A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Dear Indian Community and Supporters:

We would like to welcome the readers of HONGA (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 HONGA (The Leader) are basically an update on Indian affairs from across the nation and within our state. It also presents our progress status to date.

In this edition of HONGA we will respond to the many callers concerning:

1. Funding for our Legal Program - United Way
2. Explanation of our 5-year plan - Board of Directors

Questions:
1. "What will the American Indian Center do if the Legal Program isn't funded by United Way?"
2. "Who can we call or write to help/assist in getting United Way funding?"
3. "I think United Way has a responsibility to continue funding your legal program, until funds become available for urban Indian centers."
4. "I hope United Way looks at the need and how many people the American Indian center has helped."

1. AICO's Responses:

1. If the American Indian Center is not funded by United Way, the unique program we have designed and implemented for native Americans in Omaha to deliver quality services will cease abruptly. Presently, we don't have the manpower or expertise to continue any meaningful facet of the legal program. We would feel confident if United Way would fund our legal program for another year or until funding for urban centers becomes available.

2. To assist your American Indian Center in our request to United Way, please call or write to:
   Mr. Martin B. Covitz
   United Way of the Midlands
   1805 Harney Street
   Omaha, NE 68102

3. Your questions concerning United Way's responsibility to fund the American Indian Center until we receive Indian dollars to fund Urban Indian legal programs is one of our high points/justifications to continue our legal program.

4. In our proposal to United Way complete/accurate statistics of our services has been recorded.

II. 5-year Plan

Our explanation of our 5-year plan entails these goals to be accomplished:

1. Program stability for existing services.
2. New building to house our programs
3. Standing Bear cultural center
4. Expanded Programs:
   a. Youth Center
   b. Health Care - Outpatient services
   c. Women's programs:
      1) Employment
      2) Careers & Training
   d. Headstart Program
   e. Expanded Alcoholism Program
      1) Youth
      2) Women
   f. Indian manpower program - CETA
   g. Legal Program - Permanent Funding

Your response and concerns are very helpful/important to us. We appreciate more assistance in the future to help plan your services at your American Indian Center. If we can help you in any area, please let us know the situation so we may act accordingly. If you are downtown, please stop by for coffee.

Respectfully,
Timothy L. Woodhull
Executive Director

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This means savings for you!

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TRIBE MAKES BROTHER BILLY HONORARY MEMBER

Daniel Cattau, World Herald Staff Writer

ACY, NE--A not-so-great white hunter came to the land of the Omaha Indian tribe Saturday, pasting on buffalo meat and joining in a war dance in his honor.

ah-sah-hah-she (or White Hair Standing) was made a honorary member of the tribe, although he did not fire a shot while hunting for pheasants and pricks on a bright, crisp autumn morning.

A Tribe did not mind White Hair Standing's b (Cont'd next column)

hunting problems, because it is not often that the approximately 1,700 Indians get a visit from a member of the tribe of a U.S. President.

Billy Carter, younger brother of Jimmy Carter, had proved he was a good oil brave.

At the end of his visit, Carter, 42, told about 200 persons assembled at the community center here that "from the bottom of my heart, this is one of the most enjoyable days I've had in my life."

Spoke in Omaha

Escorted by members of the tribal security force, Carter arrived here at 10 a.m. from Omaha. He was joined on the trip by three carloads of people, including staff members from the American Indian Center in Omaha and those with the Alcoholic Awareness Week Celebration Banquet.

Carter, a recovering alcoholic, spoke Saturday night to the banquet at Penny Park in Omaha.

During the trip, Carter had no Secret Service protection. Fellow Georgian Randy Coleman travels with him.

At Macy, he was joined by about 20 persons on the hunt. He borrowed a 12-gauge shotgun from farmer Harold Swanson Jr. of Decatur.

The party stopped at three different areas on the reservation, but only came up with one mallard and two pheasants, although some birds were "feathered" or grazed by shots.

Carter had never shot pheasants before. Although he likes to hunt, he said he is not a good shooter, blaming it partially on Marine training which forced him to switch to the right hand from his natural left.

Before going to an afternoon dinner at the Macy community center, the Carter group stopped briefly to talk with James Jump, the owner of the local service station. Billy had operated a gas station in Plains, Ga., before moving recently to Buena Vista, Ga.

