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NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS CONVENTION AND ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

The National Congress of American Indians ended its week-long convention at Portland, Oregon on Oct 6, 1967 with the passage of 31 resolutions by the delegates, election of National officers, and a banquet honoring Rep. Julia Butler Hansen from the State of Washington.

Elected NCAI Executive Director was John Belindo, (Kowa-Navajo), previously Director of the group's Washington, D. C. office. Belindo succeeds Vine Deloria, Jr., (Standing Rock Sioux), from Denver, Colorado.

Other elected officers were: Wendell Chino, (Mescalero Apache) from Mescalero, New Mexico, President; Georgeann Robinson, (Osage) from Bartlesville, Okla., First Vice-President; Helen Mitchell, (Quinault), from Oakville, Wash., Recording Secretary; and Cato Valandra, (Rosebud Sioux) from Rosebud, South Dakota, Treasurer.

The elected Regional Vice-Presidents include: Elsie Ricklefs, (Hoopa), Sacramento Area; Stanley Smartlowit, (Yakima), Portland Area; Eula Doonkeen, (Seminole) Muskogee Area; Roger Jourdain (Red Lake Chipewewa) Minneapolis Area; Clarence Tallbull (Arapahoe), Anadarko Area; Benny Atencio (Santo Domingo), Gallup Area; Agnes Savilla (Mojave), Phoenix Area; Norman Hollow (Fort Peck), Billings Area; Don Wright (Athapascan), Alaska Area; and Alvina Greybear (Standing Rock Sioux), Aberdeen Area.

HOUSE OK'S CHEHALIS INDIANS' BILL

The House of Representatives passed a compromise bill yesterday setting down provisions for distributing \$754,380 to several hundred members of the Upper and Lower Chehalis Indian tribes.

The money was granted to the Indians by the Indian Claims Commission which upheld a contention that land in Thurston and Grays Harbor Counties of Washington State was taken from the tribes in 1855 without consent or compensation.

Congress appropriated money for the tribe in 1964. The new bill would establish guidelines for eligibility and distribution of the funds. It now goes to President Johnson.

The Interior Department estimated about 700 Indians would qualify as descendants of the 1855 tribe and its subsidiary units.

Most of those who will share in judgement are scattered, with less than 100 residing on or near the Chehalis reservation, the Interior Department said.

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WATCH FOR TIME AND PLACE FOR THE ANNUAL INDIAN CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 9.

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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Here it is - time for the October issue of our Youth Group happenings. How time flies!!

First, we would like to say that so far the things we have started have been very successful. Thanks to the whole-hearted efforts of all the wonderful people who are interested.

Our biggest project was organizing our Horseback Riding Club. Bernie Reyes and Jim Frazier have worked hard on this. Thanks to their efforts. On Sept. 24, 28 parents, chaperones and mostly kids went to the Mark Fruhling Appaloosa Ranch in Stanwood. There we were shown the beautiful Appaloosas and given some important pointers on proper riding habits. All who wanted had a chance to ride with a saddle or bareback and really enjoyed it. Mr. Fruhling has some of the best Appaloosa horses in the U. S. Thank you cards were sent by the group. Pictures of the day are posted at the Center.

September 23 the first dance classes for small children were held. Dolly Cavanaugh (Sioux) and Cheryl Parry (Sioux) are the instructors and very apt and reliable.

We hope to have a special Indian Dance Group made up of small children only. For those interested, meetings are every other Saturday, noon to 2:00 P.M. Call Mary Jo Butterfield, LA 2-2781 or Joy Smythe SU 2-4438, evenings.

We are also trying to get a teen-age dance group started. If you are interested, please give us a call.

Our clothing committee has worked hard upstairs at the Center. Mary Jo Butterfield, Joy Smythe and Eloise King (new committee member) have put in many hours sorting and marking school clothing. Please feel free to take advantage of this as we know how important clothes are in school and there are some nice things there. Someone will be

at the Center to assist anyone from 10:A.M. to 1:00 P. M.

