A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

DEAR INDIAN COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTERS:

We would like to welcome the readers of HONCA (The Leader). Many thanks we extend to our Indian community for their active participation in the activities of the CENTER and to the many supporters for their continuing efforts and assistance. The contents of this letter to our readers is basically an update on Indian affairs from across the nation and within our State. It also presents our progress status to date.

In the upcoming November and December editions of the HONCA, the board of directors/staff will be presenting a 5-year plan on the continuous growth pattern which the American Indian Center is experiencing. Through these communications, we would appreciate your constructive comments and recommendations in letter form to assist us in planning future program aspects necessary for our Indian community.

This letter includes a breakdown of the progress and achievements in the following three (3) categories:

1. Programs
2. Funding
3. Statistics

I. Programs:

1. Indian Senior Citizens Nutrition Site
2. Adult Basic Education (GED)
3. Youth Program
4. Legal Program
5. Health & Nutrition
6. Social Services
7. Information & Referral
8. Education (Scholarship info, etc.)
9. Standing Bear Project (Cultural)
10. Emergency Energy Crisis Assistance
11. Information and Referral

II. Funding Sources:

1. Administration for Native American Programs (ANA) $ 65,000
2. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism 141,000
3. Community Food & Nutrition Program 59,000
4. Energy Emergency Monies 42,000
5. Standing Bear Project "Footprints in Blood" 57,000
6. CETA 127,000
7. Youth Activities 1,200
8. United Way of the Midlands 17,000

Total amount................ $ 509,200

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III. Statistics of client intake: (Jan - Sep 1979, reporting period)

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Total clients assisted... 4,009

If you are interested in any of the foregoing programs, please give us a call or stop by at the center at your convenience. If we can help you in other areas, please let us know the circumstances so we may act accordingly.

Respectfully,

Timothy Woodhull
Executive Director and
Urban Representative,
NEBRASKA INDIAN COMMISSION

OIL FROM TRIBAL TRUST LAND MAY GET TAX EXEMPTION

World Herald Bureau — Washington, D. C. — Oil produced on Indian tribal trust lands would be exempt from a proposed windfall profits tax under an amendment sponsored by Sen. Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., and approved recently by the Senate Finance Committee.

Although senators from non-energy producing states wanted production from Indian lands to be taxed, Wallop argued that Indian trust land and its resources have long been exempt from federal taxes and should remain so.

"To levy a tax on these people would be contrary to the spirit of Indian self-determination and recent legislation aimed at encouraging native Americans to obtain the most from their mineral resources," Wallop said.

Many of the Western Indian reservations are energy rich, and such tribes have sought an active role in making decisions about the development and use of those resources.

Wallop noted some tribes rely on mineral production for financing up to 90 percent of their basic services.

A request for a new trial of Jo Ann Yellow Bird's civil rights case has been made by the city of Gordon, NE, contending that the city and one of its officers were denied a fair and impartial trial.
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REQUEST DENIED ON INDIAN RULING

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Supreme Court on Monday (October 1, 1979) turned down an extraordinary request spurred by the government's belief the justices opened a can of worms last June in an Indian lands ruling.

The court refused to delete parts of its unanimous decision on June 20 in a case involving the Omaha Indian Tribe.

The decision placed in jeopardy a lower court victory won by the tribe over disputed ownership of a tract of Missouri River land.

The court, in an opinion written by Justice Byron R. White, set aside a federal appeals court ruling that the tribe, and not nine Iowa residents, owns the Blackbird Bend area on the river's east bank across from the Omaha's reservation in eastern Nebraska.

The justices ruled that a federal appeals court had employed the wrong legal test in its deliberations, and sent the case back to that court.

HINDI EDUCATION

Young Indians considering new careers should look into the tribal management degree now being offered by Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The program offers a master's degree in business administration.

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Contact Northeastern State University at 918 -- 456-5511 for further details.

The University of California at Berkeley offers a bachelor of arts degree for those in Indian affairs/studies with emphasis in the areas of history and culture; law; government; community development; and social institutions. For additional information, contact Margaret Eisenbise, Native American Studies, 3415 Twinemell Hall, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720 or call 415-642-0265.

