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(The way it is)

Editors Note:

As stated in the first edition of the "Spilyay Tymoo," emphasis will be placed upon accuracy and impartiality; and to provide a forum for interested members to express his (her) opinions and other suggestions.

This will give all members an opportunity to express their views, pro or con, on any subject matter related to tribal matters. However, all letters received by the editor must be signed for publication.

To The Editor:

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The Sovereign Native Women have planned a national conference to focus on the theme, "Native Women's Self-Awareness". It is to be held in conjunction with the Survival of American Indians Association's caravan, "Trail of Self-Determination," which left Fort Laramie, Wyoming on March 31, 1976. The caravan is following the Bi-Centennial Wagon Train in quest of mass support for our Sovereign Rights, and the members of the "Trail of Self-Determination" will all stop at Lawrence, Kansas for the Women's Conference.

The conference is Chicano-Indian oriented, and will be held May 13-17, 1976 in Navarre Hall at Haskell Indian Junior College. The purpose of the conference is to intensify the goals of the caravan and to focus on the women's role in society. Specific issues are to include:

1. To cause Native Women to realize their full potential as organizers and motivators. Throughout our history, Native women have provided invaluable strength and support to their men, and at the same time have assured the continuation of our race by raising generations of strong Native men and women.

2. Protection of Native children's right to a truthful education. The public school system does not teach the true history of our people, but prefers to teach a distorted, "whitewashed" version.

3. Native children in non-Indian foster homes, (disguised genocide).

4. Mass media's false portrayal of the Native Women's role in society, and the false portrayal of all Native people through the widespread use of

degrading stereotypes.

5. The protection of our health through proper diet and the use of our own traditional medicines.

6. Various aspects of Native Sovereign Rights, and contemporary political issues as they pertain to Native Women.

The 17th of May has been planned to include participants for women of all races. It is important to note that the conference is not closed to men and that all interested people are welcome. However, the Sovereign Native Women do not have a budget for expenses or hotel bills, so accommodations and meals will be available at the college.

This is a conference which pertains to the lives of all Native people. This is a chance not to sit and read history, but to change history's course toward the betterment of all people by actively participating in the conference and the caravan.

Anyone interested in attending the conference or donating money can contact Franks Landing for further information. Alison Gottfriedson or Suzette Mills, Rt. 12, Box 467A, Olympia, WA 98503.

We're Tired

We're tired of seeing our men driven by despair, turn to alcohol, commit suicide or end up in penal institutions! We've reared our children only to see them brainwashed by an alien system with a genocidal policy which destroys our language, customs and heritage.

We're tired of seeing our brothers and sons go off to war only to come home and be slain by United States government forces! After 483 years....

Goals set

The Bumping Lake enlargement project near Yakima, Washington, received a resolution of support from the Columbia River Basin Fisheries Alliance meeting in Salem Saturday, April 17, 1976.

The alliance, formed last September, is composed of gillnetters, commercial and sports fishermen and four Indian tribes. Their stated goal is to work for the improvement of salmon and steelhead runs in the Columbia and its tributaries.

The Bumping Lake project, which would add some 324,000 acre-feet of water to Bumping Lake for preservation of stream flow in the Yakima River Basin, was called "an important percent for future enhancement projects in the region," by the alliance.

The alliance noted that the Yakima River, once a major spawning area, had been damaged by low water flow the past several years and that the Bumping Lake project would bring back major spawning to the river.

The alliance also named members it will recommend for selection to the regional councils established by the 200-mile offshore fishing limitation bill signed by President Ford earlier this week.

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a 35 year old man who's in love with a beautiful, 28 year old divorcee. I want to marry her, but she keeps wanting more time to think it over.

In the meantime, she's seeing another man, and I'm afraid he has the edge on me. You see, he's part Kickapoo Indian, and I hear Indians are superior to the white man when it comes to lovemaking. Closely guarded tribal secrets on how to satisfy a woman are passed down from father to son. If there is any truth to that, I'm willing to pay whatever is necessary to find out.

Let me say that I was married for four years, and I never had any complaints from my wife, but if Indians are better lovers than white men, I would like to find out why.

Maybe your readers can help. Thank you. - Ed in East Illinois.

Dear Ed: I can offer two suggestions - Try the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the American Indian Movement.

This was copied from the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board news letter, April, 1976.

we're tired....

we're damn sick and tired! So, we're standing up next to our men! We're standing up and taking up the battle here and now to protect our young so their unborn can know the freedom our grandparents knew.

