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## Pearse Commission Visits Ahousat

Dr. Peter Pearse visited the Indian community of Ahousat on Mon., May 11, to conduct an informal hearing with the Native fishermen and residents from the West Coast.

much of the population is on social assistance, and quite a number fish "illegally", without a licence.

deadly killer. He told of hauling in four sets in an hour, 2,400 fish a set at an opening at Nitinaht Lake. "This is what's killing our fishing industry. I have experienced it," Pearse was told. "It's the big-time operator who won't admit it."

Dr. Pearse is presently having public hearings along the coast, gathering information for this report on the Pacific Coast Fisheries.

He was told that it was unfair that the original inhabitants were denied a living while large companies held block licences and were becoming rich at the expense of the native people.

Dr. Pearse was also interested in hearing about food fishing rights and whether or not these rights are being protected. He said that he assured them that he felt that it was very important that these rights are protected. We want to know if any are not being honored, he said.

Pearse came to listen and he heard from many of the men who went to sea at an early age and have been there ever since. He heard stories of the hardships that today's fishermen are going through, due to the licensing system, decreasing stocks, harsh regulations, and lack of financing.

The majority of the West Coast native fleet are trollers. Besides the high capital cost involved, they complained about new regulations which are cutting back on the length of their season and their share of the catch.

The Ahousat hearing lasted from 10 in the morning until five in the afternoon, during which time many speakers told what they thought should be done with the fishing resource.

Dr. Pearse had many questions for the group and he got lots of answers. He was told that the village of Ahousat had only one source of employment, one way of life, and that was fishing. He was told that now it was impossible for young men to get into fishing because they couldn't get the financing to buy a boat and licence. As a result

Pearse was told that one big reason for dwindling stocks was the efficiency of the seiners.

Before leaving Commissioner Pearse told the fishermen that they had helped him a great deal to understand the problems they are facing. "Particularly the dependence of the community on fishing — for food and as a livelihood."

The trollers are controlled by the weather, said one fisherman. Today's seiners are too efficient for the amount of fish. They can fish in shallow waters and with sonar they can see the rocks and the fish and can take everything.

More on Pearse Commission inside.

Another long-time fisherman, who has seined himself, said that the drum seiners are a

### ALEX McCARTHY — UCLUELET FISHERMAN

Today we face a deep problem created by man. Our mountains and forests have been stripped. Many rivers don't produce as man has overlogged this country.

There are too many boats. The Davis plan, I think he increased the fleet. There was an increase in seiners. He tripled the price of boats because of tonnage. This is a serious problem created by government.



Commissioner Dr. Peter Pearse and his counsellor Peter Ballem listen to Native concerns in Ahousat.

## Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council Meeting

Hosted by Toquaht Band

Saturday, June 20th & Sunday, June 21st

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## More on Meares

The Tribal Council has donated \$250 and loaned \$250 to the Friends of Clayoquot Sound from its Meares Island Conservation Fund to help with the publication of the "Keep Meares Island Green" brochure. A copy is enclosed in this month's paper.

The Tribal Council believes in close co-operation between the Clayoquot Band, the Friends, the Tofino City Council and all others working towards preservation of Meares. Only in this way will Meares be successfully conserved.

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OTTAWA REPORT

Ted Miller, M.P. Nanaimo-Alberni

Letters to the Editor

To all Opetchesaht Band Members:

Firstly this has to do with my travelling over to Alberta and staying for one week. Last April 20th, I approached our chief Willie Tatoosh and Band Councillors Irene Tatoosh and Elaine Lauder for possible funding to attend this important workshop. The workshop called "Native People's Re-Evaluation Counselling Workshop," April 27, 1981 to May 3, 1981. This important workshop not only helped me to take a good reflection on myself, but to all the possibilities of actually being able to help other people in our area also.

Thank you each and everyone for playing a role in this learning process I am now going through.

Why just this past March I had the pleasure and honor to attend a workshop that was held in Vancouver for that whole month. That workshop I completed March 27, 1981, was called Medicine Rock Training Program: Basic Counsellor Training Course.

This my dear friends was backed by the Nuu-

Chah-Nulth Tribal Council. A very special thank you goes to all concerned with that learning process also.

The knowledge that I personally have learned from both these workshops has given me the initiative to share with all my people everywhere. My gratitude must be extended to each and everyone who played a part.

Thank you so kindly, STEWART JOSEPH

Dear People

I am an earth native but an immigrant to this area. I do not wish to be included for a prize but wanted to add an idea input to: your alcohol awareness. My Grandad used to say "moderation in all things." Personally I find little use for alcohol in my lifestyle. I use it somewhat like a herb. Excellent for flavoring. But my impression is that many people are seeing alcohol as a scapegoat for much sadness. Alcohol is just one of many chemical compounds that help people forget that they too are only animals and require fresh water

and healthful nourishment to survive on the planet earth. The chemists tell us alcohol is turned into sugars within the body. Candy is just a beginning to an alcohol habit. I heard once "Candy is dandy but liquor is quicker." I feel important when I'm high on alcohol and unimportant when I sober up. But really I'm neither important or unimportant. I'm just me. The greatest prize that I receive is seeing beautiful well nourished children.

Ted Miller, MP: statement on West Coast tour March 1981.

I have spent the past week speaking and listening to commercial, sport and native fishermen from New Westminster to Prince Rupert and all over Vancouver Island.

It is obvious from our discussions that these and other groups are anxious about the future of the fishery; they have very real grounds for concern.

A myriad of problems has been generated by years of neglect by the Liberal government. I am sure that fishermen

themselves, when they appear before Doctor Peter Pearce's commission of inquiry, will thoroughly air problems of fleet size, licencing, corporate concentration, the West Coast salmon treaty with the U.S., sports fishing regulations and the many social factors affecting the industry. I, too, will present a brief raising these and other matters. In my own encounters on the West Coast there were two major concerns raised at every meeting: first, the fear that resource industry expansion poses a serious immediate threat to the fishing industry; second, the belief that the absence of a minister willing to meet and discuss the issues has allowed the industry to grow unchecked since 1974, while management problems have been ignored. Now people feel that the minister is snapping back and in his over-reaction he is seriously stinging, bruising and even dislocating those involved.

The resource issue is particularly threatening to those whose livelihoods are bound to the fishery. British Columbia is on the threshold of a series of massive northern resource and energy projects. This is causing extreme anxiety for sport and commercial fishermen and native people who feel expansion in these areas could destroy the fishery. Amax Mines, Kemano II and Stikine River developments, Ridley Island Coal Port, North-East coal mining and the Hat Creek coal thermal plant would all adversely affect salmon stocks in the North and throughout the Fraser River system. Ottawa's response to these projects? Silence or worse. The government has supported projects such as Amax, thus sanctioning the poisoning of Alice Arm and the Nisgha people's food source.

There has been a steady deterioration in the quality of fish habitat, yet pollution and fisheries violations escalate. Fisheries and oceans is not, for example, assessing the seemingly relentless progress of B.C. coal proposal and Ridley Island coal terminal and it has not

participated in impact studies on the effects sulphur dioxide from Hat Creek electrical generation will have on the Thompson River.

Why not? The ministry's enforcement, habitat and research capability is inadequate. Looking at the 1980 calendar year, for example, we find that only 21 charges were made by the fisheries and oceans ministry. Of the 130 field officers in B.C., only five devote full-time to habitat protection — a maximum of 55 people try to control violations of habitat protection and none of them has time for the resource project mentioned above.

The Liberal government's answer to habitat destruction and its own mismanagement of the fishery has been the Salmonid Enhancement Program (SEP) announced with great fanfare in 1975. Unfortunately, in spite of some encouraging signs, the program is now running out of money and there has in fact been a reduction in efforts because the government neglected to consider inflation — SEP is still funded on the basis of 1976 dollars!

The program has now been reduced to dependence on Liberal patronage in the form of the Western Development Fund and it is fair to entertain doubt about its future funding. In the absence of other measures, moreover, SEP in itself is far from adequate.

This brings me to the second major concern. Compounding past and future problems is the absence of a minister of fisheries for the West Coast. The current minister's refusal to meet

issue. We feel that this was not an accurate representation of the interview which took place. The context of the interview has been changed considerably by the omission of certain parts.

Diane Silvey  
Anne Cook

~OUR APOLOGIES LADIES.

to the Ha-Shilth-Sa Newspaper:

Re: article in newspaper: Diane Silvey, Anne Cook

In reference to the article (Ha-Ho-Payuk School) in your paper dated March 10th, 1981 we request that you print a retraction in your next issue.

There will be a film at the Friendship Centre, Thurs., May 28 at 9 p.m. The film is called "More than Bows and Arrows." Everybody welcome.

Film Tonight

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What was said at the Pearce Commission Ahousat, May 11, 1981

JAMES ADAMS — AHOUSAT ELDER

When I was 10 or 12 years old no licence was needed to sell fish at that time. In the 1920's they started asking for a licence. In the first place we fished and sold it and we didn't need a licence. You have to get a piece of paper from the fisheries department to get your food now. Also when I was 12 years old the sealing schooners took most of the native people to the Bering Sea to hunt seals. The U.S. shut it down and they were supposed to pay each one \$200 each year when they closed fur seal hunting. It was paid out only once to four men here.



"Immigrants come into this country and in five years they have more rights than I do." — Archie Frank



ARCHIE FRANK — AHOUSAT FISHERMAN

Why are we denied these licences yet they allow block licences to the big companies? B.C. Packers must have two or 300 seine boats. It's a monopoly system. We need 120 to 130 licences for our people. This licence limitation was put in to cut back the fleet. The only ones it cut back on was the Indian people. These are people who have nowhere else to go except out to sea. This is against your law to take away a persons' living!

