

Editorial E COOSH EEWA:

(The way it is)

To The Editor

It has been one lonely week since I was so unjustly locked away here in the segre-

gation cage of the McNeil Island Federal prison hospital unit. I was brought here im-

mediately after completing a physical examination in which I came into the main institution from the prison camp, located a couple miles from here.

A fire broke out at a building near the camp and I was immediately a main suspect in the act of arson, if in fact it was arson! Before, during and after the fire I was in the direct company of a number of men occupying the unit known as dorm two. There were numerous men throughout the camp who can vouch for my innocence. Although I wasn't in the custody of the camp long enough to learn the names of very many men.

Although I feel that this is another of the unjust acts committed against an Indian person, there is little or nothing I can do. Many Indian brothers call to me and give me hope and strength. It gives me great spiritual feeling and identity to know that a wall or bars cannot break the unity and love that will always hold Indian people together. Its a shame that we are all like caged winged ones, to be fed and played with at the governments leisure.

There are many prison officials who have hearts that throb with similarity to the spiritual beat that Indian people have. Many have the heart beat loud and clear like the drum that gives us harmony to our songs. Some have timid, weak heartbeats made that way by the taking of our culture and tradition. None the less, Indian people have hearts unlike the many races of mankind.

Then there are the prison officials who enjoy life by watching the misery of fellow human beings. These are the individuals who have been helped all their lives by the man with money and power, the man they idolize. These too are the dangerous officials who will achieve their goal of money and power by all means. Even though it means stepping on us and kicking us aside as it has happened for so long.

Have any of you thought that maybe someone close to you, who you admire could actually be gripped with the lust for power and money?

It troubles my heart to know that Indian people would actually turn on their own brothers and sisters for money. The money, that so many have dedicated themselves to hurting and criticizing their own, is it worth it? That money that has caused so many heartaches is something that we could all use. But at one hell of a price.

"What next?" Armed battles between kin? Goon Squads? I pray not. (Please watch out for the latter.) If everyone will think and realize we are American Indians and not a group of human beings who worship the almighty dollar. Then maybe all the filled two car garages and nice fancy homes will mean more than being better than your neighbor.

Many will read this and denounce me as a trouble maker, brainwashed, communist, and Hippie as I have been called numerous times in my own homeland. If its what it

takes to bring to light the many injustices and brutalities inflicted on my family and friends through the past few years, then I am that.

Makes me think of the time I had to watch helpless, while the police of our state beat my wife while she was heavy with my second child. She had surgery to save my son, yet we are both treated as criminals by our own society. I pray that the reservation people will not have to endure the pain and suffering I, my family and friends have had to. But if the reservation people continue to drift away from their culture and heritage, and money then I feel sure the sacred hoop of our people will be torn apart.

Every night now while under lock and key I have sung a spiritual song and prayed for the unity of my reservation and all Indian people. I shall continue to do so as long as I live, so please say a word to the great spirit for happiness and health for me and my family. You are all my people and I love and think of you all. So please think of my words with your heart and pary for Indian unison.

Your Brother
Milton Sahme 10440

Spilyay Speaks



ARE PEOPLE TAKEN FOR GRANTED, or is it the personality of others? "Well", while the Spilyay was visiting with individuals became involved in a discussion which pointed toward the treatment some receive in restaurants around the area. There are some establishments that are not the most desirable places to have a meal in, and there are some that are pretty well set up. The discussion pointed on waitresses and their attitudes and one in particular was discussed of the performance she gave during the course of the meal, by taking the order, bringing the meal to the table and that was the last they ever saw of her until it was time to pay the check.

"Yikes", some service. Yet, There is another waitress there that would run down the isles on her knees to please her customers. But of course if you knew this waitress it would only be expected . . .

THE ACE REPORTER FLIES NORTH this time of the year! Isn't it just a little odd to fly north this time of the year as all the flying seems to be heading south? "Oh Well," must explain the situation. Just after putting out the 15th edition of the Spilyay Tymoo, the Ace reporter flew to Anchorage, Alaska, to visit her sister who lives there, but she will return in time though to have input in this edition.

