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AIQ RECOMMENDS ACTION ON THREE INDIAN LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

The following LEGISLATIVE ALERT has ALASKAN NATIVES CLAIM. been received from the Americans For Indian Opportunity Action Council:

Three issues are in the forefront right now in legislation dealing with American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts:

TAOS BLUE LAKE. and Insular Affairs Committee has completed hearings on a bill to return 48,000 acres around Blue Lake to the Taos Pueblo. This legislation is highly important for all Indians because it recognizes that the claim to this area and lake, sacred to the Taos Indians and important in their religious practices, cannot be settled by the payment of money and that the land itself should be returned. The bill has already passed the House of Rep-rected: resentatives. Unless action is taken at once, it could again die in the Seante committee as has been true in the past.

CHOCTAW TERMINATION. Unless the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee acts at once, the Choctaw Indian Tribe of Gklahoma will be cer2. minated in accordance with an old act which will go into effect August 25. (At this time we do not have information as to what occurred in regard to the Choctaw termination.)

The U.S. Senate has passed a bill which would finally settle the claim of the Alaskan Native people. The bill involves three elements: land. cash and an overriding roalty interest. The terms of the settlement in regard to cash and the overriding reyalty interest are fairly good, and an effort must be made in The Senate Interiorthe House of Representatives to keep them from being reduced. However, the land settlement approved by the Senate was for only 10 million acres, which amounts to only two percent of the land to which che Alaskan Natives have aboriginal claim, and the bill is deficient in other respects.

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Three crucial defects in the measure - now pending before the House Interior Committee - should be cor-

1. The Alskan Federation of Natives and the village people have indicated their overwhelming and primary concern for getting more land. Thev would like to secure at least 40 million acres.

The bill as passed by the Senate provides for termination of some of the Bureau of Indian Affairs services to the Alaskan Natives after five years. This provision should be dropped because

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Alo Logislative Alert (Con't.)

Rep. Wayne N. Aspinall

it is not fair for the Federal government to require the Alaskan Natives to give up certain of their present rights in order to get justice on their claim.

The Senate bill establishes a 3. Commission to make arucial decisions on eligibility for benefits, land selection and other vital matters, but it requires that only two of five Commission members be Alaskan Nacives. Membership on che Commission should be increased to at least three Alaskan Natives, thereby giving them a majority, because only they have the proper sensitivity to and undershanding of the issues involved.

With these improvements it is impericive that the Alaska Natives claim bill be passed right away during this session of Congress.

RECOMMENDED ACTION. What you do now can decide the ourcome of the lives of the Indian people involved, and which will set precedents for the future that will affect all Native Americans.

The AIO Action Council strongly urges you to write, call or send a telegram to your own Congressman and Senators, supporting the positions outlined above, and to express your views to the following Senators and Congressmen, who have special responsibilites for Indian affairs legislation:

Senator Henry M. Jackson Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee New Senate Office Building Washington, D. C.

Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee

Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D. C.

Semator George McGovern Chairman, Senate Indian Affairs Subcommittee Old Senate Office Building Washington, D. C. Rep. James A. Haley Chairman, House Indian Affairs Subcommittee Longworth House Office Building

Washington, D. C.

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# SEAFAIR 1970

From Raynette Morris Miss Seattle Indian Center 1970 - 1971

Since the time I was crowned Miss Seattle Indian Center, in mid-July this year, I have been able to represent the Indian Center at many these issues, which are crucial to different functions, some of which include Seattle War Dance, banquets, several Pow-wows and salmon bakes, but there is one which really seems to stand out...the Seattle Seafair. It was held from July 24 to August This year I was very happy, priv 2. ileged and proud to be the first Indian to run for the Seafair Queen of the Seas. Shere are many experiences that I'll never forget. It was a long 10 days, but I'd go back and do it all over again. Actually for the contestants Seafair started on July 20 with a sponsor's reception held at the Seattle Center Playhouse. This was really the beginning of the judging. The strange part is we never knew who the judges were, but were told they were always around watching all 29 of us at all times, during rehersals and everywhere. At the reception we (Continued, page 3)

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were presented in formals and were asked to answer impromptu questions. The reception followed the program and we were told to 'mingle with everyone". I think it was hard at first to talk to people, even if you didn't know them, but after that night it began to come a little easier. All that week up until Friday night we had rehearsals for the coronation and even for the coronation ball afterwards.