Greeting Included Gifts

The Indians greeted Carter as a blood brother, presenting him with several gifts: a handmade cigarette holder, a keychain with blue tassel, a hand-woven blanket, a two-volume history of the Omaha tribe and a T-shirt from the Winnipeg/ Omaha Drug Dependency Program in Winnipeg which read in the back "When You Booze, You Lose."

In being made an honorary member of the tribe, Carter can "participate in all future buffalo hunts and dance at the annual ceremonies," the words of an official proclamation given to Carter said.

After eating a meal of buffalo meat, corn soup, fruit salad and fried bread, Carter joined about 25 persons -- some colorfully dressed in the tribe's finest ceremonial garb -- in a war dance.

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Brother Billy (Cont'd)

Five men from the tribe sat around a large drum and beat it rhythmically while Carter, wearing a headdress, took the short, deliberate steps of the dance. Carter was side by side with tribal chairman Edward Cline and a teacher at a Macy school, Hollis Stabler Sr. of nearby Walthill.

The dancers went around the drum as spokes go around a wheel about eight times. Carter smiled frequently, as tribal members both young and old reenacted the ancient custom with their guest.

"Showed Support"

Russ Bradley, who is with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Winnebago, Neb., said the fact that other dancers followed Carter and the leaders "showed their support for them."

Pauline Tyndall, an Omaha Indian who works at the Winnebago Tribal Health Department, said the Indians' liking for Carter is simple: "Indian people are not impressed by office. They would look at him as another human being. The same attention would be paid to anyone."

"Carter's bout with alcoholism makes him special to the Indians. 'They're glad he came,' " she said. "We're having the same struggle. We're concerned about this -- it's the No. 1 health problem."

Timothy Woodhull, executive director of the American Indian Center said "very few people" are given a reception like the one given to Carter, after the dance, Carter told the Omaha Indians, "If I'm back in Nebraska or anywhere close, I'll come back again."

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT: The Indian Fellowship Program, authorized by the Indian Education Act, provides fellowships to INDIAN STUDENTS in the following areas:

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, ENGINEERING, NATURAL RESOURCES, and related fields.

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION, LAW, MEDICINE, and related fields.

Fellowship may be awarded for up to four years and provides:

Tuition and Fees -- Full costs of enrollment as determined by the institution of higher education.

Stipend -- $325 per month for Undergraduates, $500 per month for Graduates.

Dependency Allowance -- $75 per month per legal dependent.

Book Allowance -- Cost of materials required for degree program.

Research Expenses -- Where required for degree program (does not include Law and (Cont'd next column)

Medical Reviews and boards), in cases of hardship where justified.

Moving Expenses -- In cases of hardship, where justified.

WHO: Fellowships are available to Indian Students based on the following definition.

The term "Indian" means any individual who (1) is a member of a tribe, band, or other recognized group of Indians, including those tribes, bands, or groups terminated since 1940 and those recognized by the State in which they reside, or who is a descendant, in the first or second degree of any such member, or (2) is considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose, or (3) is an Eskimo or Aleut or other Alaska Native.

HOW: Applications are reviewed according to requirements of regulations based on criteria of: (1) Financial Need (0-20 Points); (2) Academic Background (0-30 Points); (3) Evidence (other than academic) of Potential Success (0-30 Points); (4) Likelihood of Service to Indians (0-20 Points).

WHEN: The DEADLINE DATE for postmark or delivery of applications for new starts is set each year by early September.

WHERE: For further information, contact:

OIE Fellowship Program
Room 2160, FOB-6
Washington, D.C. 20202
Telephone: (202) 245-2975

Veterans Administration Questions & Answers:

Q -- I have been honorably discharged after four years of active military service. What is my GI Bill educational entitlement?