LOUIE JOSEPH — AHOUSAT FISHERMAN

We should be asking everyone involved including the multinationals who are selling our fish and the multinationals such as MB should be investing into enhancing our salmon.



MARK ATLEO — AHOUSAT FISHERMAN

I started fishing when I was very young. In the 1930's we were required to get a personal licence. There were no problems at the time until Jack Davis set up licence limitation. We had to make \$1200 a year to get an A licence. It was a lot of money at the time. They got a B licence if they didn't make it. I cannot see why we suffer the loss of our licences.

My grandfather told me boundary lines of the reservations. We had boundary lines of our resources. He said our boundary was as far as the eye could see on the ocean. We were given small properties because we had the rights to fish on the ocean.

We were brought up as fishermen. The young people today should have a licence to fish, not welfare, not going out of town to get a job.

We Indian people should have no more stumbling blocks to sell our fish.

"My grandfather told me the boundary lines of the reservations. He said our boundary was as far as we can see on the ocean." — Mark Atleo, Pearce Commission, Ahousat.



"How can you restrict those from the prairies from fishing? — Just deny the licence." — Peter Webster.

SIMON LUCAS — HESQUIAT FISHERMAN

Fisheries and Oceans has made regulations that affect this community. We go out fishing for our supper but an economist says that doesn't make sense. One recommendation that I would like to make is that fisheries and oceans shouldn't make regulations that affect the West Coast communities. We eat everything that the sea provides.

PHILIP LOUIE — AHOUSAT, RETIRED FISHERMAN

I hope this commission has a concrete effect for Indian people. There have been a number of commissions and inquiries and studies in the past which have not done anything for Indians. Let Indian people be involved in the fisheries department. They know about fishing.



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### Mowachahts win case against Hydro

In the fall of 1970, B.C. Hydro entered into a contract with Tahsis Company for the construction of a power transmission line from Gold River to Tahsis. There was a dead line of Nov. to Dec. 1971 for completion of the line. The Sucwoa I.R. No. 6 at that time was not occupied by any members of the Band. The Band had used this area for many years for fishing, hunting, and picking berries.

Prior to the construction of the transmission line representatives from B.C. Hydro approached Band representatives for an easement across the reserve. B.C. Hydro was aware that a BCR from the band was required for the grant of the easement. Such a BCR has never been passed and without the consent of the Band, B.C. Hydro proceeded to erect the transmission line.

According to the diary one "Kibblewhite", dated Sept. 10, 1971 where the following passage occurs:

"The situation is therefore that we are legally in trespass. The mitigating circumstances of prolonged negotiations would have no bearing in law for the actions I am taking in crossing without permission."

August 22, 1979: negotiations took place between the Band and B.C. Hydro as to what compensation was to be paid to the Band. No agreement as to the amount was ever arrived at. On Aug. 22, 1979, our Band having received legal advice for the first time demanded removal of the transmission line and threatened legal action. Several more unsuccessful attempts were made to negotiate a settlement and on Feb. 15, 1980: the writ in this action was issued.

On Feb. 10, 11 and 12, 1981 another hearing was set. At this trial there was more information given. March 15, 1981 Mr. Justice Murray made his

decision and B.C. Hydro would relinquish to our Band the amount of \$42,500 for punitive damages.

As the Mowachaht Band feels there is a question of interest for the nine years of trespass over and above the punitive damages, we may utilize the "Court Order Interest Act." However, B.C. Hydro may be able to stop that action, in view of the fact that statute has been in effect only since 1974.

Mr. Justice Murray had said "the conduct of B.C. Hydro was so arrogant, callous, and indifferent that it deserves to be punished by an award of exemplary damages."

### New Staff hired by Tribal Council

Staff numbers at NTC headquarters have grown once again with the recent appointment of Dave Lewis to fill the newly-created Education-Employment Co-ordinator position. Dave makes it known right up front that he is extremely committed to education and employment, generally, as a means of (individual) self-development, as well as community and economic development.

Dave comes to NTC with a varied background of experience in education, employment

and project management. Much of Dave's past experience in this area has occurred as a volunteer working for various community groups and newly-arrived immigrants to Canada. Dave views his new job with NTC "as a real treat" in that for once he can devote all of his energies to education and employment matters day-in and day-out, and not have to worry about supporting himself by taking on a different 9-5 job.

Dave sees his most

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### GONG SHOW

The Native Alcohol Awareness group held a "Gong Show" and "Male? Beauty Contest" at the Somass Hall in Port Alberni on May 15.

The Port Alberni Friendship Centre were the only entrants in the Gong Show. They sang a song and were declared tied for last place for their efforts.

There was a good crowd on hand to whistle and cheer in appreciation of the lovely young beauties that paraded before them during the beauty contest.

Richard Watts was the MC for the evening and he introduced each of the beauties before they came out to entertain the

crowd with a dance.

Five beauties in all competed for the honor of being crowned the Beauty Queen. They were Misses C. Edgar, T. Watts, P. George, S. Joseph and B. Stewart.

They were all dolled up in their finest dresses and the crowd was almost going wild with excitement at seeing such ravishing beauties.

It was left up to the audience to choose the contest's winner and their favorite was Carla Edgar, a brown-eyed, dark-haired beauty from Nitinat.

Carla's measurements are 39" bust, 40" waist and 27" hips and she is 5'5" and 180 pounds, "all in the

right places."

In an interview after the contest the happy winner said that it was "a special night for me especially since Nelson Keitlah Sr. was here. I've got my eye on him."

After the beauty contest everyone was entertained by the guitar playing and singing of Dwayne Leavesely. Dwayne sang a few songs by himself, and then he was joined in the final song by Carl Edgar and children Vera, Aaron, Matthew and Darcy.

A good time was had by all and a special thanks goes out to the beauty contest entries for being good sports.



"The Most Beautiful of the Bunch." Miss Carla receives her crown from Lynda Sutherland.

### Ahousats call for preservation of Flores

At a recent band council meeting the Ahousahts passed a resolution calling for the preservation of Flores Island in its natural pristine state.

Band members are upset about a foreshore lease application to boom logs in Steamer Cove on the north end of the Island. Steamer Cove, according to both band members and federal fisheries, is an important herring spawning spot. It would

be harmed by unavoidable bark and logging debris if booming is allowed.

Jack Woodward, Nuu-Chah-Nulth lawyer, recently asked Bill Young, the Chief Forester of the province, that a planning process for Flores similar to the Meares Island planning team be set-up.

Now everyone is waiting for the government's answer to this request.

### Ahousats Celebrate return of French Fries

On May 2nd a party was held for the residents of Ahousaht. The reason for this party was to thank everyone for helping look for Francis "French Fries" Campbell who disappeared on a night in April.

The whole village went out to look for the young boy. He was finally found safe and sound at about five in the morning by Lil Webster and Wes Thomas.

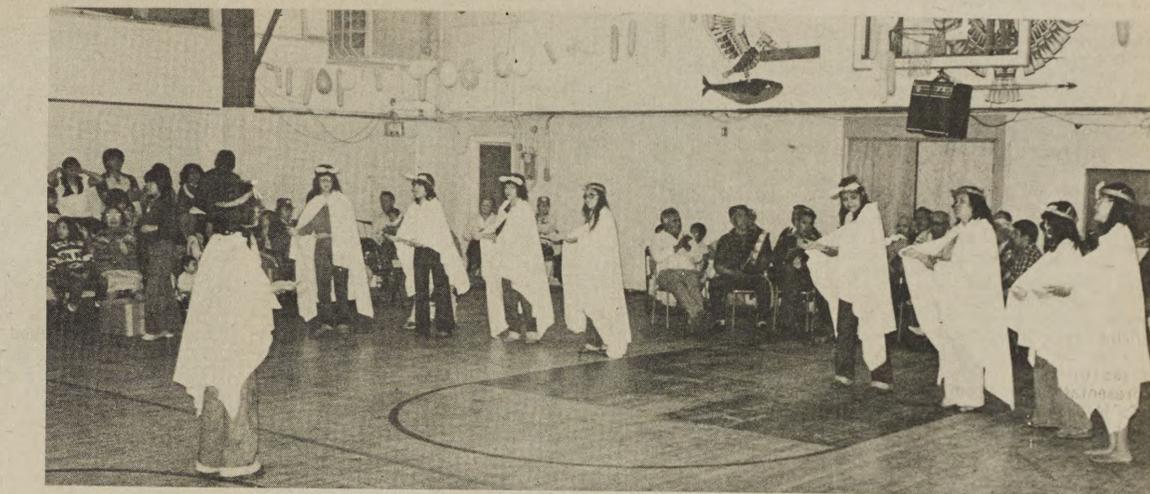
French Fries parents', Angus and Brenda Campbell, promised everyone a party for helping them look for their boy.

Most of the village turned out for this party. Everyone was served a hot meal, which they had a choice of many different things.

Before eating several of the elders sang a song, to make people ready for the meal.

After dinner there were more songs and the ladies danced.

Angus and the grandfather of French Fries, James Swan, gave out money to the people who attended this party. Also some Indian knitting and drawings by James Swan



Ladies from Ahousaht dance at the feast for "French Fries."

Jr. were given.

Indian names were given to the grandparents, James and Rosie Swan and Angus and Brenda, and their children. Peter Webster announced these names to the guests. James Swan's name is Taa win isim. Rosie Swan's is Shi pin hith. Angus is Yats yim hee is. Brenda's name is Yats pi is. Little Elizabeth was named To-

palaqa. Angus Jr. is now Yats yim hu is.

There were several speeches made to thank the hosts and to express their happiness at seeing the young boy return home.

The last song of the evening was the victory song with everyone standing and joining in with the feeling of happiness.



