

NCAI mid-year conference set for Spokane May 27-29

The National Congress of American Indian (NCAI) has announced that it will hold its 4th Mid-Year Conference in Spokane, Washington, May 27, 28, and 29, 1981 at the Sheraton-Spokane Hotel.

The focus of this year's conference will be on Tribal Sovereignty Within the United States Political System and the Tribal/Global Relations Policy and Action Plan for the 80s adopted by the NCAI last October at its 37th Annual Convention.

NCAI has planned panel discussions to analyze the position of Tribal Sovereignty within the international

community. Further discussion will represent individuals in that will be major political questions in the 97th Congress such as water rights, fishing rights and energy development.

The Tribal/Global Plan was developed to become NCAI's mandate in the area of international tribal relations and lists nine specific objectives for initiatives within the international community.

Special events planned for the conference include a fund-raising dinner to benefit NCAI which is to be hosted by the Squaxin Island Tribe of Washington State.

From the Legal Aide Department: Staff reduction means less service

This is to inform you of the current circumstances in the Legal Aide Department. There has been a drastic reduction in staff.

Currently, there is only one legal aide to represent all adults and juveniles in the Tribal Court. Hopefully, this situation will not continue for long.

Due to the reduction, the Department now finds it necessary to handle only criminal cases. Only when critical circumstances exist, we will represent individuals in domestic and civil cases. However, we will be happy to provide, advise and assist in any way possible.

If you have a case that is being handled by this office, please contact us so we can speak to you personally to the status and efforts toward resolving the matter.

What is a right to a spokesperson?

The right to have someone represent you and speak for you in any legal proceedings before Tribal Court. A spokesperson may be a legal aide, an outside attorney; or a member of the community provided that they are approved by the Tribal Court. In order to have someone approved, you and the spokesperson must sign a spokesman form. The spokesman form must be submitted to Tribal Court as soon as possible.

What is an arraignment?

The purpose of an arraignment is to bring the defendant before a judge to hear the charges and to enter a plea (not guilty or guilty). The facts and details of the case are not heard at this time.

At any time, you appear in Tribal Court for an arraignment, the Legal Aide will be unable to attend, until a later date. When you enter your plea, if there is doubt in your case, enter a "not guilty" and if you wish to have legal representation, come to our

office. **A not guilty plea can always be changed to a guilty plea, but a guilty plea can never be changed to a not guilty plea.**

Also, please remember you can appeal the case with not guilty pleas only. If you enter a plea of guilty you cannot appeal but can only request a modification of your judgement.

Oftentimes, when you enter a plea of guilty, the case will be resolved that same day and a sentence will be made. If you have any special circumstances that you wish to consider with your sentencing, inform the judge at the time of sentencing. Special circumstances could be as follows:

1. If you are working and would like to serve your sentence during the week-ends.
2. If you are working would like to request a work release.
3. If you would like to get a credit for the time served in jail prior to the arraignment.

Following the steps Tribal Court usually take during arraignments:

1. The Complaint is read to the Court.
2. Your rights are read.
3. Asked your full name.
4. Asked if you understood your rights and your charge.
5. Enter your plea.
6. On not guilty pleas, you are asked for witnesses and if you wish to have a spokesman.
7. On guilty pleas, you will be sentenced.
8. Depending on the Judge's discretion, you could be released as follows:

(a) Recognizance Bond—A formal obligation with certain conditions that is recorded in court; for example: a person accused of a crime and may be allowed to go free before trial without putting up a bail bond or security. The person accused cannot leave the Warm Spring Reservation without permission from the Judge. The Judge will include other conditions. The accused person will sign the Bond, which means he understood and will abide the

conditions. Failure to comply with this agreement will result in a Contempt of Court charge in addition to charges pending.

