

At Kah-Nee-Ta Tribes to share traditions, discuss issues at annual ATNI meeting

The whole lodge and several cottages and camping spaces have been reserved for the 33 tribes expected to flood Kah-Nee-Ta for the annual convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians August 26-29.

Tribal delegates will be rolling in on Sunday August 26, coming from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana to attend three days to meetings on current issues affecting Indian country. State and federal officials will join tribal representatives on a series of panels designed to shed light on recent developments in such areas as water rights, fishing rights, and trust responsibility.

Oregon Governor Vic Atiyeh will be the guest of honor and keynote speaker at a banquet on the final evening, August 29.

State Attorney General Jim Redden has agreed to appear earlier that day on a panel with tribal attorney Dennis Karnopp and George Dysart of the U.S. Justice Department to discuss the recent Supreme Court decision on fishing rights.

On the first afternoon, Martin Seneca of the B.I.A. Office of Trust Responsibility is due to participate in a panel on treaty rights and trust responsibility, joining Dr. Charles Wilkenson of the University of Oregon and Olney Patt, Sr. of Warm Springs. The following morning will feature James Sansaver, engineer of the Indian water rights section of the national water policy now being revised, who will discuss water rights with Delbert Frank, Sr. of Warm Springs.

Wilford Scott of Nez Perce, and Russell Jim of Yakima.

A traditional dinner and powwow at the Agency Longhouse on the evening of August 28 will provide a welcome break from the gravity of the panel sessions. Tribes in attendance will pool their native foods for dinner and then have a look at the different dance traditions. This cultural exchange will be followed by a powwow.

Reports from the resolutions and credentials committee will be made on the last morning. New business will be taken up that afternoon and the election of officers is last on the agenda.

Accommodations should be made by August 16 by calling Kah-Nee-Ta reservations at 553-1112. Rooms at the Lodge will be rented for \$21 and \$26.

Indian News Notes

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SENATE COMMITTEE TOLD TO GIVE INDIAN MEDICINE MEN STATUS:

The American Indian "Medicine Man" is making a comeback and should be given equal status with doctors in Indian Health Service Hospitals, Congress was told recently. John Powless, Deputy Director of the National Indian Health Board, reported the development, and made the recommendation in testimony before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

The panel, chaired by Senator John Melcher, D-Mont., is holding hearings on the Indian Health Service and Indian health problems in general. Powless said that he called "Traditional Medicine" has been largely ignored by the service in trying to meet Indian health needs. "However, it has never been put aside by the Indian people," he said. "Indian tribes are asking that traditional Indian medicine be recognized by IHS as an equal partner to western medicine and is seeking resources to help perpetuate and expand the traditional medicine practice."

Powless urged that Congress provide funds to help bring medicine men into Indian hospitals to help meet "Physical and Mental health" needs. He said the medicine man is getting "increased respect and attention" from Indian tribes. "There is a lot that can be learned from those who practice traditional medicine," Powless said. "Rather than rely on synthetic medicines that white men make, the Indian Health Service should be conducting research on the traditional healing practices of Indian men, so that we can achieve a Bi-medicine program that is considered an equal to western medicine."

Melcher said this should be looked into, but questioned whether some of the substances would be acceptable to the Food and Drug Administration. "We can't tell the Indian Health Service to use drugs that would be prohibited by the FDA," Melcher said. "How about Peyote?" he asked, referring to the stimulant used by some Indians in religious ceremonies. Powless said Peyote is a "tried drug" that might be useful for some illnesses.

Dr. Everett Rhoades, a professor of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma, testified the "major deficiencies" of the Health Service would be "readily correctable with adequate funding." Rhoades, a Kiowa Indian, warned against taking Indian criticism of the service too seriously. He said "kicking" both the Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs "sometimes reaches the level of sport by certain Indian people and groups." "None of them really want an abolition of either of these organizations," he said.

Rhoades also recommended against giving tribes control of health programs, saying "Indian bureaucrats are just as insensitive to patient needs as are non-Indian ones."

