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Agenda Set for National Indian Education Convention

"Indian Education: We Learn From Yesterday For Tomorrow" is the theme set for the 9th Annual National Indian Education Association's convention to be held Novembaer 6-10, 1977 at the Civic Center in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) is a non-profit membership organization of educators, parents and students concerned with the quality of education American Indian people receive. As the only national organization which has as its central purpose expanding educational opportunity for American Indians, NIEA conducts an annual convention to address issues and concerns pertinent to American Indian people nation-wide.

The agenda for this year's convention again offers participants a wide variety of information on such topics as tribally-

operated schools, special education, legislation pending in Congress on Indian affairs, health services, Indian parent involvement in the schools and the reauthorization of the Indian Education Act (Title IV). There are over 75 workshops scheduled throughout the convention.

Medicine men representing different tribes will perform the opening ceremonies each day of the convention. Representatives from the National Tribal Chairman's Association, the National Congress of American Indians, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Office of Indian Education and NIEA will present a panel discussion addressing the concept of each organization's philosophies or policies on this year's convention theme.

The panel discussion will be preceded by the opening ceremonies Monday, Nov. 7 at 9 a.m. from the Host Tribe, and Red

Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Mayor George Latimer, St. Paul, and Minnesota Governor Rudy Perpich. The keynote address will be given by the White House Education Advisor to President Jimmy Carter, Dr. Elizabeth Abramowitz.

A caucus on issues important to American Indian people will be an important feature of the convention. Set for Nov. 7 at 1:30 p.m., the special caucus issues include the following:

Title IV Reauthorization, Amendments and Appropriations.

Public Hearing on Bilingual Education.

FICE (Federal Interagency Committee on Education) Recommendations.

Indian Preference.

American Indian Policy Review Commission Report to the U.S. Congress.

Education Study of the Pres-

ident's Reorganization Project. Higher Education Financial Aids.

Special Education.

Adult Education.

Vocational Education.

School Construction.

The principal speakers on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m., at the general assembly are Joseph Delacruz, president of the National Tribal Chairman's Association and Veronica Murdock, president of the National Congress of American Indians.

The NIEA convention has increased dramatically in attendance each succeeding year and this year attendance is expected to exceed 5,000 participants from across the country and Canada.

Warm Springs will be represented at the convention by Municipal Branch Manager Rudy Clements and possibly a member of the Education Committee.

Oregon State University

The OSU Native American Club announces their first annual pow wow starting off with a dinner at the longhouse at 5 p.m. with a charge of \$1.00 per plate in the memorial union ballroom Oregon State University, in Corvallis, Oregon.

The evening festivities will get underway at 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 29. There will be Dance contests with prizes. Men's dance for first prize is \$75.00, second is \$50.00, and third is \$25.00.

The womens contest the first prize is \$60.00, second will be \$40.00 and third \$20.00. In the childrens division there will be two divisions which will consist of boys from 13-18, and one for the girls from 13-18, each division will give for first place winner \$30.00, second \$20.00, and third \$10.00. For boys and girls each in their own division which will be from 6-12 there will be just one winner from each group and for the first place only of \$10.00.

There will be a presentation of \$25.00 to each drum that participates in the pow wow. For the winner of the drumming contest there is a prize of \$35.00, and all drummers can register at the pow wow.

In addition to the pow wow there will be tables available for display of arts and crafts. For more information call 754-2738 (Longhouse) or 754-3628 (EOP Office).

Fool

What are you? I'm a fool . . .
I could be a friend . . .
I could be an enemy . . .
I could be a brother . . .
I could be a lover . . .
Even all these put together . . .

Yet, I never stop! . . .
I'm either up or down . . .
I'm always asking directions . . .
And appearing as a clown . . .
With all their left over laughter . . .
So with things never right . . .
And things never wrong . . .
It's always the same things
That lead me by the arm . . .
I'm seldom ever in Darkness
Thou it might appear that way.
I'm forever climbing higher
And higher with each foolish day.
Maybe tomorrow will be lower,
but it will still be higher then today.
As life for this foolish man is becoming more,
Clearer with each God given day.

