will be spent on nearby Indian reservations where programs to investigate the problems and possible solutions will be presented.

Teachers interested in attending the program can get information and applications from Miss Tony Schuler, Western Washington State College, Bellingham.

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BIA TO FINANCE RECRUITMENT OF INDIAN PEACE CORPSMEN

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has signed a \$12,000 contract with Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity, a non-profit organization with headquarters in Norman, Okla., to finance the recruiting of Indians for Peace Corps work in South America.

In announcing the contract on April 19, Robert L. Bennett, Indian Affairs

Commissioner, said: "We are pleased to cooperate in a joint venture by the Peace Corps and the Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity that will open the doors to many American Indians for Peace Corps service."

Bennett continued: "Our employment assistance centers, located strategically throughout the country in regions where Indians are concentrated, will work closely with OIO in finding Indian men and women whose abilities would make them of special value to the Peace Corps.

"With so many Indians in South America the concept of people-to-people will take on the added dimension of Indian-to-Indian. American Indians are products of a dual culture, and therefore possess a built-in understanding of the needs of rural peoples of other countries who are facing the encroachments of modernity upon their traditional life patterns. I also feel that the opportunity to live and work with our neighbors 'south of the border' will add breadth and depth to the role of Indians on the American scene," Bennett said.

The Peace Corps-OIO-BIA program, known as Project Peace Pipe, was launched recently with the signing of a contract between OIO and the Peace Corps. The BIA contract with OIO completes the cooperative package.

Project Peace Pipe provides for selection of about 30 Indians with agricultural, technical and related skills to receive 5 weeks of preliminary training at the University of Oklahoma before entering upon 3 months of Peace Corps training this summer. Those successfully completing both training programs will be assigned to Latin American nations.

Recruitment will be nationwide. Schools and youth centers will be focus of attention of recruiting teams.

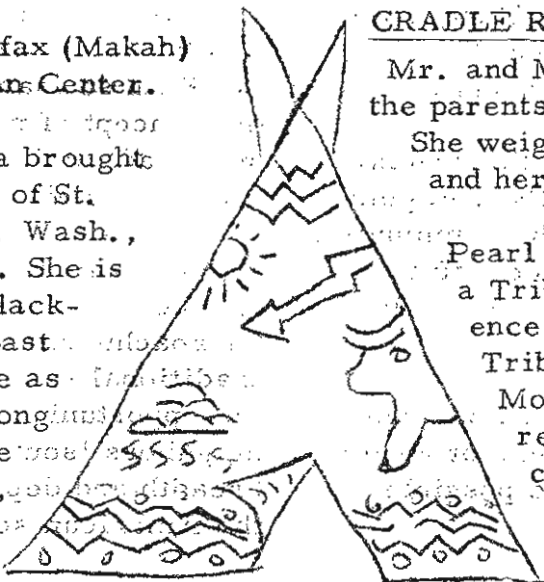
TEEPEE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. William Germain of Coburg, Ontario, Canada, visited Amos and Georgianna Whetung (Amos' aunt and uncle) recently. They brought them to the Indian Center to visit. (Nice to see Georgianna up and around again.)

Fifteen members of the United Good Neighbors toured the Indian Center on April 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Colfax (Makah) were visitors to the Indian Center.

Ermina Edsall of Tacoma brought Sister Maria Ilma, O. P. of St. Mary's Mission in Omak, Wash., to visit the Indian Center. She is the author of the book "Black-Robe and Indians on the Last Frontier". It is available as a private publication as long as the supply lasts. Write Sister Maria Ilma, O. P., St. Mary's Mission, Omak, Washington.



This book should be of interest to all Indians. The price is \$12.50.

The Indian Center was host to a group of 50 school children from the Cape Flattery school district, Neah Bay and Clallam Bay area. They were served a spaghetti luncheon by Pearl Warren, Jean Hunt, Ida Dahl, Liz Saludo, and Dorothy Lombard. The young people enjoyed their trip to the Center and the lunch and thanked the volunteers by presenting each with a gift of potholders, plaque and Japanese glass float (it is a Makah custom to give gifts). The comment from everyone was that they were the best behaved group of students and it was a pleasure to have them visit.

NOTICE

I have had calls for students to work part time and full time and I do not have anyone on whom to call. If anyone is interested in working, please leave your name and phone number with the receptionist at the Indian Center then, if an opening comes up, I will have some names to at least contact for the jobs.

Lee Piper,
Education Chairman

CRADLE ROLL

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lupson became the parents of a baby girl on April 24. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and her name is Maria Lynn.

Pearl Warren and Jean Hunt attended a Tribal Health Committee conference in Wapato on March 20-21. Tribes from Idaho, Washington, Montana and Oregon were represented. The purpose of the conference was to discuss some of the health problems faced by Indians and to inform the delegates of services available from the Public Health Hospitals.

Three ladies from Neah Bay came to Seattle recently to attend a church meeting and visit the Indian Center. They were Nora Barker, Alberta Thompson and Meredith Parker.

First-time visitors to the Indian Center were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hudson of Chemawa, Oregon, where she teaches school and he is boys' advisor. They brought along one of the students, Edward Lee, to see our Center. They were on a tour of the Northwest with a busload of students from Chemawa, many of whom were from Arizona and had never been this far north.

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TEEPEE NEWS (continued)

Those appointed to the Nominating Committee are Lottie Fenton and Meredith Mummey of the AIWSL, and Associate Member, June Butler. They will present names of rominees at the May meeting and elections will be held in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Snowberg had as a guest Mrs. Manuel Rodriguez of San Francisco who also visited Mr. and Mrs. Amos Whetung. They also drove to Portland to visit another friend.