Peter Webster announces the Indian names given to James and Rosie Swan and Angus and Brenda Campbell and children.

### basketball tourney

The Christie Student Residence at Tofino hosted a ladies' basketball tournament on April 25th at Wickaninish School.

The five teams which entered the tournament played a total of eight games to decide the champion, which was the Christie School team.

Christie won their first game against Ucluelet by a 60 to 25 score. Next they lost a close one to Lytton 49 to 48. Christie then came back with victories over Ahousat (74 to 62) and Lytton (72 to 25) before meeting Tofino in the finals.

The championship game was another close and exciting contest and

when the final buzzer went Christie was the winner by a score of 52 to 49.

Other games saw Tofino beat Ahousat and Lytton while Ahousat won a game against Ucluelet.

Trophy presentations were made after the final game with Christie receiving the first place trophy and Tofino receiving the second place trophy.

Lytton was chosen as the tournament's most sportsmanlike team.

Trophies were also given to the tournament all-stars. The first all-stars were Cindy Frank, Christie; Jackie Jmayoff, Lytton; Rebecca Atleo, Ahousat; Rosita George,

Ucluelet; Meg Gillie, Tofino.

The second all-stars were Jan Titian, Christie; Jan Frank, Ahousat; Bernie Brown, Lytton; Pam Frank, Ahousat and Shelley Bauer, Tofino.

The tournament's most valuable player was Cindy Frank from Christie Residence.

The Christie Residence would like to thank the following businesses for donating trophies: Co-op Store, Ahousat Freight Service, Dolphin Motel, Ocean Village Motel, Maquinna Hotel and J & J General Store.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF STEVEN G. JOHN

S — Son why! Why did it have to be you so sweet, tender handsome son. Why!

T — The time you grew up it was like a flower just coming up.

E — Each day I awake I think you're beside me, but you're not son.

V — Very lonely, no one else to ask where's mom or dad.

E — Except the day you left it made me bleed deep inside my heart each day, on the outside son I cry silently for you.

N — Now that you've gone son, my life has been so dull without you.

G — God has done what you have really wanted, free and happy son.

E — Either now or later we'll meet again and we'll be much happier.

O — Oh God, but why so young, son you had to leave us sad and alone.

R — Remember the days we spent together, it was only you I think about now.

G — Gosh it seemed like yesterday we all spent together a lot of joy.

E — End has appeared the whole life through us and you had to leave son.

Written by Carol John

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### FRIENDSHIP

In the years before we met  
The friends I had were few.  
I always wished that I  
Would get, a friend as dear as you.

I remember that stormy argument  
And I was by your side  
I understood your feelings  
And in you I could confide.

I had a beautiful thought  
So far up in my mind  
That you were the one to be my friend  
Because you were so kind.

I knew I had to find a way  
To show you I cared  
So I thanked you on that special day  
For the friendship that we shared.

I was glad that you were here  
To help pass the time of Day.  
And I never had a fear  
That you would go away.

I remember that late last night  
When you tried to make me see  
That everything would be alright  
Between both you and me.

Then the day was here  
For you to say good-bye.  
And I became so full of fear  
But I tried hard not to cry.

The next few days were the worst  
Because All I did was try  
To tell myself it would be ok  
But in time again, I cried.

Now I look upon those days  
Of friendship that we shared  
And everything you said to me  
Showed me you cared.

I leave those memories  
Behind in back of my mind  
But I'll never forget  
The Best Friendship We Had.

This is for you Joseph S. Jack.  
From a Friend who'll always remember  
you,  
Connie

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF A DEAR FRIEND-COUSIN MISS IRIS Y. FRANK

I really miss you Iris Frank  
Rest in peace my dear friend  
I think of you each night and day  
Sadly missed by all your friends.

Friendly, so friendly to all of us she was.  
Remembering the things you did,  
and the things you said,  
Nothing will make me forget your  
kindness thoughts.

Sadly missed by your cuz.  
MISS ANN MARIE GEORGE  
Clayoquot Band

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARLENE RUSH

Marlene you were a wonderful person  
We talked and laughed with each other  
I will always think of you each passing day  
She was so kind to us  
Our great Lord had come to take our dearest  
cousin away from her loved ones  
We loved you and we lost you and we are going  
to miss you and always  
deeply be in our hearts and minds  
My dear cousin, even though you're not with  
us anymore  
You're always going to be remembered  
My dearest cousin we are going to miss you  
alot.

Love always,  
Your cousin,  
Darlene Charlie



Irma Bos does a "Hin-keets", sea-serpent dance.



Nitinaht dancer Jackie Thompson

## Thank You Party given by Gallics



IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF MARLENE RUSH

The Ahousats take a turn at entertaining the people at the feast given by the Gallic family.

## 1st Anniversary of Toquaht Building Supplies

Toquaht Building Supplies in Ucluelet celebrated their first anniversary on May 16. The store is owned by the Toquaht Band and several of the band members were on hand for the anniversary party.

Besides the anniversary the store was celebrating its grand opening of "Mr. Hardware" who will now be supplying the Toquaht Building Supplies with their inventory.

It was also time for the year-end inventory clearance so there were lots of bargains to be had.

Besides the specials there were door prizes and all the visitors to the store were treated all they could eat with barbecued salmon, crabs, prawns, salads, pop, and other refreshments available.

### MARINA PROJECT

It was decided at a Band meeting that we take over our ramp. In the past years the Lions Club would put a temporary float in. It was decided that we charge \$2 in and out just for launching and once we get the other facilities in we will be charging more.

We have six young men who are working on the marina project and they are Tony Dick, Billy Williams, Stanley Lucas, Mike Maquinna, Sam Johnson Jr., and Harvey Mark. Their job will consist of clearing land, filling it in for our future tackle shop.

## Mowachaht News

The ramp will be widened, as it is too narrow at the present time for larger boats to launch. We will have parking space and a tie-up of 50 boats once the float is built. As for the present time we are planning a temporary float for the summer. These are some of what we are planning for the future.

Our marina has a name which it will be called, "Muchalat Marine".

We've been quite busy for the past three months. Our ladies and our CHR worker "Louis Howard" have started five committees on our reserve.

**Health Committee** — their job consists of helping the community in certain areas such as keeping the reserve clean, making sure homes are in sanitary condition, dog control on the reserve, etc.

**Recreation Committee** — their job is to provide different activities for our kids, also to provide entertainment, apply for grants and to look after the play ground area, etc.

**Education Committee** — their job is to do a survey on our children, make sure there is no problems, get tutors, set up awards for each grade, get films, meet with students, parents and teachers, apply for grants and also to attend meetings concerning the education of our children, etc.

**Social Action Committee** — they are responsible for any disaster such as fire, floods, etc. They also have to make arrangements or get donations for any funerals and they have to attend workshops or training for these things.

**Personal Development Committee** — they are responsible for arranging workshops on alcohol and drugs, suicide, marriage counsellors, child abuse and wife abuse, etc. We have a meeting every Wednesday at one of the homes, we try to rotate it to every home. The first thing we started off with was a "pot-luck dinner", this will be a monthly thing. It is our intention to try and have a better relationship with each other, learn to communicate and work with each other, as this is for the benefit of our CHILDREN and for our COMMUNITY.

It takes a lot of time and patience in order to keep it going. We hope that in a year we will have accomplished things for our COMMUNITY.

We have "Birthday Greetings" for the month of May and June:

Darlene Mark, May 1st; Len Mark, May 2nd; Johnathan Mark, May 3rd; Juanita Amos, May 4th; Charlene Jack, May 6th; Daniel Jack, May 9th; Eugene Mark, May

9th; Josephine Mark, May 9th; Reggie Savey, May 10th; Agnes George, May 17th; Tommy Mark, May 17th; Axel Murphy, May 18th; Nathan George, May 22nd; Rita Jack, May 22nd; Arla Callicum, May 25th; Judith Dick, May 26th; Michelle Mark, May 26th; Sandra Howard, May 29th.

Barb Amos, June 6th; Ida Johnson, June 8th; Solomen Mark, June 10th; Dorothy Andrews, June 10th; Mary Johnson, June 10th; Selina Howard, June 12th; Marlene Williams, June 17th; Caroline Andrew, June 17th; Billy Howard, June 17th; Rudolph Williams, June 18th; Alexandra Mark, June 23rd; Geraldine Mark, June 26th; Louis Howard, June 28th; Randell Elliott, June 28th; Norman Johnson, June 29th.

### Clayoquot Band

#### Elections

The Clayoquot Band held elections for their band council on Apr. 23. Dan David Jr. was elected Chief Councillor. Councillors are: Moses Martin, Tom Curley, and Greg Hayes.

## Museum project studies Barkley Sound fishing

A project which will document the history of fishing in the Barkley Sound area has been undertaken by the Alberni Valley Museum.

The project has the endorsement of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council and the bands within the area.

Several areas of study will be covered including fishing and harvesting techniques from traditional Indian methods to modern-day methods.

The museum has hired three people to work on the project. They are Anne Robinson who is the project supervisor, and researchers, Lisa Gallic and Caroline Trumper.

Other areas that they are looking at are government legislations affecting the fishing industry and food fishery (from 1876 to now), and processing industries, such as canneries, salteries, reduction plants and whaling stations.

Thirteen different species of fish will be looked at as well as sea mammals. Catch statistics of the various species will be documented.

There will also be release and return statistics from hatcheries, using figures from Robertson Creek and Nitinaht hatcheries.

So far the study group has been researching the many materials regarding the area's fishery. Sources that have been used include the West Coast Information Group who prepared fishing studies for the West Coast Native fishermen; the Native Brotherhood, the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, the Provincial Archives, the Marine Biological Station in Nanaimo, the Regional Office of the Department of Fisheries, and the Alberni Valley Museum library.

