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West Coast leaves Chiefs Assembly

WEST COAST LAND CLAIMS CONFERENCE

MAY 20 AND 21



Members of the West Coast Nation gave their disapproval of the use of sugar advertising the Captain Cook Bi-Centennial at the Union of Chiefs Conference.

Indian government, fishing, socio-economic development and education were the main topics on the agenda at the Union of B.C. Indian Chief's 10th annual conference in Penticton on April 18 to 21.

For the delegates from the West Coast District the conference was a short one, as they realized after the first day that they would have little chance to talk on the topics and they decided that more would be accomplished by going home.

Rather than allowing time for the delegates to speak, the organizers of the conference reserved most of the time for themselves, so they could give lengthy reports on all they had accomplished over the past year.

The rest of the time was given to guest speakers, which included the Mayor of Penticton, a group from the Department of Fisheries and speakers from the National Indian Brotherhood, Native Council of Canada, Federation of Saskatchewan Indians and Secretary of State.

Over the three day assembly there were a total of 24 guest speakers scheduled.

One would almost guess

that the Union executive didn't want to hear from the chiefs who had travelled to the conference.

The conference opened Wednesday morning with the West Coast people protesting the use at the conference of sugar advertising the Captain Cook Bi-Centennial Celebration.

With Jerry Jack of the Mowachaht tribe leading the group, between 40 and 50 West Coasters got up and sang several Indian songs before presenting the Union executive with some new sugar. (Brown sugar at that.)

"It's a total insult to our people to have their sugar here and this written material advertising the Vancouver Sea Fair," Jerry told the assembly.

Bobby Manuel, chairman of the conference planning committee apologized for the mistake and a motion was passed dedicating the conference to the Mowachaht people and Indian survival.

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Dr. Wally Johnstone, regional manager for the Department of Fisheries told the assembly that the department's number one priority was conservation, followed by native food fisheries and then com-

mercial and sports fisheries.

He said that more control was being given to bands by delegating the issuing of food fishing permits to band councils.

However there must be quotas, said Johnstone, if all bands are going to get their share.

He said a big problem was the sale of food fish and it was the job of the fisheries staff to see that the law is enforced.

Strong directives have been given to the staff that there will be no harassment of native people, Johnstone said and fisheries will instead be taking strong actions towards buyers of illegal fish.

Johnstone was warned by several observers that any harassment of Indian food fishermen would only result in violent confrontations as Indians were prepared to fight for their rights.

Some of the complaints fired at Johnstone were that fisheries were doing little about the real threat to the resource, namely industry and that fisheries spends so much money to catch Indians selling fish when the need for fish in B.C. is so great.

Others objected to fisheries officers coming in and running the resource in an area they are unfamiliar with

when the local Indians could do a better job.

Johnstone was also asked why fisheries officers were being sent to Regina for training in firearms but he forgot to answer that question.

Johnstone had little to say in reply to any of these complaints other than to say that he had no right or authority to deal with the question of aboriginal rights and that his job was to make sure of the conservation of the fish for its owners, the people of Canada.

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One speaker who was enjoyed and understood by everyone present was Larry Pierre Sr. of the Penticton band who gave a welcoming address to the assembly.

Larry spoke in his native tongue and what he said was interpreted by his son Larry Jr. and Adam Eneas.

One of his messages to the audience was "How do we beat the whiteman? Now you sit and talk to each other but you use his language. I wish that you Chiefs would speak in your language, use an interpreter."

Unfortunately his words fell on deaf ears and what followed was a dialogue in

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If you are concerned about the future of the West Coast Nation and the future of it's children you should be committing yourself to going to the all members meeting in Port Alberni on May 20 and 21. The main item on the agenda will be the "Nootka Declaration on Land Claims."

The declaration will spell out the principles that we want included in the negotiation of our Land Claims. The first purpose of having a declaration is to have a position that the majority of our people agree on and are committed to fighting for no matter what the sacrifice. The second purpose would be to clearly indicate to government what we are prepared to negotiate for. Members will be encouraged to voice their opinions on all principles and hopefully after two days we will be able to bring together all those thoughts into one paper.

The meeting will also be viewed as a celebration of our people getting together. There will be a seafood banquet on Saturday evening during which many of our elders will be paid tribute to for the work they did in fighting for Aboriginal Rights recognition. After the dinner a Lahal tournament will be held between the tribes and the prize of \$100 will be offered. Also about four Land Claims films will be shown for those who are interested. See you at the meeting!

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BOYCOTT THE COOK BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

The following is one example of the many letters of support on Boycotting the Captain Cook celebrations. Thank you to all those who have written in, we look forward to receiving many more letters of support. Let's stick together in letting people know that there has been nothing to celebrate since Captain Cooks arrival.

Dear Sir;
Re: Captain Cook Bicentennial Celebrations
In response to your memorandum dated March 23, 1978, I offer the following:

1. The Cowichan band was invited to participate by way of attending meetings to discuss the celebrations.
2. When the above was proposed to our Band Council they were unanimous in their decision to boycott the celebrations in support of the Mowachaht Band.

In short they asked the same question—What do we have to celebrate about?

I trust the foregoing is sufficient to indicate this bands support.

Yours very truly,
Ernest W. Elliott
Band Manager

WEST COAST BANDS LEAVE UNION

On Wednesday, April 19 the West Coast Band withdrew from the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs after holding a meeting to discuss the first day's proceedings of the annual conference. Bands have been voicing discontent for the past six months with the direction that the organization has been going.

Band members should fully understand the issue which brought about this decision so that their leaders are not wrongly criticized. We should clearly understand that our leaders recognize the need for native people to meet together provincially to fight

for the issues which are common to us all.

What we do not need is an Indian Beauracracy in Vancouver that attempts to organize people and develop policy papers out of that office. Our people thought those days were over in 1975 and that we finally recognized that the majority of work had to be done at the band and tribal grouping level. Many people recognized that our organizations were being lured into responding to government positions rather than developing policies from the band level up.

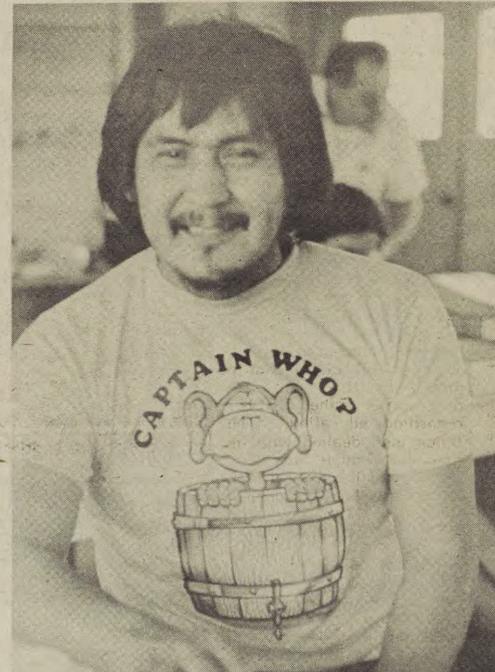
The number one priority of the UBCIC was to fight for recognition of Aboriginal Rights. Where were our leaders when the provincial government announced that they would not recognize the Nishga Claim? The leaders in the Union have decided that Aboriginal Right has now become the struggle for Indian Government. Indian government programs under authority of the Indian Act until aboriginal rights are recognized. Our West Coast people are talking about a different concept when they discuss such things as fishing rights.

