

Gaming Leaders Call for Federal Government to Stop Meddling

LAS VEGAS (AP) Indian gaming movement leaders called Thursday for the federal government to stop meddling in tribal affairs, and scoffed at allegations that the booming industry is the target of organized crime.

"The time has come to encourage gaming," said Leonard Prescott, chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association. "It has been creating benefits for Indians and non-Indians alike, and it's not costing the states a dime."

More than half of the nation's 278 Indian reservations have signed state-tribal compacts since the passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, and Indian gaming is now a \$1 billion industry.

But many states have balked at reaching agreements with tribal leaders, leaving them out of an industry that has become an economic blessing to struggling reservations.

"It (gaming) is the single most effective tool we have... to obtain self-sufficiency and self-esteem," Prescott told delegates attending the International Gaming Exposition '92 meeting at the Aladdin hotel-casino.

Other gaming leaders said the National Indian Gaming Commission, formed with the passage of the 1988 law, has stunted the growth of tribal gaming.

"The commission knows nothing about tribal laws and it knows nothing about gaming," said Indian attorney Gerald Hill.

Nevada gaming officials have expressed fear the lack of regulations on Indian reservations could prove detrimental to the industry if any of the casinos are caught cheating.

But those attending Thursday's seminar said the concerns are not relevant.

"It's just a positive, positive, positive attitude that the local people have," said Marlin Torguson, who built the Jackpot Junction casino in Morton, Minn.

Hill called on the media to investigate "erroneous claims as to the infiltration of organized crime" in reservation gaming, while Prescott said the allegations were "scare tactics" generated by competitors and state governments opposed to gaming.

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Mob Bosses Indicted Over Indian Gaming Scheme

SAN DIEGO (AP) Chicago's organized crime street boss and his predecessor were arrested Jan. 10 along with eight other men charged with scheming to gain control of an American Indian gaming hall in San Diego, authorities said.

John "No Nose" DiFronzo, described by prosecutors as the man responsible for the man responsible for the Chicago mob's day-to-day activities, was arrested in Chicago. DiFronzo, 70, was released on \$500,000 bond.

DiFronzo directs the syndicate for chairman Anthony Accardo, who succeeded Al Capone, according to the Chicago Crime Commission.

DiFronzo took the post in January, replacing Samuel Anthony Carlisi, commission officials said.

Carlisi, 63, was arrested in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he now lives in semi-retirement, FBI agents said. He also was released on \$500,000 bond.

DiFronzo, Carlisi and eight others described as "soldiers" or "associates" of the Chicago syndicate were charged with plotting to skim money from a proposed gambling hall at the Rincon Indian Reservation in San Diego County.

"This indictment shows that even in a modern world the age-old methods of organized crime of secrecy, violence, and intimidation can be used to seek control of otherwise legal activities," U.S. Attorney William Braniff said at a press conference.

The syndicate planned to operate the gaming hall through front men, including a tribe member, posing as legitimate investors and contractors, Braniff said.

Rincon tribe member Glen Martin Calac of Palm Springs, Calif., was to represent himself as a manager acting on behalf of a group of Palm Springs investors, the indictment alleges. Calac was among those indicted.

The activities allegedly took place from 1985 to early 1989. The syndicate eventually was rebuffed by the Indians and no gaming operation was opened, Braniff said.

April Medicine Wheel

Submitted by: Walt Klamath, Outpatient Counselor

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