ON THE TRAIL

About Your Social Security

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People who are interested in helping themselves and others should be aware of a Social Security leaflet that is especially useful. It is called "Social Security Publication," and it presents a variety of Social Security pamphlets which inform people about their rights and responsibilities under Social Security and the supplemental security income program (SSI).

If you work with groups that include elderly people or people with limited income, you will find the pamphlet on Social Security publications a useful guide to information on programs that might be helpful to those people. The pamphlets are written in simple language and

can be included in general information speeches or discussions, or excerpted for newsletters or other group correspondence, or placed in racks in prominent places or simply helpful in personal conversations. Copies are available free of charge.

While the Social Security literature is helpful in alerting people to benefits which might be available to them, please don't attempt to determine if you or anyone else is eligible for benefits. Leave that to the experts at your Social Security office who are specially trained for that purpose. Also, if there is any question about your own or another person's responsibilities under a specific Social Security program or SSI, get "official" advice from the people at Social Security. That's what they are there for. The pamphlets are,

however, very helpful in informing people about Social Security and SSI. Some people, for example, still may not have heard about SSI.

Social Security pays benefits to workers and eligible dependents when the worker retires at age 62 or older, to workers and their dependents if the worker suffers a disability at any age that prevents him or her from working for a year or more, and to the survivors of a worker who dies after working long enough under Social Security. Medicare helps pay health care costs of most people 65 and over and people who suffer prolonged disability. The Social Security Administration also administers the SSI program for needy people age 65 or over, blind, or disabled.

The leaflet lists the most popular publications and gives a brief explanation of what each covers. Among the pamphlets of general interest mentioned is "Your Social Security," an overall explanation of the Social Security program. The booklet covers retirement, survivors and disability insurance, Medicare highlights, program financing, and appeal rights. This is a good pamphlet for any purpose.

Special pamphlets of interest include "Estimating Your Social Security Retirement Check." It includes a guide to estimating your retirement benefits at age 62 or later and a benefit chart. "You Can Work and Still Get Social Security Checks," tells how much money you can earn and still get monthly Social Security checks. It includes charts on how earnings affect benefits. A number of pamphlets on Medicare and SSI are also mentioned.

For younger groups, appropriate publications listed are "Social Security Benefits for People Disabled before 22," "If You Become Disabled," "Social Security Checks for Students 18 to 22," and "Social Security Information for Young Families."

SSI pamphlets of interest include "SSI for The Aged, Blind, and Disabled," which explains briefly who may qualify for SSI payments, how to apply, payment amounts, effect of income and resources on payment.

Call or write us, if you can't stop by, and we'll see that you get the pamphlets you need for your purpose. It could mean a lot to people who need Social Security of SSI' information.

From The Office of Congressman Al Ullman

A substantial number of Oregon farmers, hard hit by the drought this year, will benefit from legislation approved by the House of Representatives, Oregon Congressman Al Ullman reported.

The House voted 265 to 127 to exempt disaster payments to

farmers from the \$20,000 limitation on federal payments for the 1977 crops of wheat, feed grains and others.

Ullman, a co-sponsor of the legislation, said, "In this year of severely depressed farm income, exempting disaster payments from the payment limitation will improve the economic situation of farmers, as well as rural communities in the drought-stricken areas."

Much of federal disaster aid to Oregon farmers this year has been for drought-related problems in the eastern portion of the state.

More than 200 Oregon farmers already are at the limit and many more will go over \$20,000 when deficiency and

disaster payments for the 1977 crop year are combined, Ullman said.

The exemption of disaster payments from the limit previously was approved for the 1978 and 1979 crop years in the omnibus farm bill which has been signed into law by the President.

"This legislation provides the same kind of fair and equitable treatment for producers in 1977," Ullman said.

Tad Miller of Heppner, and Earl Pryor of Condon, representing the Oregon Wheat Growers League, were in Washington Monday as part of the effort in behalf of the measure, which now goes to the Senate for consideration.

TO THE EDITOR

No words can express our appreciation to those who stood by us during our time of sorrow. Your prayers and helpfulness will always be remembered. Joseph Loren Teeias Halliday Family