STANDING BEAR NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE CENTER

By John Pappan, Media Specialist

A new Native American Culture Center dedicated to Standing Bear is being planned for Omaha along the river. The 53-million-center will house a performing/visual arts theatre, restaurant, traditional arts and crafts studio/factory, multi-purpose conference rooms, library and resource depository, art gallery, lobby and information center.

Preliminary planning is completed and the American Indian Center of Omaha has launched a fund-raising drive to plan, construct and open the new Standing Bear Native American Culture Center. It will be designed to resemble an earth lodge dwelling.

VIDEO/FILM OF FOOTPRINTS IN BLOOD TO BE MARKETED

A broadcast quality video and film of the world premiere of FOOTPRINTS IN BLOOD is being edited for marketing and distribution by the American Indian Center of Omaha.

The five performances of the new play by Christopher Sergel were video-taped and Tom Herget is busily preparing a high quality 1-hour production which will be available June 1, 1980 in video or 16mm film on a rental and/or sales basis.

FOOTPRINTS IN BLOOD was presented to 5,100 people at the Omaha Civic Auditorium and received an enthusiastic standing ovations following each performance. The 30-member professional company of actors participated in the videotaping. Many thousands of people can now enjoy this remarkable contribution to American theatre in the near future. The play is about Standing Bear's struggle for freedom and human dignity in Omaha federal court 100 years ago. Judge Dundy declared that Standing Bear was "a person within the meaning of the law" and therefore protected by the U. S. Constitution.

These schools, communities and groups interested in renting or purchasing either the video or film productions may write the American Indian Center of Omaha for further information.

A multi-media version of the video will be available including 16mm film and a videocassette.
COMMUNITY FOOD & NUTRITION PROGRAM TO START

The AIC Department of Health & Nutrition will begin a new program on November 1, entitled "Community Food and Nutrition Program." Some of the services which will be offered to native Americans under this program concept are:

1. A Federal Food Program Information Center will be set up at AIC. At this Center you will be able to obtain information about Federal Food Programs (Food Stamps, WIC, etc.), as well as get assistance in making appointments and filling out applications.

2. A program will be held every two months to inform native Americans of the changes in Federal Food Programs, and also notify them of their rights in applying for program benefits.

3. Two "money budgeting" sessions will be held to inform you of practical ways to save money, and fight inflation.

4. AIC will be forming an Indian Advocacy group concerned with the food and nutrition problems of native Americans living in Omaha. Three to five individuals will serve on the committee. Anyone interested in representing native Americans in Omaha is invited to take part.

5. Family garden projects are planned for next summer (1980), in which all native Americans in Omaha will be invited to participate. Seeds will be provided by AIC.

6. Food preparation classes will be offered at AIC. Different recipes will be tested, and food prepared in various manners. Guest presenters will assist in giving these demonstrations.

7. Health clinics and fairs will be held on a monthly basis at AIC.

8. The AIC will provide educational programs in the public schools of Omaha to make professional educators aware of the cultural cooking and eating habits of native Americans.

9. Emergency food assistance will also be made available for persons in critical situations where there is no other means of securing a day's food.

These are just a few of the many services the Community Food & Nutrition Program offers. It is hoped that all native Americans in Omaha will actively be able to participate in the benefits it will provide.

ELDERLY NUTRITION SITE SOUGHT

The American Indian Center is in the process of locating an Indian Elderly Nutrition site. Our prime objective is to centralize the location in order that elderly native Americans will have easy access to the facility, and be able to partake of the meals and activities provided through the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. We need to find a location as soon as possible. If you have any suggestions, or know of a possible site, please contact us at AIC by calling 344-0111. Ask for Karen, Linda or Mary.

CONSUMER TIPS OF THE MONTH

By Linda Azequu, Home Economist

Start planning for the cold winter ahead:
---- Insulate drafty windows.
---- Winterize your car.
---- Get the dust blown out of your heating ducts.
---- Contact your local utility company for their hints and publications on energy conservation.

YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITIES

By Fillmore Walker Jr., Youth Coordinator

The UNO Mavericks are a contender for the North Central Conference league title. Last month six Indian youth took advantage of the fact that we are on the free pass list for UNO's home games and watched an exciting UNO victory over Northern Colorado.