The next step which is now underway is the interviewing of various

people who have been involved in the West Coast fishery.

When the project is finished at the end of July all the information that has been gathered will take the form of three products: a popular

history manuscript, a museum exhibit, and an audio-visual tape and slide presentation.

Anne Robinson says that this project could be useful for a guideline to other areas that might want to do something like this.

## NTC request improved logging standards

Nuu-Chah-Nulth researchers uncovered the fact he Dec. 6, 1980 storm at caused the lands which wiped out the Hor Springs Cove water supply was an exceptional event. Such a great rainfall over such a short period would be expected to occur only once in every 33 years.

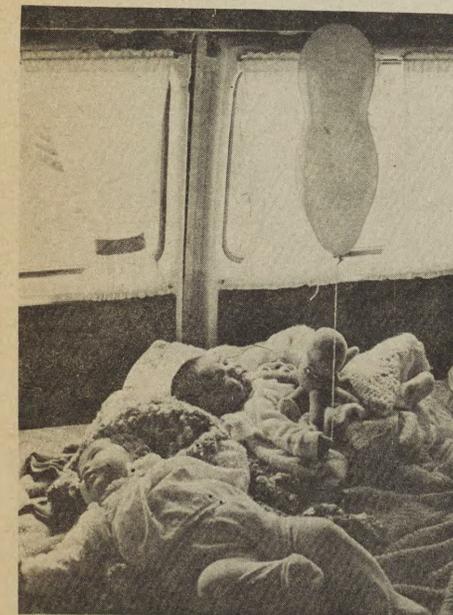
Paul George, Nuu-Chah-Nulth researcher, stated that improper logging contributed to the extent of the damage.

Because many other slides occurred in logged areas on the West Coast during that storm the Nuu-Chah-Nulth have formally requested that the Chief Forester reopen existing forestry management and working plans to improve environmental protection for sensitive steep slopes.

Without improved standards, both the fisheries and the soil which trees need to grow will be depleted over the next decade.



Chief Bert Mack takes time out from his busy schedule to try out the food at the Toquaht Building Supplies' anniversary.



Also having a good time at the Toquaht Building Supplies' Anniversary were the kids including four-month-old Teri Anne Morgan, on the left and new arrival Leah Laurice Jessica Mack, born to Sid and Janine on Mar. 28 at Victoria General Hospital. (7 lbs. 5 oz.)

# The Nuu-Chah-Nulth People and the West Coast Fishery: A Plan for Survival

## HISTORY: BEFORE CONTACT

For many thousands of years before Captain Cook "discovered" our territory we, the Nuu-Chah-Nulth people, lived on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Our villages were beside the open ocean, beside quiet ocean bays and inlets and channels, or beside streams and lakes near the ocean. Our bonds with the ocean were both physical and deeply spiritual. Our relationships with its creatures were intimate. In our folklore we called them our brothers and we depended on them for our very lives.

Our culture was remarkable in human history for its abundance. Our waters were populated from spring to autumn by successive waves of mature salmon migrating on their spawning runs. Sea otters and seals and sea lions provided us with oil, meat and fur. We hunted whales from canoes. Enormous beds of shellfish and sea-weeds also provided us with food. In the rain forests near our water-side villages we found game, vegetable foods and berries. The year-round abundance of the ocean, the ocean's moderating influence on the land's climate, and our methods of drying, smoking and brining ensured good supplies of food through all seasons. And, of course, the ocean and the forest provided us with all of our needs for clothing and shelter and the tools of our civilization.

Freedom from want of the basic things for survival allowed us to develop a culture that was unusual for its emphasis on expressions of the spirit, on art. At the very heart of our culture was our understanding of our place on earth, of our dependency on the ocean and the land and the creatures that shared them with us. We learned to respect the delicate relationships of nature. We learned to strive for balance and harmony.

Out of our understanding grew a refined technology that enabled us to survive in abundance even as we lived in harmony with the creatures we depended on for our survival. From thousands of years of experience and observation we knew how these creatures lived. We knew when and where and how to take them for our food without

threatening the survival and well-being of their species. We fished and hunted and gathered with care and respect. We took only what we needed. In our songs and our dances and our carvings, in all of our celebrations of life, we paid honor to the creatures who gave us life.

## HISTORY: AFTER CONTACT

When Europeans came to our territory they brought with them a way of living that was in conflict not just with our own Nuu-Chah-Nulth way, but also with the ways of the creatures that shared our land and ocean territories with us.

Our culture and our technology had been developed and refined over thousands of years to fit with nature. European culture and technology, on the other hand, had developed into ones which were in many ways antagonistic to nature. Europeans, by the time they came here, had come to presume a superiority over the land and the ocean and over all of their fellow creatures of the earth, including non-European peoples. The dangerous illusion that man could transcend nature and violate its rules of balance had become widespread amongst them. At least, it seemed true of those who had gained positions of great strength amongst the Europeans. Many of these were aggressive men, shallow in feeling for nature and understanding of its basic principles, set on conquering nature and exploiting it for their own short-term pleasure and profit, without regard for the long-term consequences.

Men with this sort of short-sightedness were influential in developing the post-contact fishing industry on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. The fish in their eyes were not worthy of the respect that caused us to take only what we needed, to take them in their maturity, and to take care to protect their well-being. The fish were seen by these men not so much as a source of the food needed for themselves and their families, but more as a resource to be exploited for the creation of wealth. The enormous abundance led the Europeans to believe the resource was unlimited. Seeing the opportunity for great financial gain, they studied our methods of

catching the fish and borrowed from our technology to develop a technology that allowed for horrendous over-kill, that gave men the means to plunder the sea as never before and threaten the very survival of its creatures.

The West Coast fishing industry as we know it today began to develop late in the nineteenth century. Sail, oar and later gas-powered fishing boats began to replace our traps and wiers as the primary means for catching fish. These boats enabled the catch to be increased by a rate disproportionate to the ability of the fish to regenerate. The trapping system had caught only mature fish, and ensured adequate escapement. While large net fishing enabled fishermen to catch entire runs of small creeks in one or several sets. The marine fishery caught both mature and immature fish. New canning techniques meant that vast new markets for fish could be exploited.

At the same time that technologies were developed to exploit the fish to a degree that threatened their survival, technologies of mining, logging and log-processing, road and subdivision construction, agriculture and other industries were developed and applied in ways which destroyed spawning grounds and polluted the living environments of the fish. Gradually industrial activity degraded much of the fresh water spawning habitat, making it less productive. This process is accelerating today.

In recent years the Nuu-Chah-Nulth people have become increasingly aware that the current rapid pace of logging out entire watersheds is detrimental to the salmon fishery. Today it is perhaps the single largest cause of the decline in this fishery. On our high rainfall coast, given the unstable nature of the land and steep slopes, this rapid exploitation has resulted in massive erosion, scouring of spawning beds, siltation of eggs and unnatural waterflow patterns, all of which are detrimental to the fish.

Our Elders know what it used to be like. They remember how the streams looked and flowed before they were logged and now are witness to the progressive destruction.

It does not occur immediately. It is gradual, because of the time it takes for the old tree roots that stabilize the soil to rot and the unusually heavy rainfalls which cause slides to occur.

The "cure" is reducing the rate of forest harvesting. Unstable slopes adjacent to salmon streams must be identified and their mature timber preserved to stabilize them. And a larger portion of the watershed must be maintained in older trees to act as a natural buffer to protect the streams. Without this, no matter what fishing policy is established, the salmon resource will gradually dwindle away, as watershed after watershed is ruined. The affect of logging and

other technologies has been such that in 1978 the Department of Fisheries and Environment estimated that the salmon population of British Columbia waters had been reduced to half of what it was in the latter half of the nineteenth century.

Furthermore, a Fisheries and Environment report stated that "Canada's Pacific salmon resource is now precariously balanced between extinction and survival."

There have been similar reductions in herring, halibut, and shellfish stocks due to thoughtless exploitation. Rapid development of mechanical harvesting of abalone and geoduck without thought of sustained yield are threatening to destroy

shell-fish populations. The Nuu-Chah-Nulth submission criticizes the Department of Fisheries' handling of the fish resource, charging that Fisheries' strongest view of the resource is an economic one to be exploited, while conservation is a less dominant view.

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth also complain that they do not have a strong enough voice in fishery management. "In spite of the historic relationship of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth people to the ocean and its creatures, in spite of our dependence on this relationship for our very survival as a people, in spite of our ancient understanding of the fish and their ways, in spite of our claims to ancient rights, the Department of Fisheries has seen us just

as a small interest group competing with others for a share of the fishery pie. The Nuu-Chah-Nulth people are one tiny voice that has been lost in the general din and confusion."

Since 1964 Indian involvement in the fishing industry has decreased. Indian-owned and operated vessels went from 19 per cent of the B.C. fleet in 1964 to 12.5 per cent of the fleet in 1976. Also there has been a large loss of employment with the canneries moving to centres remote from Indian villages. Even with these declines, it is known that more than one-third of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth people are still dependent on the fishing industry for their income. The report states that

"Today social assistance rivals fishing and forestry as a source of income for our people. The majority of those dependent on social assistance are members of families who once depended on fishing for their livelihood. "In a recent study tracing what had become of 64 former fishing vessel owners squeezed out of the fishing industry, only 13 had full-time employment that allowed them to live in their own villages. Another 18 had moved to find work. One was retired and on pension. The remaining 32 were fully or partially dependent on social assistance for income."

