A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To our Indian Community & Supporters:

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

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of AICO, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and the very best for a New Year!

In the past year, we have worked in stabilizing our program structure and services designed to fit the needs of our Indian community. We have developed an ongoing service delivery in these areas:

1. Health
2. Nutrition
3. Legal
4. Alcoholism
5. Energy Crisis Monies
6. Youth Recreation
7. Cultural
8. Adult Basic Education
9. Employment
10. Health Careers Recruitment
11. Monthly Indian Newsletter

Our 1980 goals are:

1. Headstart
2. Senior Citizens Dinner
3. Full legal services (criminal)
4. Census update
5. Needs Assessment

We are still waiting to hear from United Way on funding for our Legal program.

Your response and concerns are very helpful/important to us. We appreciate more assistance in the future to help plan your services at the AICO. If we can help you in any way, please stop by the Indian Center.

Respectfully,

Timothy F. Marshall, Executive Director

EMERGENCY ENERGY CRISIS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ECPA)

The American Indian Center is once again offering assistance through the Energy Crisis Assistance Program. This program is designed to assist low-income and elderly native Americans whose energy needs are creating an intolerable financial situation for them.

To qualify for this program, you must have fuel/utility/energy needs, and your income must fall within the applicable guidelines. If you are certified, you will be assisted in meeting the heavy financial burden which will be the result of both the high cost of energy and the anticipated severity of the coming winter.

The ECPA effort will continue until late September, 1980, so to ensure timely attention to your needs, if you think you may be eligible or would like more information, contact Ellen or Linda at the American Indian Center, 344-0111, as soon as possible.

HEALTH CAREERS RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

The American Indian Center of Omaha, Inc., has been funded for another new program, which is titled HEALTH CAREERS RECRUITMENT.

This program will be offering the Indian community via the public and reservation school systems information and counseling regarding futures in health careers.

The Health Careers Recruiter will be going out into the school systems of Omaha, where the majority of Indian children attend, and will be presenting information about the various health-related careers, the schools offering these programs, and scholarships which are available, whether they be specific Indian-Education scholarships or others.

Direct counseling and guidance will be provided to any interested student. Please call Mr. Karen Birezore at 344-0111 for more info.

SECOND YEAR

The month of December 1979 marks the second anniversary that AICO has published its monthly newsletter (HONKA, The Leader).

If you know a friend who wants to subscribe to the HONKA, please bring the address to the Indian Center or call Carolyn at 344-0111.
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Alcoholism Update Cont'd)

stretch, January is our big month. We will be accepting clients as soon as the construction on our fire escapes is completed and we receive accreditation from the State of Nebraska.

The other good news is that the Halfway House Alcoholism program will be funded for FY80 from NIAA, thanks to the Board of Directors and the staff of AICO.

The American Indian Center's halfway house's main function is to zero in on these problems through our in-patient and out-patient programs. Our in-patient program (live in residents) is to take in persons who have successfully completed a 30-day alcohol treatment program, and help them to adjust to sober living and to help them cope with reality and the world about them. We can accommodate up to 15 residents but as an AA slogan says, Epay Epay 17, we will be easing into our program.

We will start out with 5 or 6 residents, this will help us to iron out any bugs in our treatment plan and our education program. So when the 16 other clients are admitted we will be better able to help them.

Our out-patient program will be available to those who want help, but do not necessitate living in our halfway house. Also family counseling is available to families who need our services for problems brought on by the abuse of alcohol.

STANDING BEAR CULTURAL AFFAIRS By John Pappan

On November 17 John Pappan gave a 2 hour presentation to the Children's Museum. His presentation consisted of a small display and Indian storytelling to about 16 kids.

The final financial report on the Standing Bear project was completed and mailed to the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities. NCH will consider a grant to the project to pay off delinquent bills.

The work on the video tape is coming along fine. Two media stations have expressed an interest in the final edited tape which will be available for rental/purchase on June 1, 1980.

HEALTH & NUTRITION POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The following positions are currently available at AICO:

Nutrition Counselor — will assist clientele with emergency food needs, provide clientele with food program information and assist in filling out appropriate forms; assist in developing projects to increase the amount of food available to the needy.

Nutrition Education Specialist — Develop consumer information material; develop community programs such as nutrition fairs; conduct in-service training in public schools.

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POSITIONS (cont'd)

Driver/Community Aide — Transport clientele to appropriate destinations; transport equipment and supplies for CEN Program; work closely with the Indian community.

If you think that you might be qualified for one of these positions or would like more information about them, contact Linda at 344-0111.

CSA BUDGET AND NUTRITION EDUCATION

By Mary Thomas

'What am I going to cook?'

