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FINAL REPORT OF THE COORDINATOR

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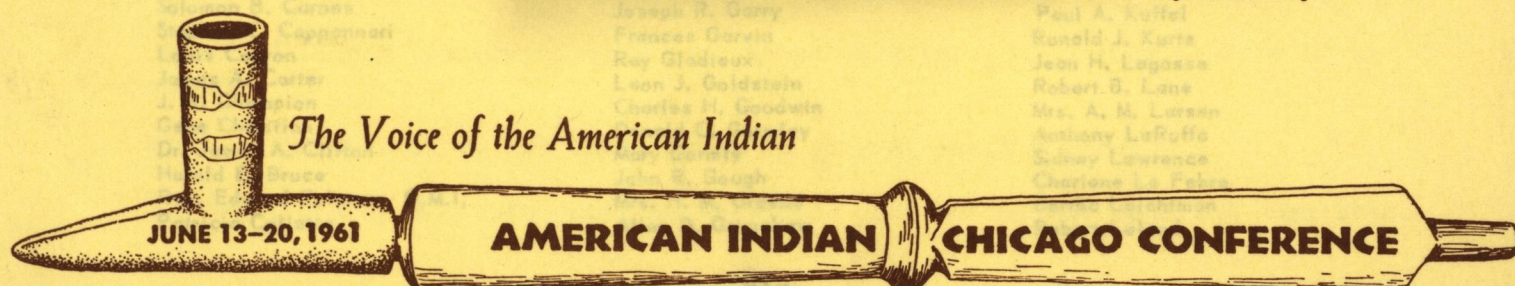
First of all, there was an error in the printing of the PRELIMINARY STATEMENT which was sent out to all of you. This preliminary version was prepared by members of your Drafting Committee. In the printing of the Statement, the list of names was printed correctly, but the words "Members of the Drafting Committee" were left out by mistake. These members of your drafting committee worked long and hard to organize the great collection of materials that you all have been sending in, and their work has contributed a great deal toward the success of AICC.

This will probably be our last Report before you all come together on June 13 for AICC. By the time this reaches you, all of your registrations should be in, and advance registration should be complete. If you have not sent in your registration yet, please do so right away. THE DEADLINE FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS JUNE 10th. We must have your registration by June 10th so that we can make arrangements for your accommodations at University dormitories. After June 10th we will not be able to do this for you. We can only work on a "first come first served" basis, so get your registration in now to be sure that you are taken care of with the rest. Last minute arrangements can be very difficult, as you know.

Your Committee has established a registration fee of \$5 for Indian participants and \$10 for non-Indians who come to the Conference. This action was taken to be sure that those who come in to the Conference meetings are prepared to take a serious and responsible part, and so that all may share in the expense of necessary materials. Therefore, all Indians are invited to take part in AICC, but EVERYBODY WHO TAKES PART MUST BE REGISTERED. By rule of the University, as at all conferences where there is registration, ONLY THOSE WEARING REGISTRATION-IDENTIFICATION BADGES will be admitted to any of the University buildings for the Conference.

As your Coordinator, I cannot carry out your advance registration unless you send in your registration fee. I cannot arrange for your accommodations at the University dormitories unless you send in the payment for these room and board accommodations in advance, because we must contract for these accommodations in advance. If you have not already sent in your registration fee and payment for accommodations please do so right away, so that at this end we have a chance to do our job well for you all.

The Indian Arts and Crafts Board, in Washington, has arranged for a very fine exhibit of American Indian Arts and Crafts at AICC. This will be an impressive "True-False" exhibit, in which the superiority of genuine Indian artistry and craftsmanship over inferior imitations and importations will be very clearly



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demonstrated. In addition, Mr. Theodore Hetzel has arranged for the demonstration of a brick-making machine, and other exhibits on matters of special interest to Indians will add to the value of AICC for all of us.