The Coronation was a whole story in :... itself. It took place during the 2nd part of the Wayne Newton show the night of July 24. Before the crowning, I doubt if anyone has ever seen 29 girls so nervous, tense and excited and all ready for the good time ahead of them. The knew who the queen was until she was escorted to the stage. Becky Possie, Miss Kent, was chosen, after she was announced we were all as someone, Especially riding down so relieved we all became more ourselves. The Coronation Ball was myself about to start waving at held at the Olympic Hotel where all all the passing cars. At first it the dignitaries attended, the Mayor, it was a temptation, but I think Wayne Newton, the new King (Admiral I've gotten over it now. Helse), the new Prime Minister, Stan Boreson, honored guests, King and Queen of Hawaii and many others. That night when we got there we met our escorts (we'd never met them before) who were from a University of Washington fraternity. We all really had a great time.

After that night we had a full nine days scheduled for us. We had breakfasts, luncheons (Kiwanis, and Rotary) and appearances at other Seafair activities such as the Japanese Bon Odori. I don't think we missed a parade - Lake City, University District, West Seattle, Ballard Boat parade, and both the Grand Parade and our last on the Torchlight Parade. During

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 7: Closed - Labor Day American Indian Women's 10: Service League Meeting 7:30 p.m.

(Election of President and Treasurer. Hostesses: Zena DeLorm, Linda DeLorm, Doris Fleming. Rummage Sale for the members.)

- 11: Operating Committee Mtg.
- Noon Sack Lunch
- Alaska Federation of 12: Natives, 1:30 p.m.
- GED Registration 23:
- 28 & 30: GED classes start, Evenings.

car caravans we were supposed to thing that did it was that we never smile, wave and say hi! After Seafair was over it was hard to walk down the road without smiling, waving, or stopping and talking to the street in the car I'd catch

Another more rewarding experience was visiting the hospitals. We visited 5 o4 6 including Bremerton Naval and Fircrest. At each of these including almost every visit anywhere we were required to put on a program. We made up our own songs about Seafair to popular runes and at particular places we had songs about them, for instance, Ballard - we would make up ahead of time. Everyone really enjoyed it (Continued, page 4) The Indian Center News is published monthly, September through May, by the American Indian Women's Service League, Inc., a non-profit organization. Contributions should be addressed to Editor, Indian Cenall the parades and appearances and ter News, 1900 Boren, Seattle 98101. \$1.00 Annual Subscription

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Another story is when the fleet came in on Thursday we greeted them. Port Gamble Clallams says that the There were 2 princesses to a ship and we got an honor tour and escort-being prepared. There will be a ed the captains to platforms for ceremonies. The next day we had lunch on board. Then there was the Midshipman's Ball where everyone had a great time. There were other activities and visits and each one has a story or experience that goes along with it that I'll never forget. Such as, one time when we were signing autographs, Carol, one of the princesses, signed her name "Elizabeth Taylor". asked her why and she said 'Well. who has ever heard of Carol Kauffman?"

It was really an enjoyable and educational experience that's worth remembering and I know I'll never forget. All 29 of us became close friends, girls of many nationalities and different backgrounds. I hope next year's Miss Indian Center will enjoy it and get as much from it as I did.

I'd like to thank the members of the American Indian Women's Service League for paying the entry fee, buying my white formal and meeting other expenses. Also thanks to Mrs.membership roll will be made up Pearl Warren for her help and support and thanks to Mary Jo Butterfield for everything she did - getting me places and keeping everything together - it was a real help. And to my mother, Mrs. Ramona Morris for her moral support, and being anywhere she could be. It seemed to be the boost of confidence I always needed.

