

Arizona Indian On Warpath To Bring Out Vote

San Carlos, Ariz. (U.P.)—An Arizona Indian leader is on the warpath—against his own people.

Clarence Wesley, outspoken member of the San Carlos Apache Indian tribe, has toured every Indian reservation in the state to rouse Indians to their duty to vote this fall.

In an attempt to stimulate Indian interest in the election campaigns, the chairman of the Arizona Inter-tribal Council has distributed posters stressing the importance of voting and literature on how to go about it. In addition, he has urged leaders of each tribe to join him in the project.

Wesley said the campaign, if successful, could have a definite effect on this and future elections.

The goal Wesley has set for himself is not an easy one. Chief obstacle is the high percentage of illiteracy among adult members of all the tribes. The younger generation is growing up well educated, but many of the oldtimers still cannot read and write because they have never had the opportunity to learn.

But Wesley figures there still are about 44,000 Indians in Arizona who could qualify to vote if they would only take an interest.

"We could be a potent force in Arizona elections if we would all turn out and vote," he said.

The campaign to dig up the Indian vote is not confined to Arizona. Indian leaders throughout the Southwest are aware of the need for an "Indian vote," especially in state and national legislative contests.

In a recent open letter, Wesley said that the public—including public officials—generally doesn't know what the Indian issues really are.

They are not "assimilation," or "integration," or "emancipation," or "government control over the Indian person," or "civil rights" in the usual sense of the words, he said.

"The real issues are continuing ownership of land; development of human and natural resources; protection of rights solemnly promised by treaty and law; honor in government dealing with conquered peoples; our 'day in court' on our claims; real opportunity for education of the same quality as is available to non-Indian citizens; adequate federal assistance in reservation development; and a need for a constant federal policy of minimum interference and maximum assistance to us to help ourselves."

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
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Because of the endless variations the lizard has made to equip it for its environment, it is one of the world's most fascinating creatures.

Although most of us think of lizards as basking in the sun, nonetheless, some live underground, some live in trees, some glide in the air with the great-



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est of ease, some swim—and some run on top of the water! Isn't an introduction in order? Presenting:

Scaly Lizard: This fellow is the guardian of the Joshua tree blossoms. It frequents the yucca plants of our southwestern deserts and preys upon insects attracted to the creamy white flowers.

Burrowing Lizards: These underground lizards rarely venture to the surface. Because of their underground life, their eyes are mere vestiges seen on some as black dots under the skin. Those living in western Mexico have retained their front limbs, all others have lost them completely.

Glass Snake (U.S. version of the burrowing snakes): These so-called "glass snakes," because they lack limbs, are often mistaken for serpents. However, under their skin they still retain traces of the hip bones. Unlike snakes, they have movable eyelids and can grow new tails when this part of the body is broken off.

(For that matter, all lizards can replace lost tails. However, the regrown version doesn't contain the extended backbone—instead it's supported by a cartilage. The new tail is seldom as long as the first one. Tails can be replaced any number of times, usually in a matter of weeks.)

Horned Lizards: These are often erroneously called "horned toads." Although most of their close relatives live in trees, this fellow lives entirely on the ground where its flattened body blends with its surroundings. Found on red soil it tends to be reddish; on gray, quite gray; on pebbly ground, blotched—all to render it least noticeable. It can squirt blood from the eyes. The scaly "horns" at the back of its head perhaps discourages snakes from attacking them.

Gila Monsters (pronounced Hee-la): This is the only venomous lizard found in the U.S.—in our southwest desert regions. Drop for drop, its venom is as potent as that of some rattlesnakes. It rarely attains a length of 2 feet. Its brightly marked skin with black bars or cross-bands on a whitish yellow or pink background is filled with tiny round bones giving it a beaded appearance.

Flying Dragon: This "flying" lizard of Asia merely flattens its body and with the benefit of a thin membrane of skin supported by false ribs glides very accurately from tree to tree covering distances up to 60 feet.

Chameleon: This fellow possesses the most amazing tongue in nature. A foot away from an insect, it can flick out its tongue containing a sticky secretion on the end and retract the tongue with its meal unmeshed. So fast is the action that the human eye can scarcely detect it.

Skinks: This, one of the most common of lizards has a distinct forked tongue. Its unusually sharp sense of smell enables it to find larvae buried underground.

Basilisk: Our Latin-American version has the ability to run across the surface of water—largely a matter of working its feet so fast that the water provides enough resistance to support its relatively light body. Whenever it slows down, it must swim.

Komodo dragon: Although this is the largest of lizards—up to 10 feet long—this dragon of Indonesia was unknown to science less than 50 years ago. Its close relatives roamed over what is now Wyoming about 60 million years ago.

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WATER HAZARD
East Hampton, Conn. (U.P.)—Donald Gaudio, 17, was charged with reckless driving after lakeside residents complained he was zig-zagging his motorboat too close to children.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Milan Marittima, Italy.—Mrs. Ezio Pinza commenting on the opera star's hip injury in a fall during a heart attack last Friday: "He's in a very fine frame of mind. He's not afraid to walk, since he knows there was no bone chip."

New York.—The Inter-American Press association protesting the use of force by the president of Brazil to halt distribution of an opposition newspaper: "We respectfully urge your excellency to prevent the recurrence of such acts, which injure the international prestige of your government."

Birmingham, Ala.—Mrs. Dorothy Vredenburg, wealthy widow on reports of a romance and possible marriage with Democratic presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson: "I think you better ask him (Stevenson) about it."

Forest Park, Pa.—George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, supporting decision of endorsement of Democratic party in coming election: "It is generally conceded that we have more friends in the Democratic party than in the Republican party."

Vancouver, Wash.—Adlai E. Stevenson attacking the Eisenhower administration for their "giveaways": "I think perhaps I had better go down to the post office and make sure the Republicans haven't given it away."

London.—A French foreign official spokesman on Egyptian President Nasser's agreement to international talks on the Suez canal: "We expected it and are not surprised."

PLAN FOR PARKING KIDS

New Haven, Conn. (U.P.)—The New Haven Chamber of Commerce says it has been working on a new plan to bring shoppers back to the city. A Chamber committee was set up to interest businessmen in establishing a center where parents can "park" their children and "freely" participate in the excitement of shopping downtown.

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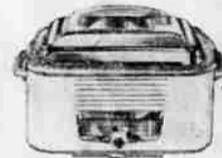
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