SEATTLE PAPER WARNS AGAINST TAMPERING WITH TREATIES:

The July 11 *Seattle Times* said in an editorial that the Supreme Court's affirmation of the Boldt decision has brought about "the re-emergence of senseless—even deplorable—talk about abrogating the treaties." Noting that the only "moral way to alter the treaties would be through mutual consent," the paper pointed to signs that the issue would be politicized, particularly in next year's United States Senate race in which the State Attorney General Slade Gorton is expected to campaign for Senator Warren G. Magnuson's seat.

The editorial indicates that Gorton might be better with the fishing issue in the ballot box than he did in the court room. It concludes, however, "attempts to tamper with the treaties themselves as an exercise in politics should be viewed with trepidation. A nation that does not honor treaties within its own shores cannot command credibility for its treaty agreements abroad."

RED LAKE RIOT LEADERS RECEIVE STIFF SENTENCES:

Five men who led an armed takeover of the Red Lake Indian Reservation jail and initiated rioting leading to more than \$4 million in damage received sentences ranging from 26 to 10 years from U.S. District Court Judge Edward J. Devitt.

Harry Hanson, the leader of the group, received the 26 year sentence after being told, "you led a revolution of blatant lawlessness." Another man received a 16-year sentence and the other three ten years.

Regulations for Indian Child Welfare Act published

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has announced that final regulations to implement the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-608) are being published in the *Federal Register*.

The Act deals with the proper care of Indian children needing adoptive or foster home care. Its main objective is to restrict the placement of Indian children by non-Indian social agencies in non-Indian homes and environments.

The Act makes clear that tribal courts have jurisdiction over children who live or whose permanent home is on reservations. For other Indian children it provides for the transfer of jurisdiction from state courts to tribal courts, absent the showing of good

cause why a case should not be transferred. The regulations include a separate part on tribal re-assumption of jurisdiction over child custody proceedings in those instances where states have assumed jurisdiction according to federal law.

The new regulations will become effective 30 days after publication.

Numerous comments and suggestions were received by the Bureau after publication this spring of proposed regulations. An explanation of changes made in the regulations because of comments received and recommended changes not adopted is published with the new regulations.

As stated in the regulations, "The policy of the Act and of

these regulations is to protect Indian children from arbitrary removal from their families and tribal affiliations by establishing procedures to insure that measures to prevent the breakup of Indian families are followed in child custody proceedings. This will insure protection of the best interests of Indian children and Indian families by providing assistance and funding to Indian tribes and Indian organizations in the operation of child and family service programs which reflect the unique values of Indian culture and promote the stability and security of Indian families. In administering the grant authority for Indian child and Family Programs it shall be Bureau policy to emphasize the design and funding of programs to promote the stability of Indian families.

Further information is available from Raymond V. Butler, Chief of the Division of Social Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington D.C. 20240 (703/235-2756).

For additional information about the tribal re-assumption of jurisdiction contact David Etheridge, Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets N.W., Washington D.C. 20240 (202/343-6967).

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DURING THE WAR TIME there was this soldier who got a letter from his girl friend who said that she had met this other guy. She said she could not wait for him any longer and asked that he return her picture. The soldier was a little shook up of his girl friend's decision, so he goes around to all of his buddies and gets a picture of each one's girl friend and sends them along with his girl friend's picture and said, "I can't remember you so just pick out your picture and send the rest back." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS GUY who purchased a new boat. He had never owned one before. He went out on the bay for a ride when suddenly a fog bank came up and he couldn't see a thing and he panics and yells into the radio, "Help, Help!" The Coast Guard answered, "We're on our way, what's your position?" "I'm the Administrative Branch Manager, Please HURRY." YIKES

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TWO GUYS WERE TALKING one day and one said that he had a blind date, and had to wait for the longest time. It could have been an hour or more when finally a girl walks up to him. He asks, "Are you Betty?" The girl asked, "Are you Bill?" "Yes" he said. She said, "Well, I'm not Betty." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS GUY who ran a small business and business was tough. He would receive letters which read, "Enclosed, find a check for \$150. If you can find it you can have it." YIKES

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MOST OF THE FREEWAYS have three lanes, the right lane, the left lane and the one you are trapped in when you see your exit. YIKES

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