The report states that

Recognition of Land Claims and Aboriginal Rights;

Self-governmnt;

Nuu-Chah-Nulth people's control and ownership of fisheries enterprises;

Restoring ecological balance, including protecting and restoring spawning beds and the living environments of all species of the sea;

Providing a good education for their people, regarding all aspects of the fishery;

To achieve a policy of consultation with the Department of Fisheries that will involve a two-way flow of communications to the mutual benefit of the Department of Fisheries and the coastal Indians;

To see the appointment of Department of Fisheries staff who will

be members of the Indian communities and their councils;

Revision of regulations controlling involvement in the West Coast fishery, including:

1) Restrictions of fishing on the West Coast of Vancouver Island to the local fleet, both Indian and non-Indian;

2) Granting of special licences to Indian fishermen, not boats, such licences to be not transferrable to non-Indians, be granted without fee, and be without restriction as to type of fish that may be caught, and allow for the use of smaller vessels, including putters;

3) Elimination of tonnage fees charged to Indian fishermen;

4) Compensation for licence and tonnage fees charged to Indians since the moratorium was placed on licence transfers in 1980;

5) Expansion of Indian-administered licencing of Indians;

6) Requirements that companies divest themselves of block fishing licences;

7) Restrictions on commercial licencing in the shell-fish;

8) A ban on mechanical harvesting of shell-fish;

9) A freeze on the granting of new licences or the transfer of existing licences to seiners;

10) Application of cut-backs to non-Indian fishing, if and when it is necessary to cut back on the harvesting of fish;

11) The establishing of many small-scale salmon enhancement programs on all the appropriate creeks and rivers in the Nuu-Chah-Nulth territory under the community development program.

Development of the highest possible environmental standards;

Establishment of

Placement of a four-year moratorium on the commercial roe-herring fishery and a study into labor-intensive herring fishery exclusively for Indians such as roe-on-kelp and farming and feeding;

Prevention of alienation, through foreshore leases, of traditional shell-fish gathering areas;

Institution of studies to solve jurisdictional problems between the federal and provincial governments, which presently stand in the way of wise management of the marine resources;

Establishment of a separate Ministry of Fisheries for the West Coast;

Support for the development of Indian mariculture projects, and prohibition of large corporate development of mariculture.

## Tribal Council addresses Pearse Commission

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council report to the Pearse Commission was presented in Port Alberni by Council Chairman George Watts and Ahusat fisherman Archie Frank.

George told Dr. Pearse that the licencing system had sentenced the coastal communities to death, forcing its residents to move to urban centres. He said that the fisheries department should do away with the licencing system for Indians, and he compared it to the real estate system.

Pearse was also told of inadequacies of the salmon enhancement program. George said that there is room for many more projects, on the West Coast, and he complained that there is no Indian involvement in the program.

He said that Indians should have some of the authority in fisheries management. One area that Indians are very disturbed about, said George, was the management of the herring stocks.

The environment was another area where there is gross mismanagement, Watts told the Commissioner. When asked for some examples, George mentioned logging, the carrying of oil products on coastal waters, and chemical discharges from the pulp

mill. "What do we know what's going into the inlet here?" said George. "I don't think the government has investigated that much."

Dr. Pearse questioned George on the Indian food fishery. He was told that one problem the local Natives have in getting their food fish is that they get a permit to fish on certain days only, but that doesn't mean that the fish will be going up the river on that day. George added that fisheries seem to interpret the regulations according to the political power that each band has.

Archie Frank said that the situation was different in Ahusat than it

was in Port Alberni, that their fisheries is offshore and that they have different species and different times. Archie said that he didn't think they should be restricted from selling or bartering their fish like they used to do in the past. "We should be managing this resource," said Archie. "I think we did a damn good job before you came along."

George told Dr. Pearse that the Indians no longer wish to be the scapegoats when there is talk of decreasing stocks. "We're not prepared to take the blame if we don't have the authority."

"You have to make it clear in your report that you include aboriginal rights."

COMMISSION ON PACIFIC FISHERIES POLICY

### Schedule

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

May 25, 26, 27, 28	Lower Mainland
June 3, 4, 5, 8	Lower Mainland
June 11	Powell River
June 12, 13	Campbell River
June 23, 24, 25, 26	Lower Mainland
July 8, 9, 13, 14, 15	Victoria
July 22, 23, 24	Prince Rupert
July 28, 29, 30, 31	Lower Mainland

#### COMMUNITY HEARINGS

June 10	Sechelt
June 14, 15	Stuart Island
July 10	Pedder Bay



To make an Indian drum Charlie Mickey starts with a piece of damp deerskin and a wooden hoop.



The deerskin has to be cut to the right size and shape. The expert hands of Caroline Mickey are seen doing this.

## Making a Drum

"It takes a long time to make a drum," Charlie Mickey says. "First you have to shoot a deer."

Deerskin drums are just one of many things that Charlie makes with his busy hands. He is well-known on the coast as a carver of masks, poles, and other pieces of art.

Several drums hang in the living room of the Mickey home in Port Alberni. Each one made from little else than what nature provides, a deerskin and a piece of wood.

Charlie gave a demonstration during Manulth-ah Month at the Alberni Mall recently on how to make a drum.

In a few hours the yew wood hoop and damp piece of skin had been transformed into a drum, complete with handle. However there was a lot of other work that went into it to get to this stage.

First you have to get the deer and get the wood. If you're using yew wood you probably will have to do a lot of searching in the mountains before you find some. You can also use yellow cedar for the hoop which isn't much easier to find.

The wood is cut to the size that is needed for the hoop. Then it is steamed and bent and tied in place. When it cools and dries it can be riveted in the joint.

The drum needs a handle which is also carved from wood. The skin is soaked in water for three or four days so that the hair and fat can be scraped off.

After the skin is cleaned it can be stretched over the hoop. The skin is cut to the right size so it will fit over the hoop with a little to spare.

During this cutting and stretching a drummaker will sometimes get help from his wife's expert fingers.

The skin is stretched over the hoop, not too tight or it will sound too high, and not too slack or it will have to be heated up to play it.

The skin can either be nailed onto the hoop or tied on with strips of deerskin.

Also the handle has to be tied on. In about a day the drum will dry enough so that it can be used. One more thing. A drumstick has to be made to beat the drum.

Usually the drum will be decorated with a design, perhaps a thunderbird or whale.



The skin is stretched over the hoop and the handle is tied on.



The job is finished so it's time for a treat!

# TOQUAHT CHIEF SEES THE WORLD

Toquaht Chief Bert Mack is back home in Ucluelet after a trip to Australia and New Zealand on the other side of the world.

Bert went on the trip for two reasons: to explore the possibilities of setting up an import-export business and to attend the World Council of Aboriginal People's Conference in Canberra, Australia.

Native artist Roy Vickers accompanied Bert on the trip. The two took off from Vancouver to San Francisco on Apr. 20 and landed in Sidney, Australia on the 22.

There was a stop-over in Honolulu, where unknown to the passengers, the plane blew a fire on take-off. When they landed in Fiji, there were fire trucks and ambulances waiting for them. Fortunately the plane landed safely and the plane took off later that day for Sidney.

Bert and Roy spent four days in Sidney where they looked around art galleries and museums in the city. They went to about 20 in all and Bert says that he got a good indication that some importing and exporting could be done.

Next it was off to the Indigenous Conference in Canberra. Bert says that there was a good delegation there from Canada. The conference ran from Apr. 26 until May 2 and the delegates stayed at the Australian National University during this time.

During the conference the Canadians had a giveaway party in which the delegates from other countries.

Bert presented three gifts on behalf of the Mack family, a woven bottle made by Jessie Mack to Reginald Birch, an Australian aborigine delegate; a hand basket which was given to Hans-Pavia Rosing, an Inuit from Greenland; and a book which was given to Garnett Ian Wilson, a South Australian aborigine who was looking after the functioning of the conference.

One of the highlights of the conference was the cultural performance in which native people from around the world entertained, including Australian aborigines, New Zealand Maoris, Samis, Tahitians and Papua, New Guinea natives. The Canadian Plains Indians performed hoop dances and one dancer used 20 hoops in his dance. The Plains Indians received a standing ovation for their performance.

A three-hour flight took the travellers to New Zealand, landing at Auckland. Several other Canadian delegates went along on this trip to New Zealand.

After a night in Auckland the group went to Roturua where they were met by a Maori lady, Molly Thiaia. She took them to a longhouse which they call a "marae." They were given a traditional greeting by the Maori people, including a "fierce dance."

Speeches were made by both the Canadians and the Maoris and the Maoris would sing a song in-between the speeches. The elected chief from the Haidas spoke first, then another elected chief

from Powell River, who was descended from New Zealand spoke. Bert was the third and only hereditary chief to speak and he spoke in his native language thanking the Maoris for their invitation and for accepting their friendship. He then translated into English.

The Maori people sang and danced for about two hours and then dinner was served. Bert said that they exchanged news and their views of culture and he was surprised that the Maori culture was almost identical to the Native Indians.

At Roturua they also visited a cultural centre where young Maoris are taught carving. Here they were carving house posts from wood and also jade and abalone inlay.

The next destination was Taupo which is beside a lake. Bert and Ray Jones went on a plane trip over the lake and got a good view of the three active volcanoes in the area.

They also flew over Maori land and Bert was interested in seeing thousands of acres of South American pine trees that had been planted there. He found out that this pine can be cut 18 years after planting.

The next stop was the town of Wanganui which is on the north coast of New Zealand. In this area

there are a number of large sheep ranches and also deer are raised here.

Bert was impressed by the amount of land that the Maori people owned in their native country, saying that some Maori families have ranches of four or 500 acres.

Another place that was visited was the Maori Queen's palace near Hamilton. Here the group ate lunch and were given the history of the tribe. It was 100 years ago that the British threw the men in jail and took their land. The Maori people are planning a re-enactment of the event to show that they never surrendered their lands.