September 16 Donna Butterfield, Karen LaChester and Janis Carney assisted the women of the Episcopal Church in selling Indian arts and crafts and it was said that they not only sold practically everything, but were most helpful and very charming. Thanks, girls, for setting such a good example.

Donna Butterfield (Miss Indian Center) was invited by the "Children of the American Revolution" to tell about the Indian Center.

It seems that so far the girls are the only ones being mentioned. As for the boys --they have been attending the meetings and are as enthusiastic as the girls. John LaChester, Ray Colby and Rob Butterfield have attended all the meetings so far and we hope to get them to help us get the Canoe Team started. If there are any of you teen-age boys around that we haven't called, please feel free to come to our meetings.

## TEEPEE NEWS

Pearl Warren (Makah) visited the Spokane Indian Center while on a business trip. She reports that they have a very nice place and are still busy fixing up their space located at Gonzaga University.

Mrs. Amy Allen (Clallam) and daughter, Annabelle, were recent visitors in town. They were guests of the C. C. Warrens and had dinner with the Milton Lombards.

Meredity Mummey (Makah) is serving on the board of the Council On Aging.

Sharon Chase (Yakima) has returned to her home in Toppenish. She will soon leave for Greeley, Colorado, where she will attend a Pre-School training program. Mary Louise Wilson (Sioux) of Bremerton will accompany her.

NAVAJO CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION -  
1868 - 1968

An unusual commemorative auto license plate was released for sale this month by the Navajo Indian Tribe. It is one of a series of special items developed in observance of the Navajo Centennial, commemorating one hundred year's of sovereignty of the Navajo.

The plate is metal in standard six by 12 inch size, and bears the Navajo Horned Sun symbol, the dates 1868 - 1968, and the words "Navajo Centennial - A Century of Progress". Colors are copper and turquoise on a white background.

One hundred years ago in 1868, twenty-nine Navajo Chiefs placed their marks on a Treaty of Peace with the United States, and their people were released from a four-year military captivity to return to the homeland that the people still occupy.

Many special events and items are planned to mark the passing of a century since that return. The special license plate, which is one of these, is available for two dollars from the Centennial Commemoration Committee, Navajo Tribal Museum, Window Rock, Arizona. Proceeds from sale of the plate go to defray costs of the commemoration events.

A large commemorative calendar, now being printed, will feature a number of full-color reproductions of Navajo sand paintings and accompanying photos of Navajo scenes, together with the listings of months and week days in both Navajo and English, with translations.

In the one hundred years since the Navajos became a sovereign Indian Nation they have become the most numerous of all the American Indians and have begun to prosper from mineral discoveries on their land. Modern transportation has given them a mobility that contrasts sharply to the foot and horseback trek of three hundred miles that

brought them to their homeland following the signing of the Treaty of Peace in 1868. There is much for them to commemorate.

Raymond Nakai is Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council.

GROUP OK'S INDIAN FUNDS

The Senate Interior Committee approved a bill recently to permit use of federal funds in sectarian colleges.

A 1917 ban would continue on the use of federal funds for Indian schooling in church - supported primary and secondary schools.

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MANUAL SKILL TRAINEE

There is a new program, "Manual Skill Trainee" for people willing to work and learn. No written test is given. The group of jobs that are available represent entry level employment opportunities to those persons whose national origin or economic limitations have been a barrier in preparing themselves for and locating meaningful employment. Applicants do not have to show any specific experience or training to qualify. Further information can be obtained at 583-7600.

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TOPPENISH INTER-TRIBAL CEREMONIALS

There will be Inter-Tribal Ceremonials and War Dancing on November 10, 11, and 12th at the Tribal Recreation Center, one-half mile East of Toppenish, Washington. The second annual Veterans Day Banquet will be held November 11 at 4 p.m. promptly, honoring veterans of the world wars, Korean War, and present servicemen.