'How can I make my monthly food budget or food stamps last the entire month?'

If you are having problems with planning meals or stretching your budget, call the AICO and ask for Mary Thomas, Ellan Cunningham or Linda Azugua. They will set up an appointment to come to your home and help you with your problem.

Christmas Baskets

Christmas baskets are based on donations received from the community. The AICO doesn't have funds to purchase turkeys or food for all clientele. Emphasis of the donations will be to the very needy, taking into consideration the income and size of the family. All applications will be carefully screened.

CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Girls Club of Omaha has developed the Career Awareness Program (CAP) in order to help young women, between the ages of 16 and 19 to obtain the skills necessary to enter the job market and to provide them with job training and experience. The girls are placed at jobs in which they show an interest and/or skill:

Who may join:

1) Any girl 16 to 19 years old.
2) To school or willing to re-enroll.
3) Willing to commit herself to the program's goals.

Participants will be paid minimum wages for all hours worked and they will also be paid for the time spent in training. Bus tickets will be provided to help ease transportation costs until the first pay check from the job is received.

For further information regarding this program, call the American Indian Center at 344-0111 and ask for Karen.

OMAHA TRIBE RECEIVES GRANT

The Omaha Tribe has received a $117,141 Federal grant from HEW for an early childhood education program.
OPEN, MINORITIES PROMOTED

Washington -- Women and members of minority groups got over half of all promotions in the S. government in the first year after the Carter administration began urging federal agencies to give special emphasis to recruiting, training and upgrading women, blacks and Hispanics.

Federal statistics for the 12-month period between mid-1977 and mid-1978 show that 54.3 percent of the 404,930 federal job promotions went to women and minority group members. White men were the biggest gainers, getting slightly more than three of every 10 federal job promotions.

Both groups, women and members of minority groups (including women members of minority groups), made their biggest job gains in mid-level employment. Both groups, however, are still greatly outnumbered by white males in the middle and upper pay brackets of the civil service.

The number of women, blacks and Hispanics in government (women are counted twice, as members of minority groups and as women) is increasing nice as fast white men in the workforce.

At last November, the most current data available from the Office of Personnel Management, "minority employment" hit 531,988. That was 22 percent of the full-time federal workforce. The number of women employees, both white and those from minority groups, totaled 752,766 or 31 percent of the full-time federal workforce.

Other items from the federal ethnic and sex surplus account show:

- About half of all minority-group members in government work in white collar jobs.

- Four-fifths of all women work in white collar jobs.

- One of every 10 promotions during the 1977-78 period went to minority group women. Minority-group women include blacks, Hispanics and Orientals as well as American Indians.

- One of every 10 promotions went to non-white men.

- Slightly more than 3 of every 10 promotions went to white women.

- Slightly less than half of all promotions went to white men.

ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM VACANCIES

Alcoholism Program Director
Cook (Weekdays)

Weeknight Manager
Secretary/Receptionist/Data Coordinator

All applications may be obtained at the AICO and should be returned to the AICO no later than 5 p.m., December 20, 1979.

AMERICAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES

The legal services program has been searching for stable funding to continue providing representation to the Indian community. New funding must be established by January 1, 1980.

Our program is still functioning, though much of our time is utilized for grant writing.

We would like to wish all of our client and the Native American Community at large, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

INDIANS, CABBIES, ARMYARDS SIGNIFY PROTEST TO KHONEINI

Armeds were in demand by the hundreds of thousands Thursday as Americans found new ways to express their unity -- and anger -- against Iran.

A tribe of American Indians in the Midwest, at peace since 1795 when Chief Little Turtle signed a treaty with the United States, called a tribal convention to declare war on the country of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khoneini.

Taxi drivers in Washington said they would join New York cabbies in burning their headlights during the day today -- the 38th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor -- to protest the captivity of the 50 hostages in Tehran.

A spokesman for the Northeastern United States Miami Intertribal Committee, a coalition of segments of the Miami Indian Tribe, said he expected 500 members in Youngstown, Ohio, to consider the declaration of war.

Mel Fletcher, who said the tribe has members east of the Mississippi River from the Canadian border to Florida, said, "The purpose of the meeting is to make a declaration of war on the
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**December 1979**

**Omaha:** Wa-ca-di Zhin-ga-Eda-Ike

**English:** When the little black bears are born.

- **2:** Basketball 6:00 p.m.
- **11:** AICO vs. Holy Name
- **19:** Zion Baptist
- **20:** Basketball 6:00 p.m.
- **27:** Clothing Give-Away from 9 to 11
- **31:** Merry Christmas!

**Board of Directors meeting at AIC 7:00 p.m.**

***Also***