The future of our young and unborn is buried in our past. We are today who will bring the rebirth of spiritualism, dignity and sovereignty! by Regina Brave, Sovereign Native American Women

Money is the Main Reason

To the Editor:

Some realistic thoughts and opinions concerning the class action suit being brought against the Confederated Tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs:

Once again it is a classic example of the tail wagging the dog: An outspoken few attempting to control the majority. What is the main reason for all the outburst, emotional reaction and cries of discrimination? MONEY!!

Land in most land claims cases is the issue. Yet, we know it is not in this case. Isn't money the cause for this egotistical trip? Obviously, it is.

An interesting fact is that nearly all the plaintiffs have already collected \$\$\$\$ from other agencies. So, that puts them in the position of having everything to gain and nothing to lose. I seriously question the integrity of using legal semantics in accomplishing this end. How does the usage of the law justify this cause?

Consider this: The law has no moral content; it merely represents conduct that does. It is time we started concentrating on that conduct and eliminate the need for fancy legal double-talk. Respect what is right and proper. Wouldn't you say that that is the reason why we, as a people, are still together?

Or are we? I seriously probe the fact that you are creating more than disunity and disillusion. And for what?

For example? The Newsletter of explanation from the legal aid service in Portland

stated that the plaintiffs were being disenrolled and discriminated against. May we pursue this and ask, by whom?

If you will refer to the Confederated Tribes Constitution and By-Laws, it will explicitly explain that no member can disenroll another. The Constitution reads -

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 4

"Loss of membership. - In no case shall a member lose his membership other than by personal request in writing to the Tribal Council."

You claim that the Bureau of Indian Affairs caused the Tribes to split. Did they file the suit? You accomplished that by filing the suit against the Confederated Tribes.

In simple, elementary language, you all really have the gall.

It is time to bury the hatchet and stop using it to detriment of the aged, the needy, and the hungry.

In closing, I silently wonder how many off-reservation members are truly interested in the welfare of our ever-progressive community of Warm Springs and our people - both young and old.

If so, why aren't they living here?

Very truly,
Nina M. Rowe

Tourney Set

A chess tournament is scheduled at the community center. The rating tournament will be on June 5 and 6, and the Warm Springs Open is set for July 10 and 11. The community center has supplied the following information regarding the chess activities.

WARM SPRINGS RATING TOURNAMENT June 5 and 6, 1976

SITE: Warm Springs Community Center 16 miles west of Madras, Oregon on Highway 26. TYPE: 5 rd Swiss TC 50-2 NW rated ENTRY: \$4.00 advance \$5.00 at site plus OCF dues. Juniors \$2.00 advance \$2.50 at site. PRIZES: Trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best unrated and Best junior; also cash as entries warrant. SCHEDULE: Saturday 10, 2:30, 7 Sunday 9:30, 2. REGISTRATION: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Saturday. ADVANCE TO: Lyle Rhoan Sr., Warm Springs Chess Club, Warm Springs Community Center, Warm Springs, Or. 97761. TD: Dave Dawson. SPONSOR: Warm Springs Community Center.

WARM SPRINGS OPEN JULY 10 and 11, 1976

SITE: Warm Springs Community Center at Warm Springs, Oregon, 16 miles west of Madras, Oregon on Highway 26. OPEN: 5 rd Swiss TC 45-2 USCF & NW. ENTRY: \$10, in advance \$12 at site & USCF, OCF dues. PRIZES: \$125 first, \$75 second, \$50 third-1st: A, B & C \$30. BOOSTER: 1399 & under TC 50-2 NW rated entry; \$4.00. PRIZES: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, best junior warrant and books and sets. SCHEDULE: Sat. 9:30, 2, 6:30 Sunday 9, 2. REGISTRATION: 8-9 a.m. Saturday. ADVANCE TO: Lyle Rhoan Sr., Warm Springs Community Center, Warm Springs, Or. 97761. TD: Harry Glidden. SPONSOR: Warm Springs Community Center.



Early this year Ken Smith, Wasco Indian and General Manager of The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, was named to the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Smith is the first American Indian ever named to a Federal Reserve Bank Board. He is a director and the treasurer of the AITC. He is also a member of the American Policy Review Commission task force on Reservation development.

It was another Indian, Senator Robert Owen of Oklahoma, a Cherokee, who sponsored in the U.S. Senate the law that set up the reserve system and its 12 member banks in 1913.



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