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REMINDER TO MEMBERS OF THE AMERI-CAN INDIAN WOMEN"S SERVICE LEAGUE - IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES -

Chairman Ben George, Jr. of the official membership rolls are now basic roll of all persons whose names appear on the official census of January 1, 1939. A curren c roll of September 30, 1970 will be made at the same time and will include those on the base roll who are still living and children born to any member who was a resident of the Port Gamble Indian Community at the time of the birth of the children, as required by the Port We Gamble Constitution. Any person not meeting the above requirements who considers himself to be associated with the Community may apply to be considered for adoption by the membership.

Mr. George emphasized that applications will be required for those born after January 1, 1939, together with birth certificates or other official documents giving the name of the applicant, names of parents, and place and date of birth.

Application forms can be secured from Mrs. June Jones at the Port Gamble Community Hall on the Reservation. The official current from approved applications so applications should be filled out promptly and must be returned to Mrs. Jones by September 30, 1970, the deadline for filing applications. After that date applications will be considered yearly.

George said that applications for the Port Gamble current roll have no connection with the Clallam claim seeking additional payment for tribal land which the United States took from the Clallam Tribe at the time of the Treaty in 1855. This claim is still pending before (Continued, page 5)

# Tribal Roll, Port Gamble (continued DOES THE INDIAN CENTER WORK? from page 4)

the Indian Claims Commission, and if the Commission awards a judgment, Congress will then have to pass a law determining how the fund will be distributed and separate applications will have to be made to share in it after the law is passed.

to the organization representing a all Clallam Indians who are interested in the claim.

News Release from: Ben George, Jr., Chairman Port Gamble Community Council P.O. Box 623 Suquamish, Wa. 98392 Telephone: 598 4222

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# CLALLAM POET PUBLISHES POETRY VOLUME

Duane McGinnis, Clallam, has a book of poems that has recently been published. The title is, "Af ter the Death of an Elder Clallam and other Poems'.

He has given the Indian Center a copy of the book. Duane has graduated from the University of Washington and hopes to teach on In dian reservations and in the ghetto.

His grandfather was born Francis Patsy. Duane was born in Seattle on February 13, 1938, but lived his early life on the Olympic Peninsula with his maternal grandfather, a man of the forest and the sea whose influence is apparent in the thirty-two poems that comprise "After the Death of an Elder Klallam', his first book.

A CASE HISTORY: By Lowell Halvorson, attorney-at-law.

Three weeks ago an Indian couple and their 2 children arrived in Seattle, penniless, without food, living in their car and hoping to head for Alaska and work. They couldn't get past the Canadian border because they didn't have the Port Gamble members can also belong \$300 required for proof of financial responsibility.

> Not aware of any available government assistance agencies and not knowing what to do the couple wandered around the Indian Center. There, they met Mrs. Cynthia Doney, Indian Educational Talent Search funded employee, who offered them coffee and engaged them in conversation. She discovered the above facts, immediately utilized the knowledge of available social agencies she'd picked up as a counselor for the Student Counseling We are pleased to report program. that the couple and their children now have a 2-bedroom apartment, adequate clothing and financial assistance. The husband is training in Seattle to become a draftsman.

This is just a minor success story but it is happening every day at the Indian Center.

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## INDIAN ARTIST HAS ONE-MAN SHOW

Leo Adams (Yakima) has a one-man show of his work presently on view at the Bon Marche, Seattle. The exhibit will continue until the first week in October.

Reviews of his paintings by local critics have been excellent. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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# MEMBER RUNNING FOR STATE REPRESENT- EDUCATION COMMITTEE ATIVE

Elizabeth Morris is a candidate for State Representative in the 43rd Legislative District. She is an Athabascan and has been a member of the American Indian Women's Service League since 1963. She is a Democratic Precinct Committeeman and a member of the 43rd District Democratic Club.