On Saturday October 8, Indian youth will get another chance to see UNO in action at Caniglia Field on the UNO campus against Morningside College. We'd like to thank Mr. Chuck Osberg and the UNO athletic department for their generosity. We'll be using the Center's station wagon to pick up and bring home the kids; so if you know someone between the ages of 8-16 who would enjoy this event let us know by calling me at 344-0111.

I think that it's great that our Indian youth have the opportunity to experience the spirited atmosphere that surrounds the UNO athletic events. I predict that one day it'll be these same youth out there making headlines in collegiate athletics as well as other areas of achievement as long as they have someone out there who is concerned enough to steer them in the right direction.

I want to remind parents of the Indian community in Omaha that I am definitely planning to coach a boys (8-12 years old) basketball team this winter. I plan to enter the boys in the P.C.A.A. basketball league and I also want to schedule scrimmage games against area grade schools.

This month, I'll be trying to line up a sponsor to get new uniforms, etc., and next month I'll line up a gym for a couple of practices a week. I know that the kids who played on our softball team last summer are looking forward to playing basketball as much as I am to coaching. Since softball has ended all of them have expressed interest and concern. We're going to field a team of at least a dozen boys so if you have a boy who wants to try out don't hesitate to call us.

Finally, I want any youth out there who have constructive ideas about starting an arts and crafts program to call me so we can discuss it. Since I've worked here at the Center I've seen plenty of chances for young Indian potential artists to earn extra money by selling their works of art but I was discouraged to see that hardly any of our area Indian youth taking advantage of this situation. We have the facilities and equipment right here at the Center.
ALCOHOLISM NOTES

In you know, the halfway house is located at the Old Emanuel Hospital in the old section of the building, 4601 North 36th Street (Fourth Floor), Omaha, Nebraska. Due to the poor condition of the building, requiring major renovation in order to meet the requirements of the fire and safety standards as set forth by the state, there will be a delay in the opening of the halfway house facility.

Our present priority is to install a fire escape. Once that this project is completed, we will be permitted to intake clients. The building is looking good and will be one of the better halfway houses in Omaha.

For additional information on the Urban Native American Alcoholism Center, please call: 451-1716 and ask to speak to a counselor or write:

Project Director
Urban Native American Alcoholism Center
C/o American Indian Center of Omaha, Inc.
613 South 16th Street
Omaha, Ne 68102

NEEDS BABYSITTER

Mrs. Laura Barea is looking for a babysitter to care for her 3-year-old daughter. This person would babysit from 6:30 to 4:30 p.m. during the weekdays. Call Laura at 455-1437 if interested. This person must be dependable.

SIOUX TO APPEAL BLACK HILLS OFFER

Pierre, S.D. (AP) — Sioux tribal leaders have ordered their attorneys to appeal a $149 million take-it-or-leave-it government offer for lands taken from them more than 100 years ago by white settlers.

Chairman of the eight Sioux tribes said they plan to ask Congress to return the western half of South Dakota, including the Black Hills. The $149 million offer, they said, should serve as a fine for a century of trespassing.

Reservation elections had been scheduled as early as this month to determine whether three-quarters of the adult male members of the tribe would accept the settlement, as required in the treaty.

However, two of the eight tribes have already obtained court orders forbidding deadlines on voting, and the other tribes are expected to follow suit.

"That will set the thing back indefinitely and give the people an opportunity to make some decisions," said Clarence Skye, executive director of the United Sioux Tribes.

The federal government had offered $105 million for the Black Hills and $44 million for the rest of the lands west of the Missouri River and the Sioux "as long as the grass shall grow and the rivers flow" in the treaty of 1868, but taken back in 1877 after gold was found in the Black Hills.

The government has said the money will be placed in a trust fund for future generations of the Sioux if it is not accepted.

The Sioux are hoping an appeal of the proposed settlement to the U.S. Court of Claims will buy them time to draft a position paper spelling out their demands to the president or Congress.

The tribes also believe the federal government should be forced to live up to its treaty obligations guaranteeing health care, full education, adequate housing and economic development.