Our leaders decided that we would go to the conference to voice our opinions about the future direction of the Union. They met for two days to discuss the items on the agenda and took stands on all issues. How many other tribal groups prepared themselves for that meeting?

During the first day our members easily saw that this conference was not being held to allow delegates to offer their opinions and direction about issues. Delegates were allowed to speak for less than half an hour and the remainder of the day was spent listening to government people and the Union executives patting each other on the back. Indian leaders have become so paranoid that they believe that anybody that disagrees with their position that they are out to destroy an organization rather than taking the criticism in a constructive manner.

Our people met that evening to discuss the day's proceedings and 25 people voiced their opinions. Nobody had a sad look on their face when we decided to withdraw from the Union and go home so that we could save our people some money, since we paid our own way.

Before the rumor reaches the West Coast, we have no intention of joining any other organization. We intend to do the work that is needed to bring governments to the position where they recognize that we are a people with special rights and a special place in this country and that anything less is unacceptable.



Jerry Jack of the Mowachaht tribe displays his feelings about the Captain Cook celebrations on his t-shirt. More t-shirts are on the way.

3rd ANNUAL NITINAT SALMON BARBEQUE
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ALL PROCEEDS TO LAND CLAIMS

★★★★★ ELECTIONS

Congratulations to those recently elected as Chief's and Councillors of the Mowachaht Band, the Nitinat Band and Ahousaht Band.

Nitinat's election results are: Chief, Charlie Thompson; Councillors: Donald Edgar and Ernie Chester.

Mowachaht's election results are: Chief, Mary Johnson; Councillors: Ray Williams, Verna Jack, Jack Johnson, Brian Amos.

Ahousaht's election results are: Chief, Ernest Campbell; Councillors: Bella Campbell, Grace George, Cecelia Titian, John Charlie, Edwin Frank Sr. and Sam Mack.

West Coast Chiefs Prepare for Union Conference

The most recent meeting of the West Coast District Council was held at the Opetchesaht Community Hall in Port Alberni on April 15th and 16th.

Bands represented at the meeting were Hesquiaht, Mowachaht, Nitinaht, Ohiat, Opetchesaht, Toquaht, Tse-Shaht and Ucluelet. The Mowachaht band was especially well represented, sending its entire council along with several observers.

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss what positions the district would take in the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs annual conference the following week.

For the past year or so the district has expressed dissatisfaction with the Union so the chiefs decided to come prepared for this conference and speak out on issues which bothered them.

The chiefs went over each item on the proposed agenda of the conference and gave special attention to the Union's position papers on fishing and education.

The UBCIC proposes the establishment of a B.C. Indian Council on fishing made up of a representative from each district plus representation from the Native Brotherhood, the Indian Homemakers Association and with a chairperson from the Union.

District chairman George Watts said that the Union is building from the top down again and nothing is happening from the bottom.

This council doesn't seem to include commercial fishing, said George, only food fishing.

"The only thing I agree with in this report is that we should have a food fishing committee in the West Coast," said George.

Co-chairman Simon Lucas said that the report contradicts the research we're already doing on the West Coast. "This thing is structured by those who are just food fishing," said Simon.

There was concern by the Chiefs that the Union's proposal was only interested in river food fishing activities.

Several chiefs said that Indians used to get their food fish offshore on the banks.

Why can't we get an unlicensed boat to do our food fishing offshore asked Toquaht Chief Bert Mack?

Regarding the Union's proposal, Chief Art Peters of the Ohiat band said he thought the district should reject it as we already have a study drawn up by our Omeek fishermen.

"There was no prior consultation with the West Coast on this, all the decisions are coming down to us," said Chief Charlie Thompson of Nitinaht.

Charlie then moved that they adopt the Omeek study as the district's policy on fishing and the motion was carried unanimously.

The next topic to come under discussion was the Master Tuition Agreement, a contract between the federal and provincial governments in which the federal gover-

ment agrees to pay the B.C. Department of Education a tuition fee for each Indian child enrolled in the school system and also pays a percentage of capital costs of school buildings.

Presently there is no native participation in this agreement however the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs recommends that they do the negotiating on behalf of the Indian people of B.C.

The West Coast chiefs all felt that it should be up to the individual bands to negotiate with their school districts and not be left to another beauracracy to do the dealing for them.

Simon Lucas said that he thought it should be up to each band to decide what kind of an education they want for their children, otherwise there was a danger of it becoming a provincial blanket policy.

Each band should set their own policies within their own school districts said Simon.

He added that if we set up another beauracracy it makes things more difficult. "To look at a provincial organization is irrelevant, we have too much to talk about with our own people," said Simon.

Charlie Thompson agreed, saying that he didn't want to deal with another beauracracy (the UBCIC) regarding education. "The Union isn't dealing with its mandate which is land claims, but is involved with all these other programs," said Charlie.

The district chiefs also disagreed with a proposed change to the UBCIC constitution in which a quorum for the annual conference would be reduced from two-thirds to 51 per cent of the bands.

George Watts felt that the Union was trying to do away from their responsibility of getting more out to the meetings.

Tse-Shaht councillor Willard Gallic said that the Union is trying to tell us that a handful of people is going to govern us. They should make it a larger percentage if anything said Willard.

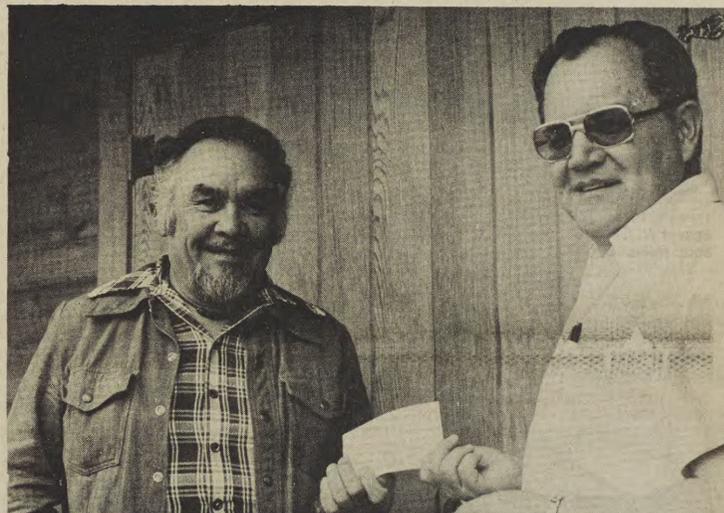
After further discussion the chiefs passed a resolution objecting to a 51 per cent quorum.

The Union came under fire for many more of its activities or lack of activity including its interference with the B.C. Native Sports Federation.

The federation, which co-ordinates sports programs for natives in the province, recently went to the Union for support regarding the run around they're getting from the governments for their funding.

The Union agreed to support the federation but later said that they wanted to control it if they were going to support it.

The West Coast chiefs were against the Union taking over an organization which has been going so well and in



Several bands have donated their B.C. Special to the West Coast District. The money will be used to hire a land claims field worker for the West Coast Nation. Presenting cheques to Hughie Watts at the last district meeting were (1) Ray Williams and Mary Johnson of the Mowachaht Band, (2) Bert Mack for the Toquaht Band and (3) Charlie Thompson for the Nitinat Band.

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REMEMBER WITHOUT A SETTLEMENT
THERE WILL BE NO INDIAN PEOPLE!
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Council hears of Salmon Enhancement

At their last district meeting, the West Coast District Council heard from Lonnie Hindle on the Federal Government's Salmon Enhancement Program. Mr. Hindle outlined Enhancement Program objectives and projects.