Elizabeth says: 'State Legislators should be concerned about the quality of life of all the citizens of Washington. This concern should be a guide for their actions and votes in the legislature.

She further said, 'My campaign is door-belling and telephoning. I need and welcome volunteers." Call EA 9-5261, 941 16th East.

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# INDIAN ENCAMPMENT A SUCCESS

The 1st Annual Northwest InterTribal Indian Days celebration held August 7 to 9th at Marymoor Park near Redmond from all reports was a big success. This is the information given us for 1st place winners only:

Men's Fancy Dance, Kenneth Scabby Robe (Blackfeet); Old Warrior's Dance, Louis McFarlane,; Hoop Dance Gus Kahklamet (Yakima); Women's War Dance, Wanda Polteas (Klamath).

The title of Miss Northwest Inter-Tribal Club was won by Miss Paula G. Kingay (Sac/Fox).

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ABNER JOHNSON, Tlingit carver, won the 1st award in wood carving categories at the Bellevue Art Festi-

The Education Committee had a meeting Tuesday, August 25, 1970 at the Indian Center. We discussed raising money for scholarships and all agreed on a Spaghetti dinner to be served in September or October. We also agreed to accept the sponsorship of a Statewide Talent Contest for Indian students - co-sponsored by the National Indian Youth Council. So watch for more information and applications. We hope you can come and have a spaghetti dinner with us.

We allotted four grants and we now have \$951.93 in checking and savings accounts. For those who don't know, please understand we can only help in emergencies and with limited amounts. Maybe someday we will have more resources and be able to help more people.

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# LOTH ANNUAL SALMON BAKE

The 10th Annual salmon bake, put on by the American Indian Women's Service League was held at Alki Park on August 2. Over 800 pounds of salmon was served to the public, beginning just after the noon hour and ending at 5 p.m. with no salmon left over.

Members of the League rallied around and for the first time in several years of salmon bakes we had plenty of volunteers who worked diligently all day to help raise money for the League's many proiects. This team effort made this annual event a big success. The members are to be complimented for their cooperation.

A special thank you to Carl C. Warval, July 24 to 26. Congratulations ren who was our chier cook this He cooked all the salmon year. б

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# Salmon Bake (Con't. from Page 6)

and did a fine job. From the prep-Kauffman, and everyone who is not aration of the salmon to the end of a member of our Club who was there the day and clean-up everything when we needed help. went smoothly. Since no names are available at press time, we hope All in all the singing and dancing all members who worked will consid-was beautiful and everyone seemed er themselves thanked for helping to enjoy it. Again may we say make the salmon bake a success. thanks to all for everything.

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## POTLATCH

Jordan, Rob and Ralph Butterfield, Cathy Ginger, Jim Holy Cross, Yvonne

> Northwest Coast Dancers Of Seattle.

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On August 1, 1970, the newly formed Northwest Coast Dancers of Seattle SEALTH, CHIEF OF THE SUQUAMISH had their first Potlatch. We would 1786 - 1866 like to first thank all those who joined us to celebrate and take Now the young are like bears in part in some truely beautiful NorthSpring, west dancing and singing. easily angered and impatient with their fathers. We were honored to have 167 dancersThey say the river of peace is not and singers accept our invitations.to chain Tamanous! They represented nine Northwest and My torn canoe shows the face of Canadian tribes. They were: Lummi, these young. Swinomish, Quinault, Kwakiutl, Ma- My courage seems as scatterbrained kah, Tsimpshian, Chehalis, Muckle- as the coot from the swamp. shoot, and Nanaimo Band. My grandchildren laugh with strangers, To know that there are people like listen to sailors' chanting the Agnes Cranmer, Kwakiutl, Clarence whale's legend. Pickernell (Quinault), Joe Washing-Was Leschi, Warrior of the ton (Lummi), Ethel Brown (Nanaimo), Nisquallies, right Nora Barker, and her friends from when he said the settlers will the Makahs, that are keeping up thespit on my cedar grave? culture of the Northwest is most Will the Suguamish people forget encouraging, and to have them actheir chief cept our invitation was a great ho-before many moons have painted nor. my bones with wild camas? Old age taps my brain like a We served a salmon dinner to all woodpecker. who came for dinner. All the sal- Tomorrow "I will fish alone, and ask mon was donated by Pat Wilkie, Jr., the salmon which way to read the (Makah) of Neah Bay and to him our river's sand. mant thanks. It was people like O Thunderbird, hear my morning Pearl Warren, Dorothy Lombard, prayer! Gloria Huntington, Odelia Hunter, I am the green sound of rain on the JoDean Happy, Jo Ray, Jan Garcia, sea. Denise Jolly, Jane Fields, Berna-I am white rain on the hollow dette Warbus, Chris Chastain, Larrygreen shells.\* 7 \*Argus, Feb. 27, 1970, Vol.77,No.9

