

Russians to read about reservation

by Sandy Rangila

America Illustrated, a monthly magazine printed in the Russian language, is planning a story on the Warm Springs Indians based upon National Geographic's April, 1979 article about the reservation.

The magazine is published by the U.S. International Communication Agency, Washington, D.C., for distribution in the Soviet Union.

The **National Geographic** story and photographs, which created a good deal of excitement here, were the work of photojournalist David S. Boyer.

America Illustrated plans to update the article and, in a letter to the Tribes, indicated that they will be sending a photographer here Dec. 21, 22 to do some additional shooting for the story.

He will be taking pictures of the hydroelectric power plant now under construction, the sub-assembly plant and some

of the recently-completed tribal homes.

Having traveled and camped in the Soviet Union with my husband in 1973, such an article seems a radical departure from Russian policy of the past. At that time, our VW camper was **thoroughly** searched and practically dismantled in an effort to ensure that we weren't smuggling current newspapers or publications such as **Time** magazine into Russia. Our books were also scrutinized for "appropriateness."

Also, if we had taken photographs of dams, bridges, roads, assembly plants, factories or soldiers, we would probably still be there—in a prison camp! Such installations and facilities are considered "strategic" in the Soviet Union. There were so many photography no-no's that we were basically limited to shots of statues, national monuments and each other.

Most Soviets exhibited a surprising disinterest in hearing anything about America or the

rest of the western world. Perhaps they were afraid for fear they were being watched. Any contact with foreigners is viewed with suspicion in the U.S.S.R.

Although we both read and speak simple Russian (it's faded now), we saw no American magazines printed in Russian on the "newsstands" there.

There was a great deal of misunderstanding about America and the western world in general. People even told us they thought anyone driving a German car was unpatriotic. They had no idea that many VWs are built in America by American workers. Soviets we spoke with had no knowledge of just how many kinds of cars there are outside Russia.

Therefore, it is hard to believe that a magazine such as **America Illustrated** reaches the average Russian. It has reportedly been in existence since 1956. The following is a fact sheet sent to the Tribes by the publisher:

America Illustrated is a

monthly magazine published by the International Communication Agency in the Russian language for distribution in the Soviet Union. It first went on sale on newsstands in the U.S.S.R. October 22, 1956.

The magazine had been proposed on September 9, 1955, in a note to the Soviet Government from the United States Government. The Soviet Government was offered reciprocal privileges for distribution of a Soviet magazine in the United States and accepted on December 16, 1955.

The purpose of **America Illustrated** is to create better understanding of the United States. The magazine tells the story of America today: what Americans are doing, saying, reading and thinking; how they live, work and play; what progress Americans are making in all areas, including agriculture, industry, labor culture, technology, art and science. The content is nonpolitical. Through the cooperation of American

publishers, about half of the magazine consists of reprinted articles and photographs from leading American publications.

The International Communication Agency has the responsibility for editing and publishing **America Illustrated**. It is distributed in some 80 cities of the U.S.S.R. through the official Soviet agency, Soyuzpechat. The counterpart Soviet magazine, **Soviet Life**, is distributed in the U.S. by a commercial agency.

America Illustrated is printed at an overseas International Communication Agency Plant. The agreement under which the magazine is distributed in the Soviet Union permits newsstand and subscription sales of more than 60,000 copies a month. The income from sales of the magazine is credited to the U.S. Treasury. In addition to newsstand and subscription circulation, 2,000 copies of **America Illustrated** go to the American Embassy in Moscow every month for complimentary distribution.

Parent involvement needed for scout program

By Marsha Shewczyk

Too often parent participation in the activities of young people is lacking. Unfortunately, this is true for the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in the Warm Springs community.

Parents are the key to getting young people involved in such a worthwhile organization. They are the ones who purchase books and uniforms and help their boys in earning merit badges. Involvement in the scouts gives both parent and child an opportunity to get to know one another.

Both Boy Scout troops and Cub Scout packs are generally organized and administered by volunteer adults. Many of these adults are parents of one of the boys. Parent participation is

also encouraged at activities including the Court of Honor where scouts receive advancement recognition. Boy Scouts of America is a club fostering parent-child relationships.

The scouting program in Warm Springs needs this parent participation. Assistance can be provided by joining committees or filling needed positions from secretarial to scoutmaster or den leader.

Under the direction of Tom Kalama, the scouts have been meeting every Monday night in the meeting room in the basement of the daycare center. Their monthly scheduled activities deal with the development of skills which they enjoy and consider important.

December is devoted to learning knot-trying, going on a day hike and practicing outdoor cooking during a two-day campout. January will see the boys working toward their physical fitness badge and attending the Winter Camporee at Peter's Pasture with 150 other Boy Scouts in the district. There they will compete in races and outdoor skills.

Astronomy will be explored during the month of March along with planting trees. In June they will be experimenting with solar cooking. The boys are also looking forward to scout summer camp where they will compete again in outdoor skills. They took third place out of 33 troops at

third place out of 33 troops at the Spring Camporee held at Camp Sheridan.

Boys can earn merit badges in over 100 areas, from citizenship and community living to first aid and photography. Many people in the community will be called upon in the future, says Kalama, to act as counselors as the boys strive to earn their badges.

Although the Boy Scout troop is running smoothly it still needs some more adult assistance. The Cub Scout program for boys eight to eleven is severely lacking in leaders, hindering the program. Thirty boys are waiting to start earning their badges. An explorer unit may be beginning soon for boys 14 to 20 in which

parent participation will also be needed on occasion.

Tribal Council has given their support to the establishment of the Boy Scouts of America in Warm Springs by contributing financially to the organization. They have provided funds so leaders could attend training sessions. Claude Smith, Tom Kalama and Pierson Mitchell recently returned from the National Scout Seminar in Tucson, Arizona.

The scouting program only needs citizen and parent involvement to be successful. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Art McConnell for the Cub Scouts, Tom Kalama for the Boy Scouts and Nelson Zomont for the Explorer Scouts.

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Boy Scout Leaders—Pierson Mitchell, Claude Smith, and Tom Kalama attended the National Boy Scout seminar in Tucson, Arizona recently for training. During that time they put their bid in to have the 1983 seminar held in Warm Springs