No housing will be available, and all visitors will be their own expense. One meal a day will be served at 4:30 p.m. promptly. The contestant selling the most tickets will be crowned Queen of the cele-

Toppenish Ceremonials (Con't.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

bration. Four princesses will also be chosen during the festivities.

INDIAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Miss Jean Hunt attended the Fifth Annual Indian Education Conference which was held in Spokane, October 25-27, at Gonzaga University. There were 70 delegates from tribes of Montana, Oregon and Washington.

The purpose of the program was to become informed on the latest developments in Indian Education, define current educational needs, and decide what steps need to be taken to alleviate some of the problems.

The program included guest speakers Dr. Robert Roessle, Jr., Director of Demonstration Schools, Navajo Reservation; Jerry Hargiss, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.; and Dr. Robert Rath, Northwest Regional Research Laboratory.

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Fred Paul spoke on Bonds, Mortgages, Encumbrances and Liabilities as related to the Indian Resources Development Act at convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, in Yakima, Sept. 29.

- November 5: Sunday dinner  
1 - 4 p.m.  
Adults: \$1.25  
Children: .75  
(Under 12)
- 6: Education Club  
Lee Piper, Chairman  
Potluck and Meeting  
6:30 p.m.
- 13: American Indian Associates  
Fred Paul, Chairman  
8 p.m.
- 16: Youth Club: 6:30 p.m.  
Mary Jo Butterfield,  
Chairman
- 20: Advisory Board Quarterly meeting, noon luncheon.
- 23: Thanksgiving  
Every Saturday - 10 to 1 p.m. School Clothes  
Clothing Day every Thursday. 10 to 3 p.m.  
Lottie Fenton, Chrman.
- December 3: Sunday Dinner - 1 to 4 p.m.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

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TRIBE ORGANIZES FOR CLAIMS PAYMENT

YOUTH CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Tribal Executive Committee of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe met in special session at Cass Lake, Minnesota, on October 10, 1967, to take one of the initial steps needed to make a per capita payment possible to the Mississippi Bands and the Pillager and Lake Winnibigoshish Bands of Chippewa Indians.

The per capita payment will be the result of a claim filed against the United States by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe in behalf of these bands. President Johnson signed Public Law 90-94 on September 27, 1967, authorizing the distribution of the judgement funds. The Act provides in part: "Only those persons who are descendants of the Mississippi Bands and the Pillager and Lake Winnibigoshish Bands of Chippewa Indians who were born on or prior to and living on the date of this Act (September 27, 1967) and who meet the requirements for membership in the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe shall be entitled to share in the use or distribution of funds."

Peter DuFault, President of the Tribal Executive Committee of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, announced that the Tribe had set November 17, 1967, as the cut-off date for filing membership applications. These applications must be received by or postmarked before midnight November 17, 1967. All membership applications should be directed to the Manager of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Room 420, Federal Building, Bemidji, Minnesota 56601.

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We would like to thank Margaret Kyle for her volunteer work on the Indian Center News. Margaret has contributed her time to cutting the stencils for the News. She has now moved to Bellingham where she has accepted a position at Western Washington State College.

We miss Margaret but certainly wish her success in her new job.

On October 28 the younger children in the club, after their dance lessons, were treated to doughnuts, soda pop and played games under the direction of Dolly Cavanaugh and Sheryl Perry.

Riding Party

At the October 26 general meeting Bernie Reyes and Jim Frasier showed movies and made arrangements for 13 to 19 age group to go horseback riding on the following Sunday. On October 29, 21 members of the 13 to 19 group and chaperones went horseback riding at the Redmond Riding Stables. Everyone, including the chaperones had a good time. While they were riding Joy Smythe and Mary Jo Butterfield prepared a spaghetti dinner for all. After the clean-up committee finished their work, everyone danced. Thank you, Jean Hunt, Bernie Reyes, and Jim Frasier for showing all of the young people such a beautiful day.

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The clothing committee is working nicely and school clothing will be available at the Center on Saturdays.