# INDIAN EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH REPORT

The Office of Education in Washing-Spokane, Wa. 99202 ton, D.C. has granted the American Telephone: HU 9 5373 Indian Women's Service League \$50,000 to sponsor an Indian Educational Talent Search Project in Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and Forks, Forks, Wa. 98331 Washington.

Among the objectives are drop-out prevention and counseling and tutoring of Indian students at the junior high, senior high and posthigh school levels. Students are helped directly as well as by referrals, and counselors work with other agencies and cooperate with cheir programs.

Office space is donated by the Spokane Indian Center, Tacoma Pub- The money was distributed as follic School District and Forks Pub- lows: lic School with headquarters at the Seattle Indian Center.

were formerly funded by Upward Bound funds, a program that has been phased out in this district. An advisory board of 12 members from the community assures in-put from the community served under theartworks, replenishment of their new program.

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HAIR BENEFIT RAISES \$1,959.78 FOR INDIAN PROJECTS

A total of \$1,959.78 was raised for four Indian groups as a result of the benefit performance of "Hair" in Seattle, at the beginning of their sell-out run.

\$979.89 to the American Indian Youth Foundation, with funds sent Staff of the Talent Search program to Carey King in New York for deposit to the Fund bank account;

> \$26,63 to the American Indian Women's Service League for use in buying and re-selling handcrafts and scholarship fund, help rural Indians with funds to shift from country to city living.

\$326.63 to American Indian Students group at the University of Washington for donation or loan funds for scudents who have severe financial ermergencies arising in Spring Quarter, and for recruiting young Indians for college.

\$326.63 to Kinachicapi which supplies food and clothing to reservation Indians coming to the sity in desparate need.

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#### TEEPEES FROM

summer. Georgianna and son John flew to Coleman, Texas to disit her his vacation at the All American daughter Elizabeth and family. She Indian Days celebration in Brownspent only 23 weeks because of the heat. John spent a month before returning home. Daughter Marilyn flew to Norwich, England to visit her sister Carol, leaving here on June 14 and returning on July 7ch.

The Whetungs drove to Vancouver, B.C. to pick up their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Townes who spent several days with them and enjoyed the Northwest. The Townes are from South Wales.

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Pearl Warren has been named to the 17-member citizens task force

for the waterfront. The committee was appointed by the Mayor and represents a cross section of public opinion.

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Carol Willis (Cherokee) and July's Playboy 'Playmate" was a guest of Bernie White Bear at the State Banquet and was also a judge for the Miss North American contest.

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Carl Warren took a week's vacation and flew East to visit relatives.

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Wilbur Betts spent five days fishing at Lake Louise with his daughter and her family. They also

The Amos Whetung family had a busy took in the Calgary Stampede for four days. Wilbur, then continued ing, where he danced.

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Rita Jametski (Tsimpshean) is a grandma. Her daughter Christine Zimmerman, had a baby girl on July 13 and answers to the name of Andre. She weighed 7 1bs. 10 ounces.