Originally announced as a \$300 million, ten year project, the Enhancement Program is actually a five year, \$150 million program. At the end of five years the government will review the project and if it is a success, renew it.

Hindle outlined two Enhancement Projects already under way. One of these — the Bella Bella project — employs 15 people and is in its second phase. The project is concerned with the mapping and documenting of salmon spawning areas and the conducting of biological surveys. All costs for the project are borne by fisheries. However, the Bella Bella band allocates the funds and manages the project.

A second Salmon Enhancement project is currently being carried out by the Sliamon Band. This project involves the cleanup of river and stream beds and incubation. Again, this four year project is totally operated by the band.

Working with the Enhancement Program are native advisors. These advisors act as a liaison between the bands and the Enhancement Program. They are responsible for visiting the bands to see if they wish to become involved in the Enhancement Program. The Salmon Enhancement Program will be hiring one of these advisors for the West Coast. (See ad in this issue.) This worker may work out of his own reserve but will work for the whole district.

This year the Environment Department will be starting two special projects on the West Coast. All costs will be borne by the Enhancement Program. West Coast bands are encouraged to think about whether or not they wish to become involved in the Enhancement Program.

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Reply to:
Mr. Lonnie Hindle
6th Floor
1090 West Pender
Vancouver, B.C.

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which people had devoted a lot of time and energy for little return for themselves.

The chiefs agreed to support Sports Federation President Roger Adolph in his bid to keep the federation running independently.

The Union's lack of action regarding the West Coast districts request for a moratorium on timber and resource licencing, which was presented during the 1975 Union of Chiefs Conference in Kamloops also drew criticism from the chiefs.

At this time the Union resolved to go to the governments to demand a moratorium on future timber licencing until land claims are settled.

Today the government is cutting red tape to make timber licencing easier. Land claims will be dealt a severe blow when timber licences are renewed in the near future leaving little left to negotiate for.

The chiefs moved to ask the Union what they have done about the district's 1975 motion.

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Two guests spoke to the chiefs at the district meeting, Lonnie Hindle, community advisor on salmon enhancement for the Department of Fisheries and George Porteous, district manager of the Department of Indian Affairs.

Mr. Hindle's comments are covered in a separate article elsewhere in the Ha-Shilth-Sa.

Mr. Porteous told the chiefs that he regretted that the departments budgets were cut back this year and said

that the only answer was to use loans from the Federal Development Bank and ARDA.

Chief Bert Mack objected to this statement saying that his band has been trying for four years to start up a shake mill project but they haven't had any help from the DIA or ARDA in this time.

Charlie Thompson asked if the cutbacks in the budget for B.C. were because of deficits in other provinces.

George Watts asked if Mr. Porteous would inquire about this and send the District Council copies of the letters. Mr. Porteous agreed to do this.

The chiefs also complained that DIA was asking for greater accountability of monies distributed to bands but they weren't prepared to pay for the extra expenses involved.

They charged that DIA even wanted accountability of projects financed by the First Citizen's Fund even though they had nothing to do with it.

Mr. Porteous told the chiefs that as the department had nothing to do with the First Citizen's Fund they required no audit on projects funded by it.

Mr. Porteous was asked if he would agree to a sensitization course for his staff so that they may learn more about Indians. Mr. Porteous said that would be fine with him if the district set it up.

He also agreed to the setting up and financing of a training program for band council members and staff with special emphasis on financial control.

A workshop on financial control will be conducted by the district council in

Qualicum on May 28 to 31.

Before leaving Mr. Porteous said that he would like more invitations from bands to discuss their problems with him.

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In other business the District Council agreed to accept a bid from the Port Alberni Friendship Centre for the district van. The van was currently on loan to the Friendship Centre.

Chief Mary Johnson of the Mowachaht band reported that the Tahsis RCMP had told the band that they will support them on the issue of trespassing in Friendly Cove.

The Mowachahts reserve at Friendly Cove is off limits to visitors in protest of the province's Captain Cook Bicentennial celebrations.

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LAND CLAIMS WORKSHOPS

The District Council is attempting to hold workshops at all reserves before the May 20 and 21 meeting. A meeting has already been held in Nifinat with meetings scheduled for Gold River, Port Renfrew, Sheshaht. Other bands are encouraged to contact the office and arrange for meetings at their reserve.

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MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP, A BETTER SERVICE TO OUR MEMBERS.

At the last District council Meeting on April 16 and 17 the council voted to sponsor a management workshop for Chiefs, councillors, band staff and band members. The main theme of the workshop is to understand our roles so that we can provide a better service to our people. Also a number of bands have found themselves in financial trouble because of a lack of understanding of financial control. These problems could be easily rectified if we all learn a few rules.

The workshop will also deal with the responsibilities that councillors, staff and band members have and how they can better work together. Without using names a number of problems will be gone through to demonstrate where errors have been made.

The workshop will be held at the George Inn, Qualicum, starting on Sunday, May 28 at 4:00 p.m. and go till Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. The reason for holding the workshop in Qualicum is that all delegates can get away from the day to day business and devote their attention without being interrupted.

Although the district is sponsoring only three delegates from each band all people are welcome to the workshop. Room and board is available for \$27.60 per day. Phone 724-2822 for more information.

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Not quite answered.

Anonymous

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Isn't my familiar
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To be visited,
To be travelled,
To be answered.
If only this could,
Really would,
Happen to me.

Ruth George

SOMEONE SAYING MY NAME ON A BUMPY ROAD

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SS

Lisa Gallic

Youngsters learn native language

Students at Wickaninnish Elementary School in Tofino are now learning how to speak and write the native West Coast language.

George Louie, originally from Ahusat, is teaching the language to students from grades one to seven at the school.

The course is not compulsory and is taken only by those students who are interested.

George, a recent graduate of the linguistics program at the University of Victoria, said that besides studying the native West Coast language he also studied other native languages such as Interior Salish and even Swahili from Africa.

Next year George plans to return to the university for a refresher course.

The native language is difficult to learn said George, you have to have a sharp ear. However the earlier one learns it, the easier it is.

"Some of the kids at the school can speak some already," said George, "I was really proud of them."

George's son, Allan Louie is also a linguistics graduate from the University of Victoria and he hopes to teach in the future.

Allan is presently working for the provincial museum in Victoria.

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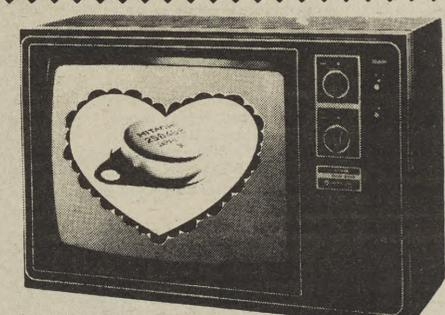
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West Coast goes home

Why did the West Coast people decide to leave the Union of B.C. Indian Chief's Conference after only one day? The following are some quotes from people at the district meeting the night before everyone left:

Chief Adam Shewish (Tse-Shaht): "They (the Union) have been talking about feedback from the grassroots but when you say something they just ignore you."

Chief Charlie Thompson (Nitinaht): "No one is going to do anything for us. Just because of a motion in Chilliwack, it sticks with them. How long are we going to sit and be used? The only people responsible for us is us. We hoped things would change and be different. The only ones that are going to do anything for us is ourselves; we got nothing to lose so let's do it ourselves."