The group flew from Hamilton, New Zealand at four in the morning on a flight to Sidney. Then it was off to Honolulu for a few days where Bert visited Gale Prejean who is a leader of the native Hawaiian's.

Then it was another four in the morning flight to San Francisco and back to Vancouver and home.

During the trip Bert celebrated his birthday in Honolulu and it was Bert and Lil's anniversary on Apr. 26, which Bert says that he spent alone in Australia.

## Indian language lesson

The following is a short lesson on language, as spoken in the Ahousat language.

My name is ..... Oak thla sish  
 What is your name ..... A-chuck thlak?  
 What is his name ..... A-chuck thlah?  
 His name is ..... Oak-thla-ish  
 Yes ..... Haa  
 No ..... Wick  
 You ..... See-ya  
 Me ..... Sa-wa  
 Stand ..... Tahk ya gee.e  
 Sit ..... Tte-qua-se-e  
 Turn around ..... Mitk she-e  
 Jump ..... Toh she-e  
 Come ..... Cho-qua  
 Come sit down ..... Cho-qua  
 Everybody sit ..... Tte-qua-se-itch  
 Everybody stand ..... Tahk-ya-ge-itch



Crystal Little and Jason Jensen were first and second for their age group (four years) in a coloring contest sponsored by the Port Alberni SPCA. The winner for the five-year-old was Vincent Joseph who was not available for the picture. The theme of the contest was "Be Kind to Animals."

## Moo-tchits-tup Fashion Show

The Native Education Awareness Society presented a fashion show at the Alberni Mall on April 18th as a part of Ma-Nulth-Aht Month.

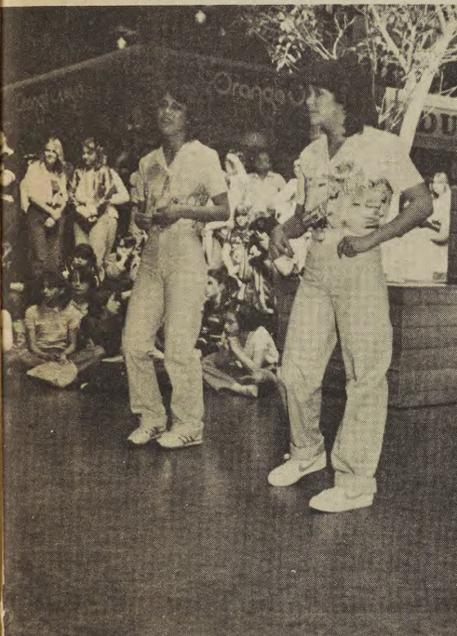
The show was coordinated by Cynthia Rayner and it presented both historical and contemporary dress.

Modelling the fashions were Bill Feeney, a graduate from Blanche McDonald; Darlene

Carlson, Crystal Bulwer, Stephanie Cootes, Sandra Dick, Diane Gallic, Paula Amos, Verena Cootes, Andrea Amos and Cindy Rayner.

### PRE-EUROPEAN CONTACT

On warm days, nothing at all was worn except for a few ornaments. For warmth, a robe of yellow cedar bark was worn. It



Modelling contemporary fashions at the Moo-tchits-tup Fashion Show are top: Verena Cootes and Janice Amos, and bottom Lorri Jones

was worn over the back, with the corners brought forward over the shoulders so that both arms were free. In cold and wet weather, a man would supplement this robe with a conical cape that hung from his neck to his elbows, and a rain hat woven of cedar bark or spruce root. Women wore both cedar bark robes and the conical capes. Non-ritual face painting was done both by men and women to protect their complexions; younger were more prone to do it, rather than elders. It was especially done on sunny days. A person first put on a base of deer tallow (hardened face cream), smearing it evenly all over his or her face, then applied either a coat of hemlock sap which turned black and had a pleasant odor, or a red ochre paint. Both sexes wore ear ornaments, usually of dentalia, or copper, or abalone shell, or at times of glass beads. Persons of high rank usually had holes not only in the lobes but in the helix of their ears. Women's bracelets and anklets of strips of sea otter furs were mentioned by several informants. Other and elk skins were also used as clothing.

### EUROPEAN INFLUENCE

A gradual replacement of the aboriginal cedar bark robes by "two-and-a-half-point" trade blankets (weight of Hudson Bay blankets). It was not until missionary influence became strong that the people began to adopt European garments. The sailors from European ships traded sailor suits, iron, metal items and blankets for fresh food and furs.

The Moo-tchits-tup (clothing) fashion show presented clothing from each era, including cedar bark capes, a sailor suit and some floor-length dresses made by Margaret Clutesi, as well as modern fashions.

The Native Education Awareness Society would like to thank the following for their help and participation: Harry Dyer for collecting the cedar bark clothing from the West Coast; Margaret Clutesi for replicas of dress with Hudson's Bay Blanket and the wedding dress; the Port Alberni Museum for the sailor suit; Cappelli's for hair; Finishing Touches for make-up; Thom's, Reitman's and Bootlegger for clothing; McKinnon's for shoes and Bill Feeney for planning and rehearsing modelling routines.

## Students tour Uvic

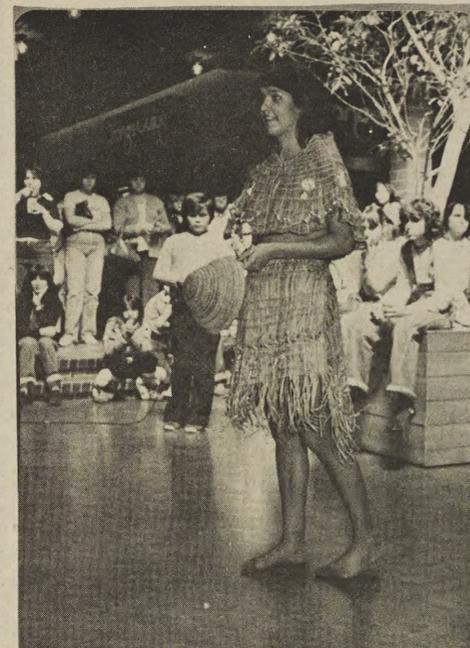
Ten students from ADSS in Port Alberni and Eric Godsen Secondary in Bamfield made a tour of the university of Victoria in March.

From ADSS were Dave Bodaly, James Cootes, Tim George, Deb Mack, Darlene Carlson, June Sam and Deb Thomas. Fran Frank and Charlene Johnson went from Bamfield.

The tour was arranged with Angela Shaw. The students saw the university's biology department, science department, social sciences, electronics and computers.

All the department heads were friendly and very informative. The students were allowed to try to solve some science problems on the computers.

Each of the students showed a lot of interest and at least three of them said that they would definitely go to a university.



Darlene Carlson models a cedar bark costume as was worn before European contact.

### INDIAN LANGUAGE

Francis Charlie Sr. enjoys doing this teaching and that he has some good students. The language course is taught three hours a week plus Francis spends time preparing for the classes. Another Ahousat elder, Peter Webster, will be

accepting his diploma from the University of Victoria on May 30. Peter is another graduate in linguistics. He has been asked to take part in the graduation ceremony where he will be coming out in native regalia.

He says that he really

### HOT SPRINGS HAPPENINGS

Several new houses are going up at Hot Springs Cove as people are making the move back to "God's Country."

New homes that are almost finished belong to Pat Charleson Jr., Simon Lucas, Mike Tom, Charlie Lucas and Frisco Lucas.

Other new houses will be going up in the near future for Betty Lucas, Mamie Lucas, Mary Anne Charleson and Regina Tom. Betty and Reggie have been busy the last few weeks clearing land for their homes.

Hot Springs School has had a new teacher as of January 1981. She is Barbara Crockford. Welcome to Hot Springs Cove Barbara.

The ladies of Hot Springs Cove are in the process of planning our Hesquiat Days. We will let the people know what dates later on.

Charlie and Gertrude Lucas and family are making their big move back to our beautiful west coast from Port Alberni. Welcome back.



The Port Alberni Friendship Centre hosted a dinner party for the elders on Wednesday, May 6th. The centre's ladies' auxiliary cooked the meal which consisted of crab, sockeye soup, mowach stew, herring eggs, fish heads, halibut and strawberries for chumus. About 50 people were at the dinner and after eating several people took turns singing songs and thanking the centre's staff and volunteers for the dinner. The next elders' dinner will be on June 9th at 5 p.m.

## Indian band elections

### INDIAN BAND ELECTIONS

When the tribes in the Nuu-Chah-Nulth are confronted with an election there is always some questions as to who can vote. It is hoped that the following will be of assistance to people's inquiries.

There are two different types of elections: 1. Section 74 of the Indian Act; 2. Elections by Custom.

### ELECTIONS BY SECTION 74

Under this system the tribe must abide by the rules and regulations that are established by the Indian Act, through the DIA. Some of the very basic rules under this section are:

The Chief and Council serve a term in office of two years. That is to say that elections must be held every two years.

The office of Chief or Councillor becomes vacant when:

- (a) those persons are convicted of an indictable offense.
- (b) the person dies or resigns his/her office.
- (c) the person has been absent from three consecutive meetings.
- (d) the person is guilty of corrupt practise, dishonesty, accepting a bribe.

Only eligible persons (elector) may nominate someone else for the office of Chief or Councillor.

Only eligible persons (elector) may run for the office of Councillor.

The office of Chief is open to persons on or off Reserve.

The council shall consist of one Chief and one Councillor for every 100 band members.

An Elector (voter) is a person who:

- (a) is registered on the Band List.
- (b) is 21 years of age at the time of elections.
- (c) is ordinarily resident of the Reserve.

Ordinarily resident on a Reserve for the purposes of an election.

(1) A person who is away from the reserve for educational or for training reasons and who intends to return to the reserve (especially where family is on reserve) is considered to be on reserve for election purposes.