NEW LAW WILL BRING RADICAL CHANGES IN INDIAN EDUCATION (TAKEN FROM TULSA INDIAN NEWS)

The BIA's Director of Indian Education Programs, Earl Barlow, said that the control of BIA school programs is being transferred to Indian People. A new law being implemented this fall, Barlow, interviewed for the DENVER POST, said that the Indian Basic Education Act will cause radical changes in Indian education.

Administrative control of the BIA schools, he said, will be turned over to Indian school boards, "which will derive their authority from tribal councils. We are just in the process of setting up those boards now."

Barlow said funding for the schools will now be based on a weighted per-pupil formula designed to create an equitable distribution of funds. Barlow said the local school boards "will determine how to spend the money, how much for curricula, teachers' salaries, staff development and so on."

For public schools serving Indian students, there is now a requirement that the public schools, to be eligible for "impact aid" funds, must work in concert with Indian tribes to develop policies and procedures to meet the educational needs of Indian children. This is the first time, Barlow noted, that strings have been attached to these funds, and "there is some tension" among public school educators as a result.

GED CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

It is still not too late to enroll for the GED classes held at the American Indian Center every Tuesday and Wednesday of the week. These classes are taught by Tim George. Subjects include: Science, Math, Social studies, English, and literature. These classes prepare you to take the GED tests. All interested persons are encouraged to come to the American Indian Center to enroll. Classes begin at 7 p.m. and run until 9:30 p.m.

The Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, Senator John Miller of Montana, aligned himself with state interests as opposed to those of Indian tribes in opening remarks at a Senate Committee hearing on Indian water rights in Billings, Montana. He remarked that this was a battle that "we couldn't lose."
JIM THORPE "ALL AMERICAN"

James Francis Thorpe was born one of twin sons of Hiram and Charlotte Thorpe in May 1886 or 1887 on a farm near Prague in Indian Territory. His twin brother, Charles, died of pneumonia when he was about 10 years of age while attending the Sault Ste. Marie Boarding School near Stroud, Oklahoma and was buried nearby. Their father, half Irish and half Sault Ste. Marie, was a direct descendant of the famous warrior chief Black Hawk. Thorpe attended the Sault Ste. Marie reservation school and Haskell Institute (now Haskell Indian Junior College) near Lawrence, Kansas, but ran away from both. However, in 1904, his father succeeded in placing him in the Carlisle Institute in Pennsylvania.

It was at Carlisle in the spring of 1907 that the great Glenn S. "Pop" Warner, track and football coach for the Carlisle Indians, discovered Thorpe's physical prowess. Possessing superior coordination, speed and strength, Thorpe excelled at any sport he attempted but concentrated his attention on football and track. He played sparingly his first varsity season in 1907, but in 1908 he made Walter Camp's All America Team as a left-halfback. In 1909, Thorpe represented the Carlisle team and was named one of the nine events in which he competed. However, Thorpe left Carlisle to play semi-professional baseball in North Carolina for two seasons -- it was a fateful decision.

Lured back to Carlisle by Warner in the fall of 1911, Thorpe led the Carlisle Indians to legendary status. They scored gaudy victories over such eastern powers as Pennsylvania, Harvard and Army. Camp selected him first team All-American in 1911 and 1912, for his athletic feats. Between these two brilliant seasons, Thorpe achieved his most famous athletic triumph, which led to one of his greatest personal triumphs. During the spring of 1912, Thorpe trained his prouge for the Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden, by entering Thorpe in six or seven events every track meet. At the Polo Grounds in New York City in June, Thorpe qualified for the Pentathlon and Decathlon, both requiring tests of athletic versatility and stamina. His winning performances in Stockholm inspired the King of Sweden to award him the "world's greatest athlete." Also for accomplishing the highest score in the Decathlon, Thorpe received a model of a Viking ship from the Tsar of Russia. In addition, his Pentathlon victory earned him a bronze bust of the King of Sweden.

The Oklahoma Indian returned to the United States to bask in national glory and prominence for six months. Then in January, 1913, it was divulged that Thorpe had played semi-professional baseball. Forced to return his Olympic medals and trophies to the Olympic Committee by the United States Amateur Athletic Union, Thorpe's performances were erased from the Olympic record book.