Simon Lucas (Hesquiat): "These workshops just seem to feed information into people rather than asking people what's on their minds. There's not going to be any time for debate, it will just come to a vote on Friday."

Jerry Jack (Mowachaht): "The chairman is just supposed to keep order but he does all the talking. Then he tells us not to talk until the workshop."

Chief Art Peters (Ohiacht): "We've wasted two days now, I'd hate to see us waste two more. We have to get our own things together, the Union won't do it for us. We've just finished our own study on fishing. The people here have no feeling for fishing. We can do more in two days at home."

Willard Gallic (Tse-Shaht): "If we get up and say why we're going the first thought everyone will have is that we're trying to break up the Union. Our going out there and voicing our dissent isn't going to help us or others. I think we should just leave. When we get back home we'll meet and send them a letter."

Verna Jack (Mowachaht): "In 1975 when we got together we used to sing first. I miss that now. I think that's what we need."

Ron Hamilton (Opetchesaht): "I think everyone in this room, when we get back home, should do what we can to help do the things we have to. When you get home put effort into the District Council and if you don't want to do this you should stay here."

Chief Mary Johnson (Mowachaht): "The union talks about unity but they talk about everything without feeling. That's something we in the West Coast district have for each other. We have power together, strength together, caring and sharing. We have feelings here in the West Coast."



One of the highlights of the chiefs conference for the West Coast delegation was the evening lahal games.

Union of Chiefs Assembly

English, which was understood by few who were present.

The reports on fishing by Steven Point and Socio-economic development by Don Moses could have used an interpreter even though they were given in English.

Moses reported that the Union had prepared a Socio-economic study to explore ways and means that bands and individuals could expand or better their economies.

He also said that the Union had organized a Socio-economic development conference on March 1st to 3rd which was successful in providing information and exchanging ideas.

West Coast District chairman George Watts told the assembly that he had attended the Socio-economic Conference and as far as he was concerned it was a waste of time and money.

He felt the conference was used as a forum for government agents to tell Indians what they were going to do for them.

The only proposal of any value was shot down by the Union, said Watts, that being the one by the Native People's Credit Union.

George also complained that not one band on the West Coast had been talked to about the Socio-economic study. The bands had no input yet it will be presented as their position.

Don Moses replied that only four or five bands gave the Union assistance on the study and that the Union shouldn't be blamed if the bands don't give it any feedback.

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The West Coast delegation held two evening meetings while in Penticton to discuss their feelings on how the conference was going.

After the first day of the assembly it was obvious that they wouldn't have an opportunity to speak on the floor about the issues.

Looking at the agenda for the last two days of the conference showed that there was no time given for discussion from the floor, instead all the time was allotted to speakers from the Union and to guest speakers.

It was disappointing for the West Coasters who had prepared themselves for the conference and who had many things to say.

Over 50 people from the West Coast had an informal meeting Wednesday night and most of them had something to say.

At the end of the meeting the group was unanimous in saying that it was a waste of time to continue on in frustration and everyone decided to go home.

There was a feeling of pride and togetherness as the group sang one last song before leaving.



Larry Pierre Sr. of Penticton shared his wisdom and humor with the people at the Chief's Conference during his opening address.

Local government advisor

From the time that I first started working for the West Coast District Council, as a Local Government Advisor, I have found the position to be very rewarding. The interest in existing band problems has become a challenge, in as much as these problems must be solved. And I sincerely hope that with the co-operation of the band councils and band members we will be able to solve these problems together.

Being fully aware of the breakdown in communications between the bands and DIA, I would like to offer my service to assist in any way that I can. I would also like to see some endeavors made to revive the co-operation and communication between band council and band members. This atmosphere is essential at band level for smoother and friendlier operations. From the personal interviews that I have made during the past few months, I have become aware that band councils fail to keep band members informed of band business. This disregard for the band members has created a sense of disrespect towards the band leaders (chiefs and councillors). To be a true leader on a reserve the leader(s) must be willing to devote a lot of their time for the band members benefit.

There has also been a deterioration in contact between the District Council and the people they represent (band members). Because of this fact I hope to visit all occupied reserves within the next two months and talk to as many people as is possible. I feel that individual participation has been completely neglected for too long and I also find that people talk more freely when they are away from a crowd. It is this input from the individual that is important and needed.

Even after familiarizing myself to office procedures, something disturbs me; why do I tend to proceed in a bureaucratic manner? One of the things that offends me is the amount of red tape that is involved when you are dealing with some DIA staff. It is my personal opinion that some of the DIA staff believe they are dealing with Indians of the 18th century. These same DIA staff have convinced some bands that they (Indian bands) are incapable of making just decisions and I disagree with this concept. It is because of the attitude and procedures of the DIA that so many problems are in existence today (on reserves). However, with enough time and perseverance, I am sure we can overcome these obstacles.

The few reserves that I have visited have been a great inspiration to me as I have found that the people are very hospitable. And I would like to assure anyone that I visit, their conversation is confidential unless otherwise agreed upon.

As I have found a lot of bands lacking in band financial procedure, I would encourage all district bands to send at least one delegate to the local government workshop to be held at the end of May 1978. This course will be beneficial to all those who attend, so make this workshop a priority.

HUGH A. WATTS

BAND NEWS

HESQUIAT

Hesquiat Band office is now looking for one of their members to train as band manager to fill the position Semen Charleson will vacate.

Congratulations to Arlene and Connie Charleson on the birth of their daughter, Lila Renee, on March 19, 1978.

Congratulations to our two scholars, Nora Amos who completed third year at U. Vic and Marina Sabbas who has completed first year transfer courses at Camosun College.

HESQUIAT

The Hesquiat Cultural Committee wishes to announce the completed publication of the first volume of the Hesquiat Series, J. Cybulski's "An Earlier Population of Hesquiat Harbor". They are also planning summer activities relative to developing cultural units to fit into the local school curriculum; included in the activities will be a summer school to re-introduce language and native culture to 8-10-year-olds in Hesquiat.

HESQUIAT

There are two new faces in our band office. Annie (Ross) Watts, secretary and Gary Jung, economic development worker.

There will be an arts and crafts fair on Sunday, July 9, 1978. So everyone who is interested in putting in a booth should be starting now to get ready for it. We hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome. (Outside weather permitting).

We hold Dental and Baby Clinics once a month.

There is a recently formed recreation committee.

For further information on any of the above please phone 724-1225.

HAUSHAHT

Well I suppose it's time you folks heard from us

B.C.N.P.C.U. HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The B.C. Native People's Credit Union (BCNPCU) held its annual meeting at the Indian Center in Vancouver, April 16. About 30 people were present for the meeting.

Among the issues to be dealt with were the election of three board members. Elected for three year terms were Laura Talbot (well known in the Alberni Valley) and Campbell MacDonald of Victoria. Elected for one year was Adam Eneas of Penticton.

Unfortunately the Credit Union is encountering difficulties in expanding. Although the BCNPCU is prepared to open chequing accounts within three weeks of receiving an o.k., it is still awaiting approval from governing agencies.

Recently the BCNPCU has been lobbying to get bands with monies being held in Ottawa to transfer these funds to B.C. Hopefully these funds would then be deposited in the BCNPCU which is a native owned and operated credit union.