A -- Four years of active military service entitles a veteran to 65 months of educational assistance. It must be used within 10 years after discharge or release from service.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The American Indian Center is recipient of a grant from USA, Community Services Administration for a health & nutrition program geared for native Americans. The following positions are open:

Food & Nutrition Project Coordinator
Nutrition Education Specialist
Nutrition Counselor
Outreach/Social Worker
Driver/Community Aide

The American Indian Center received a grant from Indian Health Service, HEM, for the following position:

Health Careers Recruiter

If you are interested in applying for any of the above positions, please pick up an application blank at the Indian Center. Friday, November 9 is the deadline date for filing an application.
Thanksgiving: November 16th, 1979
Christmas: December 18th, 1979

The baskets will be picked up for:

Thanksgiving: November 20, 1979
Christmas: December 20, 1979

All food baskets must be picked up at the Center. Only those individuals who are physically handicapped, or elderly are eligible to have their baskets delivered.

Remember, if you are interested in and feel that you are eligible to receive a holiday basket... you MUST come to the American Indian Center at 613 South 16th Street and fill out an application before the above deadlines.

Happy holidays!

YOUTH COORDINATOR REPORT...

By Fillmore Walker Jr.

On Friday, October 26, we held a Halloween party at the Center for the Indian children of the Omaha area. I know all the kids had a joyful time and we were pleased with the tremendous response to our event as an estimated 120 children dressed in some very imaginative costumes attended.

We started everything off by serving treats and soft drinks and then gave the prizes for best costumes. We finished the party by playing the traditional Halloween games such as bobbing for apples, etc. I've got to admit we were taken by surprise by the overwhelming number of children who showed up since we were only expecting about sixty children. We would like to celebrate Christmas with the kids also, so if you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer call us!! Finally, I'd like to thank the members of the staff who helped me. I couldn't have done it myself and it's good to know your working with people whom you can depend upon. Special thanks to Renee Browning who assisted me. I would also like to thank the business community who gave willingly the items for the party.

STANDING BEAR PROJECT (MONTHLY REPORT)

By Bob Handy, Producer

The following activities transpired during the month of October for the Standing Bear Project.

1. A meeting with the Riverfront Development Foundation concerning the planning and development of a Standing Bear Native American Cultural Center, along the river in downtown Omaha. Dorothy Buckingham, administrator for the foundation will assist the AICO in acquiring a site, funding and planning. It is feasible for the AICO and architects to write a proposal for $3.5 million funding by FHA. The proposal should be presented to the Denver regional office. A similar facility in Lincoln was 100% funded by FHA. The need in Omaha is as great.

2. A decision to incorporate the temporary pro-
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1. Activities, such as Native American heritages, will be located. The space and services are adequate.

2. A final report was completed for the world premiere of FOOTPRINTS IN BLOOD. It will be mailed to the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities by November 15th after preparation of in-kind and revised financial reports.

3. Underwriting grant proposals were prepared for the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities and Nebraska Arts Council to pay indebtedness for the play production and edit and prepare the video tapes for rental/sale.

4. John Pappan presented Native American heritage programs for Westside High School and Dun-dee Presbyterian Church. This included tour of the Omaha Reservation by students.

LEGAL SERVICES

The Indian Law Support Center, a project of the Native American Rights Fund specializes in the legal protection of Indian rights. It provides backup legal assistance to legal services programs working in the area of Indian law. The Law Support Center has been involved in cases dealing with tribal hunting and fishing rights (on and off the reservation), tribal zoning, water rights, Indian child custody, religious freedom for Native American prisoners and recovery of cultural and tribal artifacts.

The Center is now involved in a class action suit brought by Indian prisoners against Thurston County Jail in Nebraska. It is working with staff attorneys from Nebraska Inter-tribal legal services of Winnebago and Omaha Legal Services. These agencies are challenging the constitutionality of the jail's physical conditions, medical practices and unlawful confinement among other things. Negotiations have been started to see if conditions can be improved.

Many of our readers are aware of the conditions that exist in the Thurston County jail. It is unfortunate that it exists in the same county as the Omaha and Winnebago Tribes. We congratulate Inter-Tribal Legal Services of Winnebago and Omaha Legal Services for undertaking this case.

ALCOHOLISM CENTER NEWS

Things are progressing at our AICO Halfway House. Our tentative opening date has been delayed to December 3, 1979. We will start out with a maximum of 6 clients and eventually work up to about 18 clients. Also a 28-day treatment program will possibly be worked into our plans.

The Halfway House will incorporate some cultural activities, such as native American church.

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