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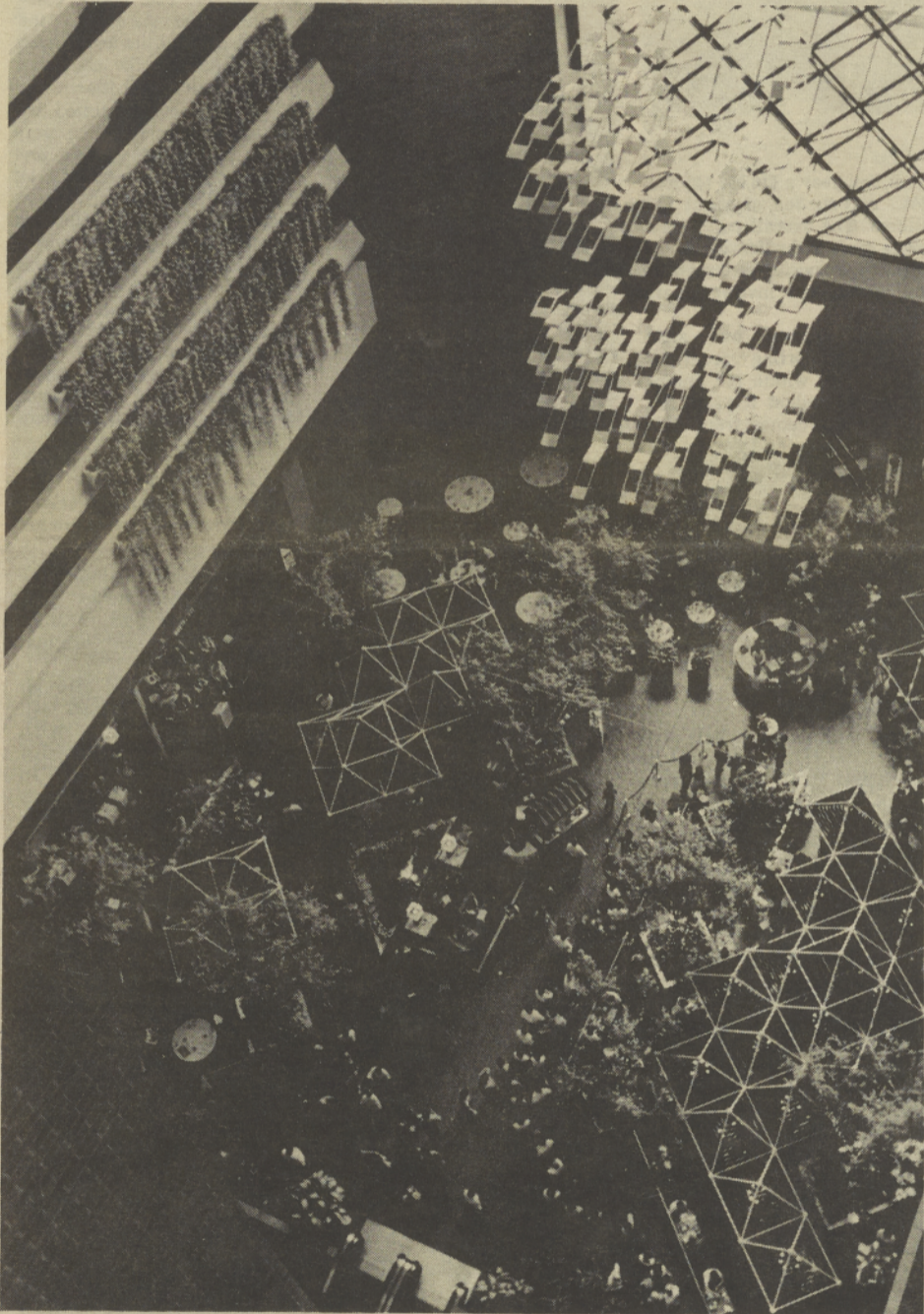


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## Delegates attend NIEA conference in New Orleans



Hyatt Regency New Orleans — site of NIEA conference

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About 10 Warm Springs people, who are involved with Indian education matters, traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana November 19-23 to attend the National Indian Education Association (NIEA). Attendance of the conference was lower than the anticipated 5,000 as about 2,000 people attended.