Some bands have tried to get their funds transferred from Ottawa but this process needs more lobbying power and political clout than the average band has. The amount of monies involved is in the millions of dollars and the interest paid in Ottawa is only nominal.

The BCNPCU could offer far better interest rates if bands could get their monies transferred to the credit union. After initial frustration the BCNPCU was finally successful in getting an "almost" motion of support from the UBCIC.

Despite difficulties B.C.'s first native financial institution has proven its stability. Last year the BCNPCU membership grew by over 20 per cent. Laura Talbot, BCNPCU board member, said she was very optimistic for the Credit Union's future.

NATIVE MEDIA SOCIETY RADIO PROGRAM

At an April 15 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Native Media Society, in Vancouver, the board decided to proceed with plans to produce a native news and commentary program for radio.

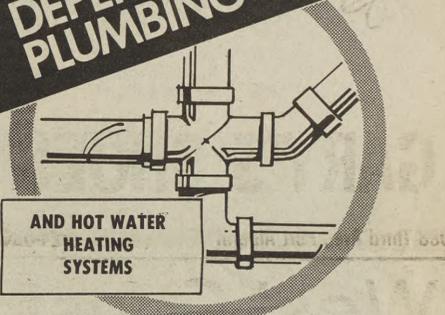
The weekly program, to be called "Talking Stick", is expected to begin broadcasting in June. Brian Maracle, of the Media Society, appeared hopeful that CJAV radio of Port Alberni would carry the program.

In other board business it was decided to hold the Native Media Society annual meeting Saturday, May 27 at the Sands Hotel, 1755 Davie Street, Vancouver. It is expected that funding will be a major topic of discussion as the society only has enough funding to continue until November 1 of this year.

Because of this lack of funding the Media Society has decided to postpone production of a provincial newspaper until further funding is secured.

The Native Media Society will also be an intervenor in the CRTS inquiry into the CBC mandate June 12, in Ottawa. The media society is arguing for increased native content in radio and TV programming nationwide. The Society maintains that the greater the number of native people, the greater the amount of native programming there should be.

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The Ahousat dock was a busy place as the guests arrived for the potlatch.

Potlatch in Ahousat

Peter and Jessie Webster celebrate 50 years of marriage



Peter and Jessie Webster, 50 years of togetherness.

Several hundred people attended a potlatch hosted by Peter and Jessie Webster in Ahousat on Saturday, April 29th.

The ceremony had two parts to it, the first part marking the end of mourning for the Webster's late son, Eugene Peter "Luffy" Webster, and the second part being a celebration of Peter and Jessie's 50th anniversary.

The days events began with a dinner in the Ahousat Community Hall in which guests had several choices of what they wanted to eat.

After dinner the guests watched Indian dances and heard singing by members of the Ahousat band.

Songs of sympathy were sung first. Peter Webster explained that this had to be done by themselves in order to change their feelings.

The second part of the potlatch celebrated the Webster's Golden anniversary.

Peter and Jessie were married 50 years ago at Kakawis by the late Father Leo.

The couple have had few disagreements during this time and they have never been separated except for short periods when Peter was out fishing.

A re-enactment of the marriage ceremony was performed at the anniversary party with the services conducted by Father Frank Salmon.

The Webster's son, Hudson and daughters Rhoda, Hilda and Lillie helped to put up the party along with some of the grandchildren.

Many of the couples 33 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren were in attendance.

All of the guests ate for a second time as spaghetti was made by Ulli Steltzer, a friend of the family.

Two decorated cakes were given to Peter and Jessie, one from Arlene Paul and one

from their three daughters. "Fifty years ago we didn't have any cakes," said Peter, "only spuds and macaroni at Kakawis."

Peter and Jessie also received many nice gifts from their friends and relatives.

Songs and speeches were done by people from Ahousat and by visitors from Port Alberni, Opitsat, Nitinat, Ucluelet and Hesquiat.

At the end of the night the Wa-Wa-Nas dance group from Ahousat performed while Peter Webster did the singing.

Members of the group were David Frank Sr., James Adams, Frank Williams, David Frank Jr., Eddy Frank and Jean, Debbie and Doreen Frank.

When it was all over Peter said that he and his wife were really thankful that everyone came and it really made them change their feelings by having all the people come there.



Elmer Thompson from Nitinat joined in the singing and thanked the Websters for the invitation by giving out money.



Stanley Sam of Ahousat.



Alfred Keitlah and Francis Charlie help with the singing.



People from all over the coast shared their dances and songs.



James Adams and David Frank Sr., two elders of Ahousat who haven't been slowed down by age.



Delia Edgar and Melinda Webster were happy to be a part of their grandparents potlatch.

MUSQUEAM'S LAND CLAIMS

Dear Mr. Guerin:
I undertook in my meeting with you late in September to give you my response to the comprehensive claim that has been presented on behalf of the Musqueam Band. The analysis of the claim has been completed by the Department of Justice and my department and I have now had the opportunity to reach a conclusion on the claim. I regret to inform you that, under the present circumstances explained below, the claim cannot be accepted for negotiation.

I understand that Mr. Hartley has indicated to you in discussion that the Musqueam claim could fall in certain respects outside the terms of the federal claims policy as announced on August 8, 1973. Following receipt of the legal opinion on your claim, I regret to confirm that the claim cannot be accepted for negotiation by the federal government under the terms of that policy. The opinion I have received leads me to the conclusion that the patenting of lands to third parties in the greater Vancouver area has effectively superseded any Indian title of the Musqueam Band. While this does not address any possible claim for compensation for loss of traditional land and resources beyond the historical and current expenditures and benefits extended by government to your band, such a claim would

have to depend upon principles and considerations other than those upon which the 1973 policy of accepting claims for negotiation was based.

We do not yet have a commitment from the government of British Columbia to participate in the negotiation of any claim other than the Nishga. Since a final settlement of land claims cannot be achieved without provincial participation, we are continuing to urge that participation upon the provincial government. I will be attempting in my discussions with the province to attain more compatible approaches to comprehensive claims by the provincial and federal governments. As an alternative possibility, I am also considering a proposal to establish an independent commission of inquiry on Indian claims in British Columbia.

I realize that this response to your claim will be disappointing to you. It would not be useful, in my view, to ignore the difficulties encountered by your claim given the reluctance of the province to make a general commitment and the terms of the federal government's decision in 1973 on the essentially legal conditions to be met for claims to be accepted for negotiation. I anticipate that you will have strong views to put forward on both these matters and I will welcome the discussion

and debate that your views will engender. I should like, however, to make an observation for your consideration. The issues faced by your claim are shared, in all likelihood, by others being developed in your region and they cannot be resolved by government, provincial and federal, without considering the implications for all similar claims. Your interests may best be served, therefore, by integrating your efforts in support of your land claim with those of other bands in your area either through the existing structure of the Alliance or through another regional organization with whom you might choose to affiliate.

Yours sincerely,

J. HUGH FAULKNER

MUSQUEAM LAND CLAIMS

Chief Delbert Guerin has provided me with a copy of the Ministers response to their Land Claim submission. There are many interesting statements in his letter which I thought I should share with you and share my thoughts on them.

(1) "The claim cannot be accepted for negotiation." It would appear that we need an expanded definition of the government's 1973 statement on Land Claims.

(2) "Legal opinion on your claim." The government has no intention of dealing with the moral question of the claim or the social justice required.

(3) "Patenting of lands to third parties has superseded any Indian title." They are saying that these lands now occupied by white people are not up for negotiation. The 1973 policy does not include these lands as far as com-

penation for loss of use.