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Billy Mills (Pine Ridge Sioux) was the featured speaker at the 2nd AnnualState Banquet, sponsored by the American Indian Women's Service League. He gave an inspiring speech and received a standing

ovation when they played tapes of his participation in the 10,000 meter race which he won to become the first American Indian to win a Gold Medal but also the first American to win a gold medal in the 10,000 meter run of the Clympic Games.

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## IN MEMORIAM

One of the charter members of the Service League, Helen White Eagle, wife of Ted White Eagle, died on July 19, after a brief illness. Helen was employed at the Indian Center as receptionist and was past sectetary and treasurer of the American Indian Women's Service League. She is missed.

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## In Memoriam

Clarence Pickernell (Quinault) diedert who weighed in at 8 lbs. 3 oz. at his home in Taholah in August. has a sister Heidi, age 32. Clarence was a school teacher there and has travelled all over the world. He also taught school in He will be remembered for Japan. ture, his poetry, his responsibil- Allen. ity for forming a group of 40 young2 years old. Quinault Indian youth and teaching them songs and dances of their These young people under tribe. his guidance also made beautiful Indian button blankets which we admired when they were first displayed at the Seattle Potlatch.

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Bea Medicine (Sloux) who teaches in the Department of Anthropology at San Francisco State Collegé sends greetings to her Northwest our state banquet which she was un-grandchildren. Mr. Hogsed was on able to attend. She and her son Ted plan a trip to South America.

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We hope all goes well with Jesse Epstein who went to the Mayo ClinicJohn Emhoola has been named to head for some tests. the Heritage program for the Seat-Jesse is past chairman of the Indian Center Advi-tle Public schools. They are presory Board. sently filling positions.

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CRADLE ROLL

A new daughter was born to Major and Mrs. Charles Hall of Anondale, American Indian Women's Service Va., born July 17. Major Hall is the son of Pearl Warren and is sta-shortly be for sale at the Center. tioned at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. The new baby joins two brothers and a sister.

Zena and Roger DeLorm have another grandson born August 22 in Tacoma to their daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Mike Reagle. Young Rob-

Arlene and Jim Lamanna are the proud parents of a son born at Doctors Hospital, August 24, weight, 7 lbs. his contribution to the Indian cul-4 oz. They have named him Jason He joins a sister, Michelle,

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Bernie White Bear announces the opening of offices at 1407 7th Ave. Telephone, MA 3 6361 for the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation.

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W. R. Hogsed of Turner, Oregon (Zena DeLorm's father) celebrated his 91st birthday there the first part of August. He has four daughfriends and also a contribution to ters, llgrandchildren and 12 great the ailing list but is now home from the hospital. We wish him good health.

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#### GOOD NEWS -OUR LEGEND BOOK IS OUT

"INDIAN LEGENDS" published by the League, is at the printers and will After many months of collecting the legends and illustrations, we are really proud of the results.

<u>VIEWPOINT OF PEOPLE LIVING ON PUYAL</u> tant than possessions and old <u>LUP RIVER: BY RAMONA BENNET, Puyal</u> things will always be treasured <u>lup Reservation Council</u> instead of replaced. The Bureau

Eighty years ago, this area was a paradise of rich trees, rich beachesrich rivers, plentiful hunting, andpeople with a rich culture. As the white population increased ... the wealth of the Indian people decreased with it. When the treaties were signed, we were a rich and sharing people, and we thought there would always be plenty to share. The men from Boston were few and it didn't appear they could alter our life-style to any great The white man's diseases degree. decreased our population radically. Their population was on the rise and they put a statue in a harbor INVITING all the infirm, incompetent, social misfits from Europe to come and share our countries' They came .... in numbers. wealth. They paved and polluted every inch of land and air they had contact with. As surely as they destroyed our mother earth, they destroyed her children.

Our people gathered, hunted, fished and preserved foods for about three months out of the year. The balance of the year was free to spend developing a most advanced culture. Family ties were deep and the government realized that this was the fiber of our society so the first destructive step against us was to gather our children and send them as far away from home as possible for a civilizing education.