(b) Bonded-out—In order to bond out, you will need bondsmen, two tribal members who are over 21 years of age. The bondsmen will need to go to the Tribal Court inform the clerks. The clerks will be able to help the bondsmen. Also, you have to keep in mind, that if you don't appear at the said time for your arraignment, the two bondsmen can be held in Contempt of Court and they have to pay money.

(c) Bail out—The amount of bail varies according to the crime. You post your bail for the scheduled amount, whatever, the outcome is on our case.

(d) If there is no fine for your sentencing and if you owe nothing to the Tribal Court, you will probably get a refund of your bail.

Be sure and remember during your sentencing, don't say you will do something or pay a certain amount when you can't. If it is a fine, the Judge will ask you when you will be able to make the payment. **Remember** when you tell the Court a certain day, you are expected to pay your fine on or before that day. If not, a Contempt of Court will be issued. Also, keep in mind, that you can make small payments towards your fine until paid in full. At the time of the sentencing is when you decide how you want to pay it.

If your sentencing is to use available resources, such as Counselling, Parole & Probation, etc., **Please** make the appointment on the day you are ordered. If not, a Contempt of Court will be issued for not complying.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 553-1161, ext. 257, 269, 304, or 305.

Our office is located in front of the Police Department and behind the Tribal Court. It is a white Mobile Home.

Oregon Indian Ed. Conf.

"Rounding Up Oregon Indian Education" is the theme for the 6th Annual Oregon Indian Education Conference to be held at Pendleton, Oregon on April 8, 9, and 10, 1981.

The Dept. of Continuing Education, Oregon State

University has 2 credit courses related to the conference theme and Indian education to be offered to participants. The cost for credit courses will be \$36.

For further information on the conference contact Mr. Richard Jack (503) 276-4258.

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Indian photos on display

Photographs taken by the late Edward H. Latham, M.D., are on display in the Oregon governor's office in the state Capitol through April 3.

The exhibition, courtesy of the Roger J. Bounds Foundation of Hermiston, features 15 photographs taken by Latham while he was agency physician on the Colville, Washington Indian Reservation.

Photographs include those of chiefs and families. Tribes represented by those pictured include the Nez Perce, Cayuse,

Yakima-Colville, and the Okanogan.

This photographic exhibition is the second show in the Capitol featuring items from the Roger J. Bounds Foundation. The "Webfoots and Bunchgrasses: Folk Art of the Oregon Country," on display in the Capitol gallery, includes Indian items lent by the foundation including a beaded shirt once owned by Chief Joseph, Sr., a cradleboard, a shield, bags, woven panel, horse collar, and a saddle, cinch and stirrups.

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There was this guy who was having his third drink in the bar, he turned to his friend and said, "My wife is a liar." Why? What did she say?

She didn't come home last night and I asked her where she had been. She said she had spent the night with her friend Betty. She's a liar, said the guy, because I spent the night with her friend Betty." YIKES

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They say travelers checks are better than money, but did you ever try to use them in a pay toilet." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS GIRL who told her friend that she broke up with her boyfriend because of his regular habits—"he drinks regularly, gambles regularly and cheats regularly." YIKES

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CIS offers local job information

The Career Information System (CIS) provides information about jobs on the Warm Springs Reservation. CIS has been available to Tribal members for over a year. It has been used by youth and adult clients of CETA and the Career Exploration Program, as well as by students at Madras High School.

CIS describes what it is like to work in a job, its employment opportunities,

hiring requirements and wages. This information was developed specially for jobs on the Reservation.

Fran Miller, CIS analyst, recently made several visits to talk with many people in Warm Springs to collect information on any changes in Reservation jobs, such as wage increases, that occurred in the last year.

A "VISIT" File is being added. By using the VISIT file, a person can find out the names

of local people who are willing to talk about their jobs. This information is free to all Tribal members.

People interested in CIS can contact Art Tassie, at the Career Exploration Program, or Marilyn Johns, at the Education Department in the Administrative Building. CIS will also be available at the Adult Learning Center in April.

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