We have just counted up the responses by Indians to the yellow "Questionnaire" sheet of April 18 which asked you what subjects you were most interested in. Of the six committees listed, the greatest number of people were interested in the Community Organization for Development Committee. Next, equal numbers of people were interested in the Resource and Industrial Development Committee and the Law and Jurisdiction Committee. The Education Committee, Off-Reservation Employment Committee and Health Committee were fourth, fifth and sixth in terms of the number of people who were interested in them.

Many people sent in suggestions for possible new Committees for the AICC. Committees on Social Relations, Policy, Arts and Crafts, Financial Aid, Publicity, Training in Management and Leadership, and Religion were suggested.

Note to Bureau of Indian Affairs Personnel

The Coordinator inquired of the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Mr. John A. Carver, Jr., whether B.I.A. personnel (especially Indians) would be able to attend the AICC as part of their duties. Under date of May 15, 1961 Mr. Carver replied as follows:

"In your further letter of March 29, you inquired as to the possibility of authorizing the use of the Bureau of Indian Affairs appropriated funds for travel or salary expenses to enable participation of employees of that Bureau in the work of your American Indian Charter Convention. No policy has been established for general application nor would one be practical.

"Separate determination would have to be made by the superintendent in view of the circumstances in each situation. I feel certain that the Bureau of Indian Affairs will cooperate with you on meetings to the extent that is practicable and appropriate."

This seems to mean that any Superintendent is authorized to send B.I.A. employees to the AICC if he thinks it wise.

The Chicago White Sox have invited all those who are registered at the AICC and taking part in the Conference to be their guests on Saturday, June 17. On that day, the White Sox will be playing the Minnesota Twins at Comiskey Park, here in Chicago. You will be admitted free of charge to see this big-league ball game just by showing your AICC registration badge at the gate. In return, the Chicago White Sox invite those of you who come with your costumes to demonstrate an Indian Dance out on the ball field a few minutes before game time.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN CHICAGO CONFERENCE

The following is an accounting of the contributions which have been received for AICC as of May 19, 1961. We extend our sincere thanks to all those who have contributed so generously to make this nation-wide conference of American Indians possible. Further contributions are needed for the "Distance Subsidy", to make the AICC truly representative by helping those Indian people who must travel long distances to speak for their people and to take part in the work of the Conference.

A. Contributions received for AICC facilities and preparations, etc.:

The University of Chicago	\$ 10,000.00
Emil Schwarzhaupt Foundation	10,000.00
Wenner-Gren Foundation	5,000.00
Phelps-Stokes Fund	500.00
Total	\$ 25,500.00

B. Contributions received for Distance Subsidy:

Santa Fe Railroad	\$ 500.00
Individual contributions	809.50
Total	\$ 1,309.50

Total Contributions: \$ 26,809.50

The following people have made individual contributions to AICC:

Mrs. K. Bruce Adams
Jay Adler
Mrs. Polly C. Akins
Grover C. Allred
David Ames
Winfield H. Arneson
Malcolm J. Arth
Mrs. Mildred Applegate
Thelma Baer
Kenneth L. Baggs
Tom Bahti
Sister M. Benedictus
Brewton Berry
Father William Bischoff, S.J.
Herbert Blatchford
Wilfred G. Bonnewell
Leonard Borman
Thelma Bound
Zara Ciscoc Brough
Donald N. Brown
Ina C. Brown
Mrs. Hortense Brown
Austin Buckles
Burgess Burke
Solomon B. Carnes
Stephen C. Cappannari
Louis Capron
James A. Carter
J. R. Champion
Gene Christian
Dr. James A. Clifton
Harold E. Bruce
Rev. Edward Coleman, O.M.I.
Patricia Collette