"Civilizing" means cultural death to people with deep roots. Our people can't really assimilate... we aren't the same. We were pushed into the melting pot and we stuck to the sides and sunk to bhe bottom. Our value system is different, people will always be more impor-

tant than possessions and old things will always be treasured instead of replaced. The Bureau of Indian Affairs relocated thousands of Indian families, only to find out that they all find their way home when there are roots to gather or horses to break. Indian people are different....

The money spent on relocation programs could have gone toward developing on-reservation programs so our people could stay 'home' in comfort and dignity, if the anglo society had not been more interested in taking our land base than really improving the Indian standard of living.

My tribe is the Puyallup tribe. This land base was located from Stillacum to Duwamish, but centrally where the City of Tacoma now exists. The prime real estate originally held by this tribe explains better than I can say why so much has happened to these particular people.

We have a Presbyterian Church in the middle of our cemetary that was awarded to the faith by an act of Congress so this sect could 'civilize the savages'. We are allowed to rent the church each week, so we can have Indian Dance classes. The agencies that "serve' the Indian have administered us out of the 219,000 acres originally assigned by treaty. Our other treaty rights were the right to hunt and the right to fish. The right to hunt in downtown Tacoma is a bit of a lost cause. Now we are down to the right to take fish.

We fish under the Treaty of Medicine Creek, 1854. The State has not sufficiently protected the fish resource, the spawning (Continued on Page 12) VIEWPOINT - Bennet (Continued from Page 11) instead of taplaced.

grounds have been ruined in most cases, either by dams or by careless logging too near the water edge. In the case of the Puyallup River the power project let the water level get too low at one pointpeople. We found in our fishing and killed all of the spawned eggs. The power project received a slap on the wrists and tiny fine, but the fish shortage was blamed on the Indians again in a most Hitleristic manner.

Washington State Department of Fish-together fishing, as their fathers eries has an injunction against our Tribe that tells us we can't fish in our river because the fish are necessary for conservation purposes.white population and all treaty We contend that State courts don't have the authority to make these kind of decisions and the burden of proof was the fisheries department'sily and has nothing the government responsibility and the necessity foris interested in taking away from lished. The fisheries department tells us that they can't restrict the sports and commercial fishermen because they can't determine which fish are headed for our river. (Indian fishing is being regulated on all usual and accustomed rivers).

When an Indian fisherman is arrest ed he is charged with violating the injunction, not the actual fishing. This is probably because the courts can state for certain that there is an injunction, but can't say for certain that Indians do not have the right to fish. We have now questioned whether it is legal to prosecute an individual under an in-on maintaining a camp through the junction, that was filed against the tribe. Since that question has come up they have changed and are now charging our people with 'obstructing" an officer.

After nineteen years of litigation

and arrest and frequent abuse our people have their backs to the ri-We have no place to go. Fish. ver. ing is firmly a part of our culture here on the coast. Coast songs, dances, carving, drawing, diet, religion and social structure all reflect the fish's importance to our camp a new feeling for each other. We wre a family. Our young people who have never met, heard about our camp and came down. They got to know each other and watched the fishermen. They started out shakin out a net and end up on the river and the people before them have for thousands of years. When a tribe's land base is lost through a growin ( rights are denied there is no need to worry about termination. The tribe ceases to function as a famconservation was never REALLY estab-them. We of the Puyallup Tribe are not alone on that river. All coast tribes are with us whether they realize it or not. If the state takes from us the right to take fish, a dangerous precedent will be set and all of the coast tribes can expect the same sort of treat-We have armed ourselves for ment. the protection of our fishermen as a last resort. On the last day of the fishing treaty right, we know the other tribes will do the same, some next year and some in fifty years. We hope the Indian community will try to understand our situation and will assist us. Help is needed in many ways in our camp and in outside communities. We plan month of November this year and every year until this legal problem is settled. In Seattle please call ME 2 1557. In Tacoma, call BR 2 9962: Survival of the American Indian, Tacoma.