Shortly after this, Thorpe signed a professional baseball contract with the New York Giants.

In 1916, Jim Thorpe was honored by the sports writers of America as both the greatest athlete of the preceding half century and the greatest American football player. He married three times in his life.

In 1950, a film was made on his life story called "Jim Thorpe, All American" and starring Elisha Lyman. On March 28, 1951, Jim Thorpe died of a heart attack in Los Angeles, California in the presence of his third wife, Patricia.
ANA COMMISSIONER A. DAVID LESTER IS O10 GUEST OF HONOR

Mr. A. David Lester, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, will be the guest of honor at the annual Oklahoma for Indian Opportunity (OIO) Indian Achievement Week reception. The reception will be held on October 19 at the Holiday Inn on 1-35 and Main in Norman, Oklahoma. Indian Achievement Week is an annual OIO activity that honors the contributions of Oklahoma Indians.

Commissioner Lester is a Native son of Oklahoma, born in the Five Civilized Tribes Hospital at Claremore, Oklahoma. Commissioner Lester is a Creek Indian. He has a Bachelor's Degree from BYU where he majored in Political Science and graduated in 1967. He is married to the former Henrietta Millie Chestnut, a member of the Assiniboine tribe of Fort Peck, Montana; they have two children.

Commissioner Lester brings to Administration for Native Americans (ANA), his philosophy of Indian self-sufficiency which is addressed to both the social and economic problems of tribes, through tribal Governments. He believes that if tribes respond only to social problems dependency will be the result. Likewise, if tribes only employ an economic development approach, with regard to social institutions, they are setting themselves up to be exploited. Tribal governments, addressing both economic and social problems, will create the social and economic well being of all tribal members.

Commissioner Lester seems the appropriate Guest of Honor for OIO's Indian Achievement Week. This year's theme is "Indian Self Sufficiency Through Social and Economic Participation." Truly the philosophy of the present ANA administration.

The American Indian Center is grantee of ANA funds.

Taken from OKC Camp Crier

"THE LONGEST WALK" TO BE SHOWN AT CENTER

A film titled "The Longest Walk," sponsored by the American Indian Center and produced by Gilbert Frazier, will be shown at the American Indian Center on Monday, October 22, 1979, at 2:00 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Frazier will not charge a fee to see this film but he will accept donations from the viewers after each showing for his expenses incurred in bringing the film to Omaha for us to view.

Mr. Frazier was among those who walked from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. in support of Indian Treaties which were being challenged. Please plan to attend this educational film.

FOR SALE

Girls' shawls @ $25 ea; Women's shawls @ $30 ea. Ribbon shirts @ $20 ea. For more information call Ms. Joan Peppan at 453-8228. * * * * *

CARTER APPOINTS ROSEBUD LAWYER

President Carter has named a lawyer for the Rosebud and Yankton Sioux Indian tribes, Terry Lee Fochota, 32, a Ponca Indian, to be U. S. Attorney for South Dakota, the White House announced Thursday.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT NEWS ....

Ms. Benita Soliga, para legal for the American Indian Center's legal services program has secured new employment as an investigator for the Equal Opportunity Commissioner of Nebraska. She will be working in the Omaha office of that agency.

We have submitted a grant proposal to United Way of the Midlands for the 1980 year.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY

ATTENTION!! All you goblins, under the age of 12, there will be a Halloween party at the American Indian Center on Friday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m., with treats, prizes and prizes for the best costume. See you there. Please call to make reservations.

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Updating the enrollment and census rolls of the Omaha tribe, Mrs. Charlotte Crounseid from Mary will be at the American Indian Center on Thursday and Friday, October 25-26 to take enrollment applications on children who claim Omaha blood for eligibility criteria to be met in establishing membership in the Omaha tribal rolls. Please make sure your children are registered for enrollment on these dates.
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- **31 October**: "Longest Walk" Film 7:00-9:30 P.M. A.I.C. (Free)

*Forms for Thanksgiving & Christmas Celebrations can be obtained at the A.I.C.*