

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

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AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION
IN BOISE, IDAHO IN SEPTEMBER.

Earl Old Person, President of the ATNI issued the Call for the Annual Convention to be held in Boise, Idaho on September 5th and 6th at the Boise Hotel. The Resolutions Committee will meet on the 4th with all tribal attorneys. Convention Theme: "Opportunity We Seek; Progress Our Goal."

The ATNI is limited to Indians and devoted to Indian causes and has for its purposes:

To secure to ourselves and our descendants the rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws of the United States;

To enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian race;

To preserve Indian cultural values;

To seek an equitable adjustment of tribal affairs;

To secure and to preserve rights under Indian treaties or agreements with the United States; and otherwise

To promote the common welfare of the American Indians.

Members of the Executive Council (composed of organization officers and tribal delegates) met with the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy at his invitation on May 23, 1968 in the Crown Suite of the Benson Hotel in Portland, Oregon. Matters considered important to Indians were discussed at this meeting and Senator Kennedy pledged his support in these matters. The organization was later honored when it's President, Mr. Old Person received an invitation from the Kennedy Family to attend the late Senator's funeral.

Leaders from tribes in the states of Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana and Wyoming are expected to attend. Governor Don Samuelson of Idaho will be on hand to welcome the delegates. Other distinguished guests who will be in attendance include: the noted Indian Attorney, Dr. Paschal Sherman of Washington, D.C. who will Chair the Resolutions Committee and Dr. William R. Carmack of Washington, D.C. who will deliver the Keynote Address. Dr. Carmack is the Executive Director of the National Council on Indian Opportunity which was established by Executive Order of the President. President Johnson appointed Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey as Chairman of this Council.

Idaho Congressman George V. Hansen will be the luncheon speaker on Thursday, September 5th. Will Rogers, Jr. will deliver the banquet address on the evening of the 6th, at the conclusion of the convention.

For immediate release

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901 Broadway
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September 9, 1967

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TO ALL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS AND INDIVIDUAL INDIANS

In my duly constituted authority as President of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, I hereby issue the call for the Annual Convention of the Affiliated tribes of Northwest Indians to be held at the Holiday Inn, Yakima, Washington, September 29 and 30, 1967.

While the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is comprised of Indian tribes in the State of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, we welcome and urge the attendance of Indians from outside the periphery of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

This organization was formed with the objective to bring about a recognized representation of American Indians to work against the extinguishment of established Indian rights. Its purpose is to promote and protect the interest of the American Indians and to preserve peaceful and cooperative relations among the tribes as well as promoting harmonious relations with other groups.

Hotel Reservations are limited at the Holiday. Make your hotel reservations early. Come to the convention where you will hear an objective analysis of what is going on. It is important that you attend in order to get an insight on the happenings in the Indian world and to implement plans to work for or against them as the case might be.

Northwest Tribes should authorize payment of tribal dues as soon as possible. The resolution authorizing payment of tribal dues shall also designate who shall by the tribal representative casting the tribe's votes at the convention and who shall also serve as the tribe's representative on the Executive Council.

Make remittances to: Lyman Trahan, Treasurer, St. Ignatius, Montana.

The dues are as follows: Individual dues \$3.00. Member tribes: tribal enrollment of 500 or less \$25.00; 501 to 1,000 \$50.00; 1,001 to 2,000 \$62.50; 2,001 or over \$75.00

Freda A. Beazley, President
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