(2) A man has a home on reserve and moves with his family to a seasonal job off the reserve. Is considered on reserve for election purposes as he will return to his home at the end of the seasonal employment.

### BUT

(1) An individual with a full-time job off reserve and whose family is also off reserve, is considered off reserve for election purposes, no matter how often he/she visits the reserve.

(2) A man or woman separated from their family which is on reserve and who lives and works off reserve is considered off reserve for election purposes.

(3) A person living off reserve who returns for short visits and stays with friends or relatives is considered off reserve for election purposes.

### ELECTION BY CUSTOM

To be under the "Custom System" the tribe must make the request through a "Referendum"; that is it must be the wishes of the majority of the electors of the tribe.

When the tribe is under the "Custom System", the tribe may use their "Hereditary Chief", or they may wish to establish their own election system.

If the tribe wishes an election system, they should establish their own rules and regulations at a Band Meeting.

Some suggestions could be:

- establish the duration of Chief and Councillors;
- decide what Band members will be eligible to vote;
- decide at what age a person becomes eligible to vote;
- conditions for nominations and elections.

Most important of all is that the tribe record all their regulations and they be kept in file for future reference.

Here are some of the entries for the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Alcohol Awareness Contest. There have been many very good entries from all age groups. Don't forget that the contest ends on June 30, so get your entry in NOW!

At Clayoquot there were the following winners: adult first, D. Masso; second, Anne George; first, Tonia Frank, age 16; second, Anita Charlie, age 14; first, Chris Charlie, age 12; second, Jackie Curley, age 13.

At the Friendship Centre there were the following winners: children's, first, Willard Phillips; second, Susan Jack; third, Willard Phillips; fourth, Shane O'Hara; fifth, Hilda Samuel; sixth, Mike Samuel;

Adult: first, Phillip George; second, Dean Gabriel and William Stewart; third, Name Withheld; fourth, Betty Phillips; fifth, Dean Gabriel; sixth, Dean Gabriel.

## Christie floor hockey

Results of the floor hockey tournament held at Christie Residence were first place, Christie A; second place, Port Alberni Friendship Centre.

The all-stars were: goalie, Kevin Barrowcliffe, Friendship Centre; and Eugene Charlie, Clayoquot White Feather; Steven Rae-Arthur, Tofino Mariners; Paul Stevenson and Preston Charles, Friendship Centre; Eddie Smith, Christie B.

Dick Moras from Christie A was the most inspirational player and the most sportsmanlike player was Sandy Williams of Christie A.

The most valuable player was Gary Andrew of the Christie A team.

## Alcohol Awareness Contest

Do we ever stop to think why we drink?  
Are we half dead and feeling sorry?  
Are we feeling sad with nowhere to turn?  
Do we think we can always find a bottle?  
There's always a friend, friend, friend!  
They're pretty cheap, really they cost nothing.  
Maybe they also need a friend.  
Save that money for something you need.  
Like food for next day, or clothes for your back.  
We can't eat beer bottles when we're hungry.  
A bottle can't warm us when we're cold.  
Let's think about our children!!  
How do we want them to grow up?  
Like us or 100 per cent BETTER!!  
Let's get together and help each other  
Bet you we'll feel a lot better of Ourselves!!!

D. MASSO

### "ALCOHOL IS NOT INDIAN"

The very first time I heard "Alcohol isn't Indian", My first reaction I honestly had was to laugh. Now I know for sure alcohol is not good to be on.

Alcohol is part of the reason our population is in half.

How many times have we heard? "Sure I can handle it."  
"Watch out! That's a sign that its handling you."

Just how many people end up in the snakepit? Often heard and often said is let's go in for a few.

A few leads to a few more and a few more. People who say its easy to say no, don't really know,

Just how easy it is to go to the liquor store. Yes, I say alcohol isn't Indian, its our foe. Alcohol often makes strangers out of your family.

And I'm sure it makes family out of strangers. People drink a lot just to get away from reality.

We should warn our youngsters of its dangers. Yeah let's get it together and pull together, I know the road gets harder, narrower and straighter.

We're Indians and should be proud to wear our feather.

Let's quit right now, this minute, not tomorrow or later!

CORBETT GEORGE  
APRIL, 1981

## POTLATCH IN MEMORY OF IRIS FRANK

April 18, 1981



Randy Frank and Francis Frank entertain the guests with a sea serpent dance.



The Clayoquot singers were led in their songs by Rufus Manson.



Clayoquot girls entertain with a dance at the Memorial Potlatch for Iris Frank.



Tonia Frank and Dora Robinson dance the klawks-saada at their sister's memorial potlatch.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF IRIS Y. FRANK

She was a very nice person, Which we all knew.

Her walk, her laugh and her talk, Everything that we did together.

She always had a smile on her face. She was a very special person to each and one of us all.

I will remember you deep in my heart. I really miss you each night and day, Rest in peace my dear cuz.

By MISS ANN MARIE GEORGE  
Clayoquot Band



A sea serpent dance by Marie Martin and Tonia Frank.

## Nuu-Chah-Nulth Native Alcohol Awareness

### Poem — Essay — Poster Contest

### Adults and Children

### Grand Prize to be awarded

Write a poem or essay or draw a picture about what alcohol means to you. Essay and poem entries are to be less than two pages, but more than two lines. Submit entries to your local band office. Print your name, address and age on entry. (If over 19, just put "adult" for age).

**AGE GROUPS** — Eight years old and under; nine to 13 years of age; 14 to 18 years of age; and adult (19 years and over).

Each month's winning entries will be sent to the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council for a chance at the grand prize, to be awarded June, 1981. Monthly prizes will be awarded by the individual bands.

## Contest ends on June 30th

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1981 GRADUATES - COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES

GRADUATION OF CHR'S

A graduation ceremony was held in Vancouver on Mar. 19 for graduating Community Health Representatives. Included among the successful grads were six CHR's from the West Coast. They were: Arlene Paul, Ahousat; Darlene Watts, Tseshaht; Geraldine Logan, Nitinaht; Louie Howard, Mowachaht; Vicky Hayes, Clayoquot (Esowista), and Norah Martin, Clayoquot (Opitsat).

Louie Howard was the master of ceremonies for the evening. He also did a dance for the group at the end of the ceremonies.

A representative from each zone gave a thank you speech to the Health Educators and Senior Community Health Representatives. Vicky Hayes gave thanks from the Vancouver Island Zone.

Also speaking to the graduates were two Community Health Representatives who had served as resource persons during the course. They were: Ms. Diane Young and Mrs. Trudy Frank from Ahousat, who congratulated the graduates.

The banquet was enjoyed by the graduates and about 125 families and friends.

Arlene Paul's brother, Barrie Titian arrived at the banquet room early in the day and he painted a screen with an Indian design for the ceremonies.

## Ahousat plans new subdivision

At a recent band meeting the Ahousat Band approved in principle a plan for building a new subdivision and school on their Marktosis reserve.

The meeting was attended by band council members, representatives from DIA, National Health, Provincial Health, the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council and the consulting firm that drew up the plans, Willis, Cunliffe and Tait.

The next step for the band is to seek funding for the project. The cost has been estimated at \$4.6 million for the subdivision and recreation area, and \$3.2 million for the school.

The band has a verbal commitment from DIA to fund the school, which will have complete facilities for pre-school to grade 12 and adult education.

Other funding sources that will be looked at are Special ARDA and the First Citizens fund.

The band will be trying to get started on the school project as soon as possible. The band has completed a study on their school and education needs, so they know what they want.

Edgar Charlie, Ahousat Band Manager, says that they will be starting on the project this year. The band plans to contribute to the cost of the project by logging the area to be developed, and selling the timber to help cover costs. Edgar says that the value of the timber has been estimated at between \$300,000 to \$500,000.

The proposed subdivision will have room for 70 to 75 houses. This will ease the overcrowding that is presently happening at Ahousat. Also many Ahousat people who have moved from the village have indicated that they want to return.

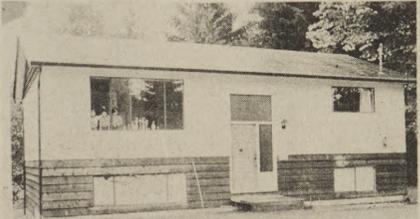
Besides the clearing of the land and house and school construction, other things that have been taken into consideration include the water system, sewage system, electrification, and road work. Wherever possible the band members will be employed in the various areas of construction.

The project lends itself to a schedule which could be accomplished over three years. Clearing and rock work could start in the latter half of 1981; road grading, water supply, and sewer outfall could be completed in 1982 and the subdivision utilities could be installed in the spring and summer of 1983. The school site would be available for building construction in late spring of 1982.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Archie Frank Jr. and April Lucas on the arrival of their beautiful daughter born April 19, at 7 lbs. 8 ozs., named Julianna Michelle Frank. Proud grandparents are Simon and Julia Lucas, Archie Frank Sr. and Irene Frank. Great grandparents are Dan and Ada David, great grandmother Mamie Lucas, great grandfather David Frank Sr.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to our granddaughter Jacquie Ayre on the 17 day of May. From Grandparents: Bert and Lil Mack.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

I would like to wish two of my sisters a Happy Birthday, Maude Jones on May 10th. Queen Agnes George of Gold River, who turned 19 again on May 16th. Happy Birthday sisters, from Julia Lucas.

We would like to wish our grandmother, Mamie Lucas of the Hesquiat Band a Happy Birthday for May 29th. Claudette and Mamie Lucas.

A Happy Birthday to Clifford Lucas, Bernard Lucas and Marilyn Lucas, a Happy Birthday all on June 2nd.