Donald Collier
Harold S. Colton
W. Owen Cooper
Mrs. C. L. Cottrell
Helen Creagh
Edward B. Danson
Bob Davenport
Madelynn S. Decker
Mrs. Violet Del Rosa
Dr. H. C. Diehl
Kenneth B. Disher
Frederick J. Dockstader
Robert H. Edwards
Ruth M. Egeland
Charles J. Erickson
Cecelia A. Eschier
Jean Farwell
Mrs. John L. Fischer
James J. Flink
Mary Bryan Forsyth
Ernestine Friedl
Wm. W. Gage
Frederick C. Gamst
John D. Garrison Jr.
Joseph R. Garry
Frances Garvin
Ray Gladieux
Leon J. Goldstein
Charles H. Goodwin
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Mary Gormly
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Gordon L. Grosscup
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Robert L. Haines
A. Irving Hallowell
Odd S. Halseth
Paul Harrison
Bernard Hill
Debbert C. Howard
John J. Honnigmann
Mrs. Wm. H. Hudnut
Overton James
Volney H. Jones
Jack Joseph
Alvin M. Joseph, Jr.
Wilma Kaemlein
Meyer R. Katz
W. H. Kelly
James A. Kennedy
James W. Kiriazis
Mary L. Kiser
Mrs. Helen B. Kroos
Erich Kohlberg
Robert J. Keuchmann
Paul A. Kuffel
Ronald J. Kurtz
Jean H. Lagasse
Robert B. Lane
Mrs. A. M. Larsen
Anthony LaRuffa
Sidney Lawrence
Charlene Le Febre
Bertha Leichtman
Robert Leland

Paul Leser
Sven Liljebblad
Louis D. Little
Vivian Lober
Charles H. Lohah
Stanley D. Lyman
Lt. Col. H. A. MacIord
Helen G. McClelland
T. F. McIlwraith
Bruce R. McLaglan
Edward V. McMichael
Vincent McMullen
B. C. Maday
Rose Marie Mandan
Mae and Morty W. Manning
Charles F. Marden
J. Alden Mason
Mrs. Julia P. Meardon
Mrs. John M. Mechener
Robert S. Merrill
Nina L. Messick
William E. Mitchell
The Rev. Edward O. Moore
Mrs. Frank C. Moore
Russell Moore
Jay Morago, Jr.
Helen Parker Mudgett
Martin Nettleship
Stan Newman
William F. Nydegger
Fr. Bonaventure Oblasser, O.F.M.
James E. Officer
Margaret L. Oliver
W. H. Oswalt
Mrs. Muriel Thayer Painter

Andrea Wilcox Palmer
Rev. G. Gordon Parker
Beatrice Parsons
Leo Pap
Irwin M. Peithman
Mrs. Herman J. Pfeifer
Very Rev. George Pinger, S.C.J.
Gordon R. Plowe
Eric L. Polingyowma
Steven Polgar
Pearl Redstone
William Reed
W. M. Reese
Rev. C. H. Richardson
Miles Richardson
Mrs. Rose Ross
Reta G. M. Rowan
G. Richard Ruddell
Daniel R. Ruth
Emil J. Sady
Jack Schwartz
Karl H. Schewerin
Albert Shapero
Paschal Sherman
Leo Sias
Anita Sky Eyes
Raymond Slick
James G. E. Smith
Dennis R. Smrcina
O. T. Snodgrass
Mrs. Ray H. Snyder
Andrew W. Somers
Otto L. Sonder, Jr.
David Sparling
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Hirsko Sue
Dee Ann Suhm
Teofilo Tafoya
Pat Talachy
Sol Tax
Walter G. Taylor
Stanton K. Tefft
Ruth Thompson
Mariano Torte
Ruth Hill Useem
Gardiner Van Ness
Henry A. Vruunik
M/Sgt and Mrs. Grant Wahleneka
Melvin Walker
Galen R. Weaver
C. W. Weiant
Gene Weltfish
Cameron Wesley
John T. Westbrook
Mrs. Charles W. Whitford
Wilkinson, Cragun & Barker
Jack R. Williams
Herbert J. Wilson
John R. Winchester
Frank H. Wood
Ernest M. Yasteya
Ethel Yazhe
Ray Zadenetz
Wilfried Zibell

ACTION-MINUTES OF MEETING

OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE, STEERING

COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL ORGANIZERS

CHICAGO, APRIL 26-30, 1961

You have already learned of most of the work and the recommendations of your committee meeting of April 26-30, where the "PRELIMINARY STATEMENT" was worked out for you. We now bring to you the Action-Minutes of this meeting, so that you have a complete report of what was accomplished for you by your Drafting Committee and those who worked with them.