(4) "Possible claim for compensation for loss of traditional land and resources beyond the historical and current expenditures and benefits extended by government to your band." It would appear that if the government is going to consider any compensation then they will take into account all funds that have been spent on us by the great bureaucracy.

(5) "As an alternative possibility, I am also considering a proposal to establish an independent commission of inquiry on Indian Claims in British Columbia." This is the George Manual commission which we are opposed to.

I hope this analysis is of some use to you. I remain,

In Brotherhood
GEORGE WATTS

REMEMBER WHEN?



A picture from the past shows the late George Jacobson and late Willie Jack of Ahousat with a cougar George shot. The picture was taken in Ahousat where the community hall now stands about 1948. Photo courtesy of Johnny Jacobson.

Concerning native students in School District 70

About 40 people spent the February Professional Day considering the situation that exists now in B.C.: 1800 Native students enter the school systems in grade one and only 226 students complete grade 12. (That is still almost double the percentage given for 1962). By 1976, there were 70 Native Indians who had graduated from university. In School District No. 70 there are about 800 Native students enrolled (300 of them in Tofino and Ucluelet). Of the 500 in Port Alberni approximately 90 are in Secondary School.

Dolly Watts, Native Home School Co-ordinator for School District 70 worked for many weeks to design a Professional Day program that would include the people who could identify factors affecting the high drop-out rate in secondary school and make positive contributions towards improving the situation. Dolly invited six students, six parents and six teachers to be part of a panel discussion. She arranged this a month ahead of the meeting date, so that each group could contact others and collect and organize information and make a presentation which represented the thinking of many people.

During the morning session, panel members presented concerns which I have tried to summarize as follows: (The teachers had to hand theirs in in writing, because allotted time was spent responding to ideas presented by other panel members.)

Students: Shannon Kilroy, ADSS; Iris Frank and Barney Howard, E.J. Dunn; Lisa Gallic, Maht Mahs; Darrel Ross, A.W. Neill; Gerald Fred, N.I. College.

Concerns: (a) Want an opportunity to learn their own language and cultural traditions;

(b) Want information to be taught using paragraph form, not point form;

(c) Want teachers to teach work, not just give assignments and watch students complete them.

(d) Want to be able to get the electives they want and not just be assigned to any class where there is space.

(e) Feel confused at school with so many teachers, subjects and deadlines.

(f) The communication and behavior expected by teachers, sometimes cuts across parental training and their Native cultural values.

(g) Sometimes singled-out or commented to join in ways that seemed like put-downs.

Parents: George and Margaret Clutesi, Phyllis Coofes, Marjorie Stevenson and Hugh Watts.

Concerns: (a) Difficulty of relating to teachers and schools.

(b) Students come home feeling mistreated by teachers or classmates.

(c) Parents found teachers cooperative but even working together, they couldn't help some students to complete high school.

(d) Wanted Indian studies taught, so that students would know about famous Native people and they would feel pride in the achievements of their people.

(e) Wanted teachers to visit their reserves so they would be aware of the background of students they taught.

(f) Wanted counsellors and teachers to visit homes rather than have parents come to school for appointments.

(g) George Clutesi directed comments to the students about using the best of both cultures in order to survive and succeed. He mentioned the hurtful experiences that can happen in the school situation.

"Information does not change these things, they can only be accepted as you carry on," he said

Teachers: Gloria Zwarich, George Allen, Lois Faris, Lila Kilroy, Audrey Parker and Caroline Alphonse.

Concerns: (1) Irregular attendance (Native students miss two and one-half times as many days as others).

(2) Tardiness.

(3) Skipping classes.

(4) Lack of communication often takes a long time to establish trust with Native students.

(5) Different bands have different customs.

(6) Students not doing work and dropping out.

(7) Teachers lack of knowledge and material needed to teach Indian History and Cultures.

(8) Students are often not accompanied by parents, when they register at a new school or choose courses for a new grade. Parents sometimes don't attend Open House events and conferences about school progress.

Mr. Bill White, co-ordinator of Indian Ed. for District 68,

Master tuition agreement

Approximately 25 people attended a workshop concerning the Master Tuition Agreement that was held at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre. Three Union of B.C. Indian Chief's staff members chaired the meeting, provided material concerning the MTA and answered questions concerning the MTA.

The workshop proved to be very informative. A lot of people didn't understand at first exactly what the MTA was. The agreement itself is totally the opposite of Indian Control of Indian Education, it is an agreement between the federal and provincial

governments, there is no consultation whatsoever with Indian people. The Union proposal was that the MTA be scrapped or revised with an opting out clause and that the Union would act as a third party in the re-negotiations. Most people attending found the workshop very informative and agree that the present MTA is no good. However they felt that it should be dealt with at the band and district level as far as negotiating changes are concerned.

Hopefully more bands will take a closer look at the MTA in the near future and discuss changes they'd like to see made.

The second part of the afternoon session was a Presentation on Motivation, given by Lila Kilroy and three students from the panel, who had just completed the ADTA program and noted positive changes in their own motivation and behavior.

Recommendations: The day together made participants aware of the complexity of the problems and opened up productive areas for future inquiry and action. The following recommendations came out of the discussions:

(1) Meet again in one month to assess the recommendations already carried out and make plans for following through on others.

(2) Reports of the discussion to be made in writing or in person to all people concerned - Advisory Committee, School Board, teachers, parents and students.

(3) Students express their ideas to as many interested groups as possible.

(4) Develop Native studies Programs (History, Art, Crafts, Language, etc.). These are part of the Elementary SS Curriculum but could be offered as electives at the secondary level. A publication of names and information on Great Native People is needed. (George Clutesi has started a list).

(5) Ask parent group to put forth forceful request that special needs be met now (when surplus teachers are

available): reduce teacher-pupil ratio - provide more counselling hours. (Now there are perhaps two hours per student per year, which could do course counselling but not help with peer or teacher relationship problems). Have counsellors who can visit in homes, as that is something Native parents requested.

(6) Orientation of all teachers in District 70 to the cultural backgrounds of Native students so they can be more aware and understanding.

(7) Extend Tutoring Program to elementary grades and have flexible hours. Supervised afternoon and evening sessions so students don't always miss classroom learning, especially in Science. (Caroline Alphonse now tutors students once a week at the secondary level).

(8) Indian Ed. Committee members attending and presenting recommendations to board meetings on a regular basis.

(9) Encourage adult native people who dropped out, to re-enter the school system in programs designed to meet their needs.

(10) That Native people who assist with Native studies and teacher programs be paid for teaching. (Nanaimo pays a standard \$25.00 per hour).

(11) Institute scholarship for Native students completing grade 12 (started in 1978 with \$50.00 from the Clutesis).

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To add to the list of damage caused by alcohol abuse is still another item. To me, this item is the most frightening of all. It is called Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Women who drink alcohol before or during pregnancy risk permanently damaging their unborn child.

It is not just a mother matter but a family matter.

Although the woman carries the child, there is also the husband and father who is equally responsible for the conception, birth and later upbringing of the child. One cannot expect a woman who is pregnant not to drink when the husband drinks regularly. In the case of a single mother, this woman needs the extra support of relatives and friends who also influence the activities of the expectant mother.

OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE

I find Fetal Alcohol Syndrome the most frightening of all the adverse effects of alcohol abuse. Our future is our children and if our children are crippled before birth where does our future lie?

FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME

"Any woman contemplating pregnancy should abstain from drinking all alcoholic beverages both before and during the entire term of pregnancy." This is the advice being given by two doctors on the staff of the Health Centre for Children in Vancouver. Dr. David F. Smith, pediatrician and Dr. Patrick MacLeod, medical geneticist, are deep into research on the effects of alcohol taken by the mother on the child in the womb.

The following is taken from a study entitled, 'Perspectives on the Cause and Frequency of the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome' by David W. Smith, Kenneth L. Jones and James W. Hanson, Dismorphology Unit, Department of Pediatrics, University of Washington, School of Medicine, Seattle, Washington, 98195.

"To date, we have only recognized the Fetal Alcohol

Syndrome in the offspring of chronically alcoholic women and only a portion of their offspring are affected. About one-third have the Fetal Alcohol syndrome and closer to one-half have varying degrees of mental deficiency, the most common recognized sequela in the offspring of alcoholic women. Because of the magnitude and nature of the risk, it is recommended that chronically alcoholic women be on effective birth control measures. If a chronically alcoholic woman should become pregnant, she should be informed of the risk to the fetus and given the option of terminating that pregnancy. To our knowledge, this risk only applies while the woman is alcoholic. Those who have ceased being alcoholic have had normal children."

The frequency of the fetal alcohol syndrome would be expected to vary in accordance with the incidence of chronic alcoholism in women of the reproductive age. In the Pacific Northwest, we have seen a disproportionately high number of affected babies born to American Indian Women and we consider this to be reflection of the frequency of chronic alcoholism in the women of reproductive age in

FRIENDSHIP CENTRE NEWS.

Friendship Centre to Recommend Major Building Project at Annual Meeting, May 6, 1978.

At the last board of directors meeting of April 10, 1978, Richard Watts introduced the options available to the centre to apply for a capital grant through the Secretary of State's Migrating Native Peoples program. The centre could make application for a maximum grant of \$110,000 providing they made contribution of 15 per cent of the grant. This contribution could come in the form of cash, land, labor or materials and should be raised locally.

The three options available to the centre will be:

Construct a new facility at present location or different location.

Purchase an existing building and renovate to requirements.

Renovate present building to requirements.

A report will be presented to the societies membership at the annual meeting at which time they will be requested to give direction to the board of directors as to what option will be most suitable.

The directors also gave approval to operating and program budgets totalling \$164,225, a 17.8 per cent increase over last year's budget. Other budgets to be given approval are First Citizen's Fund and General Revenue.

Jack Little recently hired as Program Director for the centre, presented a report on activities and a request for equipment needed for the drag-in program. Directors requested he present at the next monthly meeting a

detailed budget on equipment needed and a report on spring and summer programs planned. Also, report on the Basketball Clinic tentatively scheduled for late August.

YOUNG CANADA WORKS PROGRAM APPROVED

The Friendship Centre's request to hire four full time workers has received approval from the Jobs Creation Branch.

Through this program native youth in the community will be able to learn more about our people of the West Coast. Trips will be coordinated to visit reserves to learn names of reserves, geography, resources and traditional boundaries. Workers will ask the elders of these various reserves to participate in their projects and this information will be useful in developing a cultural program for native youth. Trips will be coordinated to visit museums and cultural centres at other communities.

The project will also assess the needs of native elders in the community and the data gathered could be incorporated into the Friendship Centre's program.

Career opportunities for native youth in the native community will be researched and this information will be made available to them. This should give them an awareness of career opportunities available, what training is required and the project results just may encourage our youth to be involved at the local level and seek career opportunities at their local communities or with native organizations.

this ethnic group."

The following is from another study prepared by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism entitled Critical Review of the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome edited by Kenneth R. Warren dated June 1, 1977.

"Because factors other than alcohol such as nicotine and nutrition may confound human studies, animal studies have been invaluable. The evidence from these studies is quite compelling and clearly suggests a risk of fetal outcome in humans when alcohol consumption is three ounces of alcohol or above per day, the equivalent of six drinks. This is not an uncommon amount of alcohol consumption in heavy drinking Americans. Further animal experiments must be undertaken to assess the possible risks at lower dosages.

ALSO,

In all probability, there is a critical period of embryonic development when a high blood alcohol level will most likely produce the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. The average alcohol consumption, therefore, may not be as important as the maximum concentrations obtained during binge drinking at critical periods. These may be instances of single malformations, retarded growth and

development or behavioral patterns such as jitteriness. Observations of alcohol nervous system, cogently support the view that placental alcohol exposure may impair morphological and neurological fetal development.

SUMMARY

I understand that seven cases of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome have been discovered in Vancouver, all of these babies were Native! It is my opinion, because of the risk, that women who become pregnant, abstain completely for the full nine months. Why risk your child's future for a drink!

In conclusion, if you feel you need to know more about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, please phone or drop by the office at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre as I can photocopy the material I have available.

If you have a drinking problem and would like to do something about it, please call or drop by or if you are affected by someone close to you with a drinking problem, call or drop by. Telephone 724-3013 at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre. All contacts are strictly confidential.

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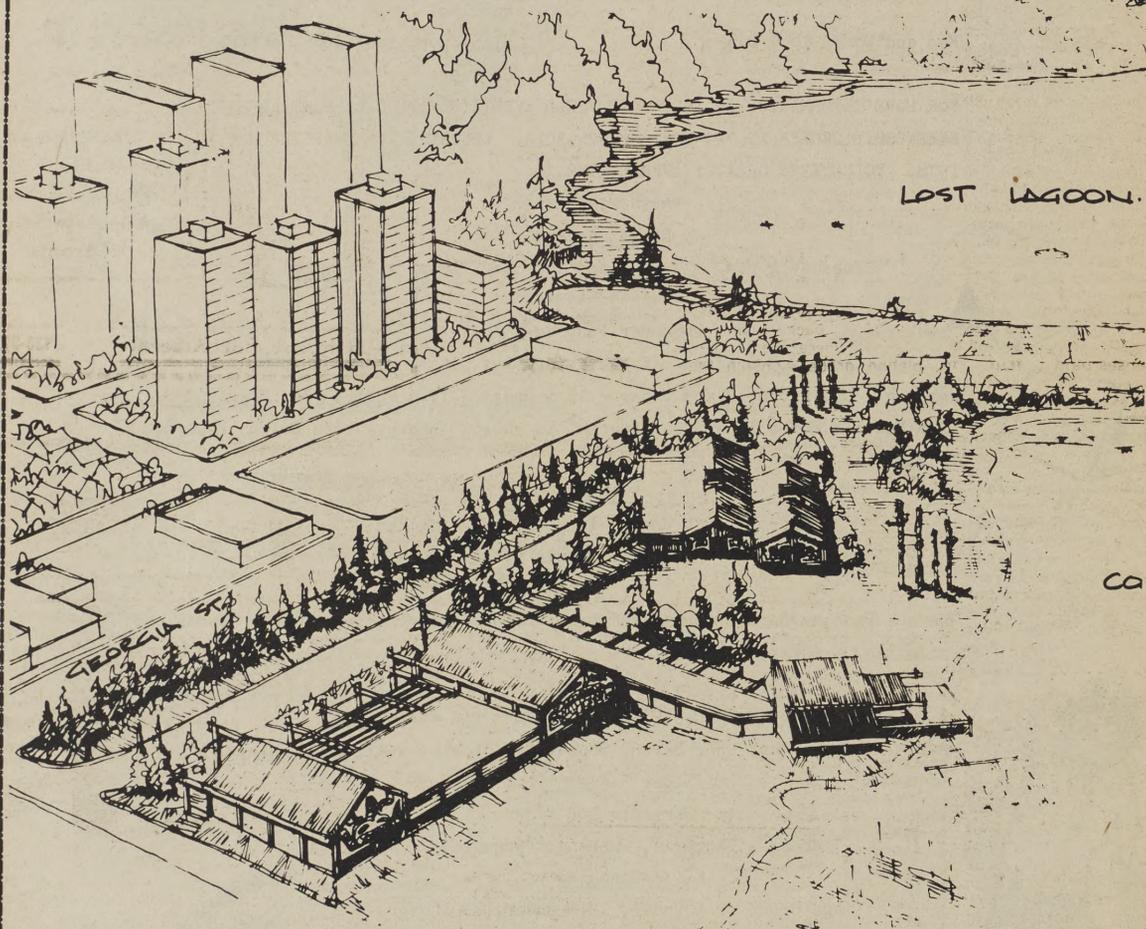
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The Native Development Village Society has been incorporated to further develop a plan of action for acquiring this site for a "Native Village." The objects of this all Indian Society are aimed at the development of a "CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, and ECONOMIC" centre, that would serve as a showcase for B.C. Native Indian History.