# From The Director's Desk

This has been a very busy summer wich the changing of our program Upward Bound to the Talent Search pro- - Citizens Waterfront Comm. gram, salmon bake, Potlatch, and all of the pow-wows.

- Waterfront Committee May 1:
  - 4: Environmental Health Comm. 22: Juvenile Court
  - 5: Renton High School Seniors 6: Blanchert High School sen
  - lors. 7: Central District Public As- 28:
  - sistance Advisory Board UGN Executive Mrg.
  - Waterfront Committee Aug. 1: 8:
  - U. of W. Hospital panel 2: 9: Speech to incerns
  - Vashon Island Senior High 11:
  - 12: Woodway Hi School Seniors - Renton Kiwanis
  - 14: AIWSL Pot Luck & meeting 5: Channel 9 UW at Cent.
  - 15: King County Central Dist- 6: rict advisory board - public Assistance. 11: Waterfront Task Force noon - Waterfront Comm.
  - 17: women's Scudio Club
  - 18: I. C. Advisory Board
  - 19: Bellevue Jr. High School
  - King Councy Comprehensive 22: Health Planning Ncon - Law and Justice Comm.
  - 25: Upward Bound Scaff Meeting
  - 26: Environmental Task Force
  - 27: Seattle Community College Minority class
- June 3: Harborview Medical Center Speak to doctors and Social workers.
  - 10:Citizens Waterformt Task Force

- Jefferson House Board

- 11:islative Sub-Committee on
- 12:
- 17: Agency Executives UGN
- 19:Law and Justice Committee
- 25: Girl Scout Day Camp
- July 1: day at Center.

Model Cities Board Mug.

- Citizens Waterfront Comm. 14: Camp Fire Girls - Showal
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- 15: Seattle Community College Minoricy class
- AIWSL Banquer 16:
- Citizens Waterfront Comm. 21:
- Seattle Community College 23: Minoricy class
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- UGN Executives Human Rights Committee Public Affairs Committee Potlatch
- - Salmon Bake at Alki
  - Seattle University Sensi-4: tivity Class

    - Central District Public Assistance Board
  - King County Comprehensive 14: Health Planning Comm.
  - Waterfront Task Force 18:
  - UGN Executives and staff 19:
  - 27 28: Washington State Indian Conference at Bellìngham
  - 31: Department of Labor Secretary Hodgson, Meeting.

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# REMINDER

School clothes are given out only on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have not yet been in in you can still come in for clothes. In Hearings at Center for Leg-order for every one to get a fair share this year mothers can come in Indian & Migrant education 3 times during the coming year 1) Bethel Presbyterian Church at the beginning of the school year 2) at Christmas, and 3) in the Spring. There is no school shoe fund this year because we lost our CAP directors meeting all contact. We hope to find a new one soon.

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# A LEGEND FROM HELEN PETERSON (Makah)

• Once upon a time there was a girl. Her name was Ahus-se-qua. She was a mean girl and couldn't get along with anyone. The people in the village got tired of her being so mean, so they decided to leave the village. One night everyone packed up and left the village to Ahus-se-qua.

In the morning she woke up and everything was quiet and she went to the beach and there was no one around and she want from house to house and all she found was some dogs.

One morning she was sitting on a log on the beach and she was cold and hungry, when she heard a crow say "caw-caw" and the crow dropped a mussel shell with a hot coal in it. Her Grandmother sent it to her so she wouldn't be cold and hungry and she could start a fire and cock. One day she went to dig clams and she was suspicious of the dogs so she put her coat over her clam stick and sneaked up to the house to see what the dogs were doing. They shed their fur and they were dancing and singing and they turned out to be people dancing, so she grabbed the pile of fur and put it in the fire so the people could not be dogs any more but stayed as people.

Ahus-se-qua turned out to be the kindest of them all, as she had learned her lesson.

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