REMEMBER THESE MEETINGS

Nov. 8 - 7 p.m.      Nov. 16 - 6:30

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The American Indian Womens' Service League is in the process of revising their "Old and New Indian Recipe" book.

If you would like to submit your favorite recipe, we will be happy to include it in the revised edition. THERE IS EVEN A SECTION FOR MEN. We would especially like recipes featuring Indian foods. Send your recipes to Indian Recipes, Seattle Indian Center, 1900 Boren, Seattle, Wash. 98101.

From the TEEPEES

TILLIE WALKER And D. D. Dixon of the United Scholarship Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado, visited the Indian Center while here attending the Episcopal Convention. From here they went on to the NCAI convention in Portland.

Joyce Tattoosis (Sioux)(sister) and mother Jennie Red Eagle of Poplar, Montana were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith (Winnie) who is a volunteer worker helping in the clothing department at the Indian Center.

Mabel Robertson (Makah) is now home from the hospital. She fell and fractured her arm.

Dr. Thomas S. Whitecloud (Chipewa) of Avenal, California stopped by to see the crafts at the Center and to find out where all the Indians lived in town.

Mickey Judson (Clallam) was a recent patient at Swedish Hospital where she had more surgery on her foot. She is now recuperating in her home at Port Angeles.

Jan Garcia (Haida) daughter of Adeline and Jerry Garcia attended summer school at the American University in Mexico City for three months. She is back home and attending the University of Washington in her junior year.

Congratulations to Major Charles A. Hall (Makah-Clallam) who was recently promoted to the rank of Major. He is the son of Pearl and Carl Warren and presently stationed at Fort Ord.

Ralph Butterfield, son of George and Mary Jo, finished basic training at Fort Lewis on October 13

and left the same day for Fort Huachuaca, Arizona for further training in food services.

Joe De LaCruz, Quinault Business Manager, and Alice Chenois, CAP secretary, in town on business, stopped to say hello. Alice is editor of their newsletter published twice monthly.

During the recent heavy wind storm a large tree broke and fell across the home of Frank and Hazel Duarte. There was damage to the roof but luckily no one was hurt.

Via the grapevine we hear that Ella and George Aquino enjoyed a nice trip to Southern California.

Pearl Warren attended the annual conference of the Washington State Social Welfare Association at Spokane, Washington.

From Denver, Colorado recent visitors were Angela Russell and Henry Rase of the United Scholarship Fund. Jean Hunt took them to visit schools in the Seattle area and they also visited the Tulalip and Swinomish reservations.

Jane Souron and Dorothy Lombard attended the Thursday report luncheon for UGN where the Indian Center received its 3rd year award for full participation in this year's UGN drive for funds. The award was accepted by Dorothy in place of Mrs. Warren who could not attend. Not only was the luncheon good, the program was informative and entertaining.

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SERVICE LEAGUE MEETING

The American Indian Women's Service League meeting will be Thurs., November 9 at 7:30 p.m. The Yakima women will be hostesses. A rummage sale and Tupper ware party will be features of the evening.

## WILD MAN WITH AN EYE IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS FOREHEAD

By Helen Peterson (Makah)

This story is about a girl who went berry picking. Long ago they used to go berry picking in a group. She went by herself. She was way out in the woods by the mountains picking berries when this man came. He was a giant of a man. He had one eye in the middle of his forehead. He carried her away.

The village people looked for her. Everyone looked for her and looked for her, and couldn't find a trace of her.

About two years after that, a boy was hunting way out in the mountains. He saw a little house with smoke coming out of it. He didn't know of anybody living way out there, so he went over to see. And, it was this girl. So she told him, "You shouldn't have come."

"I am married, now, to this one-eyed giant. The eye is in the middle of his forehead. We have a little boy two years old," she told him.

"You shouldn't have come, because he is mean. It is nothing for him to get a deer and throw it on the porch like a little stick. So you had better go back and tell people to forget about me," she warned.

And, now, to this day, they believe if you see him, or if you find his footprints, by putting your hand in the footprints, you will become very strong.

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