A venture as bold as the "Native village" concept must be representative of the many diverse tribal cultures of this province. It must be a centre that is developed with Native Indian support and participation.

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"REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION"

The above drawing is an architect's rough sketch of what such a Native Village may look like.

To make such a project successful, PARTICIPATION of Native Indian individuals, bands or B.C. Native community organizations will be needed.

If you are interested in receiving continued correspondence on the development of this project, please complete and return the clipping provided. Suggestions and/or recommendations will be seriously considered throughout the development stages.

I would like to receive further correspondence/information on the NATIVE DEVELOPMENT VILLAGE.

NAME: _____
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Enclosed are my comments, suggestions and/or recommendations

MAIL TO: Native Development Village Society,
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U.N.N. HOLDS WORKSHOPS



Angelene Paul, during her trip to Tijuana, Mexico.

Angel in Los Angeles

In the last issue of Ha-Shilth-Sa we reported that 14-year-old Angelene Paul of Ahousat was one of the winners of the essay contest sponsored by the Native Alcohol Advisory Board of British Columbia and we published her winning essay. Angel's prize was an all expenses-paid trip to Disneyland in Los Angeles.

Angel and five other contest winners flew by jet with their chaperones from Vancouver to Los Angeles during the Easter holidays.

As all meals were paid for, said Angel. Each of the winners were also given \$7 a day for spending money.

Besides Disneyland, the group visited many other places during their 10 day stay. They went to Universal Studios in Hollywood and

watched movies being made, visited Knott's Berry Farm and went on a bus tour of Los Angeles.

A highlight of the trip was a visit to Tijuana, Mexico for a day.

After an enjoyable holiday Angel is back home in Ahousat where she is completing grade eight in the Ahousat School.

Members of the various UNN locals from Vancouver Island and Powell River attended a workshop in Comox recently. Also attending were approximately 10 members of the Moachah band. The workshop dealt with various aspects of UNN business as well as with aboriginal rights and Captain Cook.

Discussion of the Captain Cook Bi-Centennial prompted the people attending the workshop to hold a demonstration in downtown Courtenay that Saturday afternoon. The demonstration was to protest a planned appearance by the Tourism ministries Captain Cook.

The next UNN workshop for Vancouver Island is scheduled for June 10 and 11 in Victoria. At these workshops films are shown, executive and staff report on their activities and answer questions and policies are discussed. All UNN members are expected to attend the workshops.

On a local level, the Port Alberni local of the UNN will hold a dance May 13. Anyone wanting information may call 723-7287. The next local meeting will be May 14 at 7 p.m. at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre.

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BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to my nephew Luke George (13th) from your loving Aunty Phyllis.
Happy Birthday to my nephew Richard (10) from your Uncle Dixie, Aunty Faith and cousin Harry.
Happy Birthday to my brother Garry Glitter from Sis Ducksie and family.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Robinson are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jessie, to Bruce Stevens. The wedding will take place on June 24, 1978 at 2:00 p.m., Prince Rupert. Everyone welcome.

Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to Georgina and Cyril Livingston. From Sis Gloria.

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THANK YOU

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Fred of Port Alberni would like to thank everyone who came to the shower for their newly born twin daughters, Melanie and Melissa. The shower was held at the Tsesahat Cultural Center on April 20th.

Thanks to everyone for all the nice presents and special thanks to Josie Watts and Darlene Watts for arranging the shower.

BABYSITTERS

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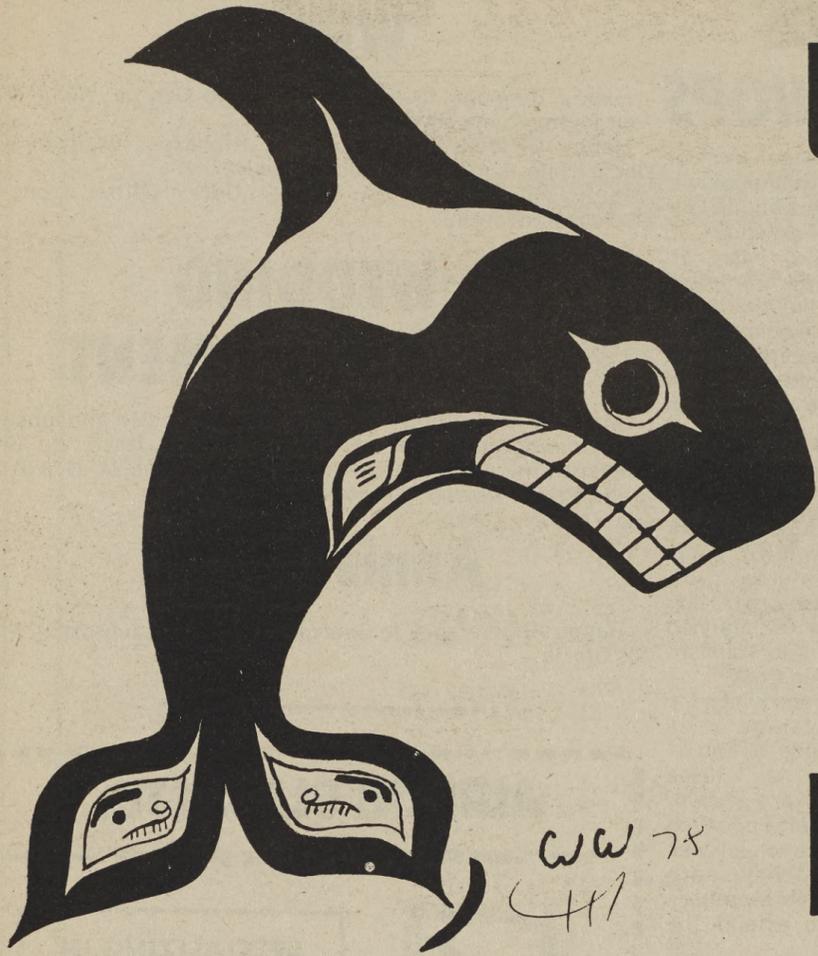
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