The four-day conference was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans and was comprised of speeches and over 70 wow was held on the first night of the conference and for entertainment each evening, a dance was held exclusively for conferees.

Of particular interest and concern to Indian educators is the proposed transfer of Title IV to the BIA, the study of educators trust responsibility and the lack of an executive director for the department of Education.

Art Hill, current chairman of NIEA, said there are many issues to be faced by educators clear across the nation. "We have passed resolutions that are going to address those issues. And we're going to make sure that these resolutions go to the right people, the right congressional delegation, the people who are actually involved in these issues."

Hill commented on the importance of unity among Indian people concerning education. "We are happy to see a lot of the tribal governments represented here. The chairman of the National Tribal Chairman's association and Tribal business committee members are here...I think this is a step in the right direction."

Hill continued, saying there is a tentative plan to have a national meeting next year to bring all national Indian organizations together to discuss major issues. "I don't know whether we are going to act on that or not, it's a good idea. I don't know if

people want to move in that direction. Things take time."

According to National Congress of American Indians executive director Ron Andrade, the biggest problem today is the "Title IV in the last budget session and we'll be working for the next week to restore the \$15 million we lost in the cuts. That's the biggest issue."

On transfer of Title IV to BIA, Andrade said that NCAI has never been in favor of the transfer. The main reason, he said, is that "they serve different groups. It's a different kind of funding pattern and to mix it into the BIA...would be dangerous and harmful to funds in the future. Our biggest concern now is trying to protect the Title IV programs and Johnson O'Malley so that the tribes can continue their education programs the way they have in the past."

According to news release from the Oregon Indian Education Association if the proposed 1983-84 Indian education act budget is approved it would mean a 34 percent cut in the total Tribal IV funding. Part A would be reduced 36 percent, Part B would be reduced 55 percent, Part C would be reduced 33 percent and Part D would be reduced 7 percent. Cuts equal nearly \$30 million reducing the total allocation from \$77.8 million to \$47.9 million.

NCAI president Joe DeLaCruz stated in a speech that he feels that "the responsibility of Education is up to the tribes... Indian people are dealing with a world that wants us assimilated, they want our resources. The only to beat that is through education."

"How people perceive the Tribal-Federal relationship is" Bureau has made people what they are. People show little interest in the past. Educators should develop a historical past n on how governmental action has affected people." DeLaCruz concluded.

## Annual bazaar December 11

This year's annual Christmas Bazaar December 11 promises to be bigger and better than ever with a record number of entrants scheduled to have their wares and goodies for sale.

Over 50 people have indicated their intent to sell at the bazaar. A \$5.00 refundable deposit was required to reserve a table, says coordinator Carol

Allison. However, she added, tables will not be held if the deposit is not paid prior to the bazaar. All reserved tables are gone, says Allison, but some people are bringing their own tables. Entrants may begin setting up their tables at 8 a.m.

An addition to the bazaar this year are activities for children aged 6 and over where children can make gifts for

Christmas giving. Admission is 25¢.

Allison indicated that hand crafts, crochet work, candies, baked goods, wood crafts, beadwork, quilts and various other items will be for sale.

Plan to attend the 8th annual Christmas Bazaar at the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. You may find that special gift for that special someone!

## Accident claims one

A car and truck head-on collision claimed the life of a Warm Springs resident, Leland Tom, age 26, on November 20. The accident occurred near Dahl Pine on Highway 26 at milepost 81 at about 3:30 a.m.

According to Warm Springs police reports the Tom car drifted into the northbound lane and collided with a hay truck driven by Paul Wares, age 41, of Baker, Oregon. Tom

died instantly. The driver of the truck was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Chief of Police Jeff Sanders stated the investigator's report concluded that Tom apparently fell asleep and his car went into the north bound lane. Tom was traveling south bound at the time of the accident.

According to Sanders no citation will be issued and the investigation has been concluded.