N.C.A.I. Convention.

The 33rd annual convention of the National Congress of American Indians scheduled for October 18, through the 22nd to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, to be attended by several of the Tribal Council members. Attorney and management personnel as well as other interested individuals will make the trip, leaving Sunday Oct. 17, 1976, to attend a very important gathering. Last year the convention was held in Portland, Ore., where many important issues were discussed by tribes from throughout the country.

At gatherings such as this each year gives all tribal organizations, associates and interested individuals the opportunity to discuss problems that they face throughout the country and try to find suitable solutions to the problems of concern.

Each year there are committees selected and at the convention make reports on the present situation in which they face.

After all the preliminary assemblys, such as presentation of the flag invocation, memorials, wisdom address, and also welcome from the host tribe, and keynote address by honorable Albert Trimble, President of Oglala Sioux Tribe; the reports of all special personnel from various committees will be presented.

Of concern, will be reports from, Policy Resolution No. 4, "Treaties and Trust Relations," Policy Resolution No. 2, Tribal Government, No. 3, Jurisdiction, and Policy No. 4, Federal Administratives.

Other categories of concern will include Indian Health and Social concern; Indian Education, Natural Resources, Reservation Development concern. There are several other concerns by all Indian Reservations that will be discussed and solutions to each problem will be exposed and hopefully there can be a solution to all problems presented.

In speaking to a housewife about the weather, she said that the weather would turn cold, or, what I mean is that it will turn cold at night and warm during the day; when asked, why will the nights turn cold and days warm? The answer was; you shouldn't take a six year olds advice; "Well," Must say good nite! Good nite Ma, good nite Pa, good night John Boy, "GOOD NIGHT "DIGGER."

Land Services Program Meeting

Tribal members of the range and Water Board Committees were delegated to attend the land services program meeting in Spokane, Washington on October 19, 20, and 21, starting at 8:00 a.m. each day. The location of the meeting will take place at the U.S. Courthouse, West 920 Riverside Avenue.

On the first day the environmental program activities will include treaty fishing rights program, water resource planning, protection of off-reservation hunting rights, a review of the cartographics program, soil moisture program activities, irrigation development, and range management.

On Wednesday the 20th, there will be a field trip to the Spokane Indian reservation to visit the Sherwood Uranium mining area, irrigation project development, the Dawn Uranium mine, a slide area on the shore of Lake Roosevelt, and other significant areas that the Spokane Agency will select.

On Thursday the 21st, a period will be set aside for specific groups such as Range Specialists, SMC Specialists, Environmental Coordinators,

Irrigation, and others to confer on specific efforts and problems. This is the general format that will be followed.

Tribal Council Agenda

Oct. 4 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Committee Appointments: Water Board, Museum Board

2. Committee Recommendations:

a. Fish and Wildlife Committee - Ordinance 38

b. Land Use Committee - Memo re historical park

3. N.C.A.I. Delegation

Oct. 5 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Housing and apartment complex

2. Industrial Sites - Warehouse

3. 2:00 p.m. - Shopping Center - Dave Leland

Oct. 11 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. 509-J Report - Dr. George Bowers

2. 2:00 p.m. - USGS Water Report



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3. 4:00 p.m. - Mark Budge Church of Later Day Saints
Oct. 12 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. W.S.F.P.I. Board
2. BIA Land Operations - Responsibilities, Duties and Accomplishments

Oct. 13 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Realty

2. 2:00 p.m. - Enrollments
Oct. 18th through Oct. 22nd: NCAI CONVENTION, Salt Lake City

Oct. 26 - Tribal Council Meeting, Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge, 10:00 a.m.

1. Trust Fund Report - Jim Hillenkamp

2. 2:00 p.m. - Kah-Nee-Ta Monthly Report

3. Management Reports
Oct. 27 - W.S.F.P.I. Board, Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge, 9:30 a.m.