Sympathy goes to Hazel and Frank Duarte on the recent death of her father, Louie James (Clallam) who died at the age of about 91. Burial was at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery where graveyard services were held.

Also, our sympathy to Ben and Kelly Cheeka on the death of their mother, Ida Cheeka (Clallam) on April 30. Mrs. Cheeka was well known for the fine baskets she made.

Newsletter Workshop - will be held at the Mayflower Hotel, Seattle, on May 24, 25 and 26. Representatives from many reservations in the Northwest and other regions will be attending.

Weddings

Vivian Parry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parry, and Tom Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mike were married on March 4. A reception was held at the home of Betty and Chuck Davis on March 8. A bridal shower was held at the Indian Center on March 3. Congratulations and best wishes to this young couple!

Married on March 18 were Miss Lulu Gianoudias and Terry N. Taylor, in the Fort Shairdon Catholic Church. The bride is the daughter of Betty E. Sieber (Lummi). She was Miss Indian Center in 1965 and is still serving in the U. S. Army. The groom is the son of Mrs. R. Kane, Wooddale, Ill. The newlyweds are living in Chicago and plan to be in the Seattle area in June.

Miss Marilyn Whetung will be confirmed on May 14 into membership of the Glendale Evangelical Lutheran Church at 11 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Johnson of Wapato spent the night with the Whetungs recently.

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INDIAN RESERVATION IN MINNESOTA BECOMES EAGLE SANCTUARY

The BIA announced on April 24 that American Indians who still prize eagle feathers for ceremonial status are joining the fight to save the national bird from extinction. The Red Lake Band of the Chippewa Tribe has designated its 400,000 acre reservation in north central Minnesota as a Bald Eagle Sanctuary.

The Chippewa lands are on an important eagle migration route and have several active nests. Rare except in Alaska, bald eagles are one of the species Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall has designated for management and study under the Endangered Species Act of 1966.

And then, there'll be the eagle feathers. The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has a standing order from some Indian tribes for feathers of eagles that die in the sanctuary. Donation of the feathers is permissible as long as they are used only for ceremonial purposes.

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THE SHARK AND THE CROW INDIAN DOCTOR

The people got tired of the shark who controlled the tides and he kept the water from low tide so it was high tide all over the country so the people were starving and decided to kill him. So they got in their canoe and some whalers and they went out to spear the shark. They found him and speared him so he came home to his underwater home with the spear in him and he suffered for days then he called everybody to come and take his spear out. All the doctors came to pull the spear out of him but anybody that came near him or touched him he would scream so nobody could do anything but let him suffer. So one day somebody told his wife that Mrs. Crow was a great doctor so he said to go get her. So Mrs. Crow got all her followers together and she told them to paint themselves all black. She got the charcoal and oil together and they all were painted black head to foot. So Mrs. Crow

got ready and began to sing her song (that's why they are black). Only way I can pull the spear out is if you can give us morning and evening tides. Will we help to pull the spear out, all of them sang and sang. Soon the shark went to sleep or was hypnotized by Mrs. Crow so she pulled the spear out of him and he woke up and saw the spear out of him so he told Mrs. Crow very well, you can have the tides morning and evening so Mrs. Crow and her followers rejoiced over it and that's why we have the tides now, thanks to Mrs. Crow. When the tide is out you can see all the crows coming to the beach to this day to pick up clams and break them on the road or rocks. So this is the story of high and low tides. That's why I still feed the crows in my backyard.

Told by Ada Markishtum (Makah)
Makah story of how we got the tides
of today and why the crows are black.

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LEGEND OF KWATIE AND THE
SPRING SALMON (by Helen Peterson,
Makah)

Kwatie was walking along the beach one morning and then he saw a great big spring salmon jump and he said, "If I was that spring salmon I would jump closer" and the spring salmon jumped closer.

Then he said, "If I was that spring salmon I would jump on the beach" and it did and he grabbed hold of it and he said, "I will have a barbecued salmon today." So he built a big fire and then he put the salmon between the two sticks. Then he put it by

the fire and said, "While my salmon is being cooked I will take a nap." So he laid down by the fire and went to sleep. Meantime, some bad boys came along and they said, "Look at Kwatie's barbecued salmon. Let's eat it." So they did and then one boy said, "Let's put a little bit of crumbs on his teeth." They did and then they went away.

Then Kwatie woke up, he stretched and said, "Oh, I had a good nap." Then he looked at his fish stick and he wondered if he had eaten his barbecued salmon. Then he licked his lips and said he must have because he could taste it. So that is the lesson: Don't go to sleep when you are barbecuing salmon.

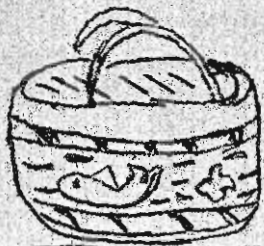
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Sixth Annual
NORTHWEST INDIAN
ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

June 2, 3 & 4 Noon to 8 p. m.
Seattle Center
Plaza of Flags Pavilion Building



INDIAN CENTER



A cordial invitation to you and your friends to watch Indian artists in action - basketweaving, carving, beading, carding and spinning wool. There will also be Navajo jewelry and rugs, ivory soapstone, carvings, alabaster figures, totem poles, plaques, and paintings for sale.

Indian Tribal Dancing
2 p. m. & 7 p. m. - Plaza of Flags

M. C. - Bert Peters

June 2, 3 & 4