I would like to wish Mamie Charleson Sr. a Happy Birthday. Happy 4th Birthday to Lalaina Charleson on the 22nd of May. I would also like to wish my son a Happy Fifth Birthday, ("Man") from Marilyn Lucas.

MORE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Dawn on May 5th, Linda Charleson on May 2nd, (Duchess) April Mae Lucas on May 6th, Lana Lynette and Bruce on May 11th, Bryan Keith Amos on May 22nd, Ruth Tom on May 29th, and Big Man on May 29th. From Betty.

Also a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers at Hot Springs Cove.

Good luck to all our fishermen in the new fishing season.

Happy Anniversary

Happy Anniversary on May 26 to Nelson Keitlah Jr. From a Secret Admirer.

BABY CLINIC

On the second Wednesday and fourth Wednesday of every month. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Port Alberni Friendship Centre.

Port Alberni Native Bowlers half-and-half draw was drawn on May 1, 1981. The winner was Pat Lauder.

Wanted

Persons interested in becoming active members on the Alcohol Awareness Committee.

Alcohol abuse is everyone's problem, GET INVOLVED!

Training will be provided to those interested in becoming Band Alcohol Counsellors.

Contact your Band Social Worker.

Legal Service

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Moving?

Our readers are reminded that if they change their address please inform the Ha-Shilth-Sa so we can continue to send your paper.

B.C. Medical Cards

Those people turning 19 years of age must get their own B.C. Medical Service card if they wish to remain covered. They will no longer be covered by their parent's B.C. Medical.

The application form can be signed either through your band Community Health Representative (CHR) or at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre (see Irma Bos, Community Referral Worker).



Congratulations: born to George and Eileen David, Clayoquot Band, a 6-lb. 13-oz. daughter, Maria Elizabeth. Born Apr. 27 at Victoria Jubilee Hospital.



ENGAGEMENT: Engaged to be married are Alex Sutherland and Peggy McKay.

MOTHER

Mother—You are so far away;  
Mother—You are even closer to me;  
Mother—You have been gone 10 years;  
Mother—I still shed the tears;  
Mother—We shall meet someday;  
Mother—Once again we will be united  
Mother.

Marilyn Lucas



Born to Steve and Sharalee Mack of Ahousat, a girl Stephanie Sharalee Anne, 8 lbs. 9 ozs. born at Ahousat on the "Ocean Brave."

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE

LATE LESLIE WILLIAMS

But some sweet day we'll meet again  
Beyond the toil and strife  
And clasp each other's hand  
Once more  
In heaven that's happy life.

Ever loved and remembered by wife, Genevieve.

May the great spirit hold you in the palm of his hand  
Until we meet again.

Ever loved and remembered by daughters: Charlene and Dawn; son-in-law, Mike; grandchildren Loretta and Jenny Lee.



Late Leslie Williams.

As we loved you, so we miss you,  
In our memory you are near  
Loved remembered long for always  
Bringing many a silent tear.

Ever loved and remembered by niece, Linda and family.

### Who Am I?

I love my parents, don't get me wrong  
 Their skin is white...my skin is brown  
 I've shared the sorrow of death with them  
 while deep within my heart  
 Is shattered without the knowledge of  
 my two cultures that drift apart  
 At nights I lie awake with pain  
 as my soul reaches  
 For a place for me in the villages  
 or on the clam shell beaches  
 Where my people gathered...where they  
 sang and prayed  
 For their Great Spirit to guide and  
 protect them in the night and day  
 Where the tiniest flower...where the  
 biggest tree...  
 Was protected by all and would remain  
 free  
 To grow and flourish like the wildlife  
 within the wood  
 And thus would be balanced for  
 shelter and clothing and food  
 I've lived but twenty years of a beautiful  
 life  
 Practically trouble-free with just one strife  
 of the need to know just who I am  
 I cannot stay forever as a lost lamb!

I love my parents...don't get me wrong  
 But their skin is white and mine is brown.

A FOSTER CHILD

# Tse-Shaht

The Tse-shaht Market will be having its Grand Re-opening celebration on Sat., June 6. There will be a salmon barbeque, Indian dancing, and also prizes.

Any other bands that wish to entertain are welcome to do so.  
 Everyone is welcome!

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 A ladies' fitness program has been started. The ladies get together to exercise on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Cultural Centre and Fridays at Echo pool. They are run through their drills by Sergeant Darlene Watts, the band CHR. Any other ladies interested in getting involved can contact Darlene at the band office. Also in the planning stage is a nutrition class, which will include learning how to prepare foods, such as canning and smoking fish.

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Congratatons to Larry (Socksie) and Mamie Wilson who have now moved into their new house on Sproat Lake Road. They built the house themselves with no help from the government or DIA funding.

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Happy 39th anniversary to Martin and Martha Fred on May 12.

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Happy 26th on May the 26th to Debbie D-Bra Foxcroft.

The Eagles softball team from Port Alberni will be having their annual Maht Mahs Tournament on the Tse-shaht reserve on July 10, 11, and 12.

The Eagles warmed up by entering a tournament in Merritt a few weeks ago, where they came in third. This coming weekend they are travelling to North Vancouver for another tournament.

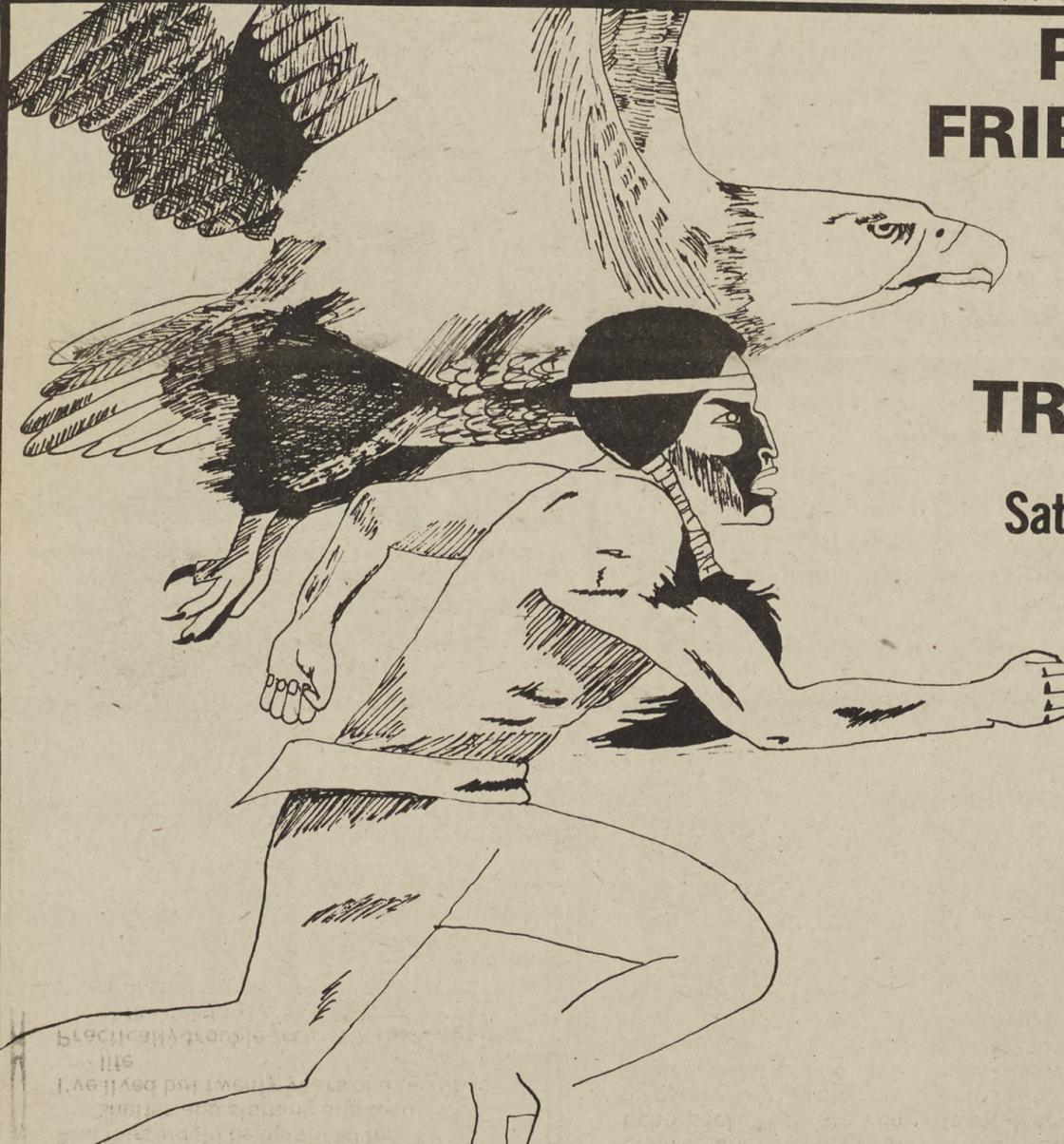
### Son-Life is not the same!

What is life all about - you ask?  
 Well, son - it's not all too happy,  
 but it's not all sorrow either!  
 Son—Life is filled with many ups  
 and downs every day.

Sure - there are many days that hurt,  
 yet - there are those days that shine!  
 Yes—my son, when you lose someone that  
 you really love - that hurts!  
 It pierces a hole through your heart -  
 causing much pain and grief,  
 but that is a part of life too, son!

Ah—but my son, there's nothing like  
 experiencing those highs in life!  
 Yes sir, it may be a wedding, potlatch,  
 graduation or an anniversary —  
 The thing is, that those special days  
 always lift your spirits!  
 Whether you are in a crowd, or all alone,  
 Life will always be different as each day  
 passes by you, my son!

Francis Frank  
 Clayoquot Band  
 May 4, 1981



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