These Action-Minutes will report all actions and resolutions, but will not be a complete and exact report of the meeting. A tape-recorder was used in the general sessions, and the tapes will be available to anyone to check on details of the discussions.

The main purposes of the meeting were:

- 1) To review the recommendations of the regional and other meetings; and
To review all of the suggestions which have been received from all of you by mail; and
To put together and use all of these suggestions and recommendations to write some kind of "PRELIMINARY STATEMENT" for you to use at the Chicago Conference, so as to have something to begin with or work on.
- 2) To work out some suggestions for the organization of the June Conference, including some recommendations about official representation and voting.

Those present were:

Benjamin Bearskin	(Winnebago-Sioux)	Helen Peterson	(Oglala Sioux)
Dennis Bushyhead	(Oklahoma Cherokee)	Marie Potts	(Maidu)
Erin Forrest	(Pit River)	John Rainer	(Taos Pueblo)
George Heron	(Seneca)	Georgianne Robinson	(Osage)
Tom Mason	(Chippewa)	Frank Takes Gun	(Crow)
Howard McKinley	(Navajo)	Clarence Wesley	(San Carlos Apache)
D'Arcy McNickle	(Flathead)	Walter Wetzel	(Blackfeet)

D'Arcy McNickle served as acting chairman.

Helen Miller (Winnebago) was voted in as a member of the Committee at the request of the Lakes Regional meeting group, when their resolution asking for this was reported.

Earl Boyd Pierce (Oklahoma Cherokee) came as an observer and it was moved and carried that he be invited to sit with the group at the conference table and take part.

Edward LaPlante (Chippewa) also came as an observer, and joined in some of the discussions.

The motions passed by the whole group in general session were:

- 1) That D'Arcy McNickle continue as acting chairman of the steering committee.

- 2) If it so happens that something comes up to be voted on at the June conference, representation should be as follows:

60% Official Tribal Delegations from federally recognized tribes.

Non-federally recognized tribes or bands.

40% Organized urban Indian groups, if in existence for at least one year.
Individual Indians not representing anybody, or not associated with any of the above groups, to have one vote.

It was further moved that a credentials committee should be formed at the start of the Conference. This credentials committee is to see to it that these proportions are carried out in assigning and counting any votes that may come up.

This above motion was decided upon after long discussion and thoughtful consideration of the following points:

A. Should there be an equal representation, 50% for federally recognized tribal groups, and 50% for all other Indians as noted above and taken as a group? Opposition to this arrangement came from fear of some of the reservations groups that city Indian groups relocated from reservations could dictate reservation policy.

B. Should national Indian groups, such as the National Congress of American Indians, or the Native American Church, or the Longhouse League of North American Indians, etc., be allowed to vote as groups? It was decided that whatever national group an Indian may belong to, he is first of all a member of some tribe and identified tribally. Furthermore, there is a lot of overlapping in the memberships in national organizations.

C. The matter of identifying people as Indians to be issued credentials. This was a matter of serious interest and concern at the Oklahoma regional meetings where it had been resolved that for Oklahoma two co-chairmen for the Oklahoma region act as a credentials committee to check on the Roll number, or other credentials of Oklahoma Indians. The regional organizer, Dennis Bushyhead, and his co-chairman elected at the Oklahoma meeting, Allen Quetone, would serve in this capacity of credentials committee for Oklahoma area Indians.

- 3) That a registration fee be charged as follows: For Indians \$5.00, for non-Indians, \$10.00. All who take part in the June conference must register, to show serious and responsible participation, to share in the costs of materials, and to determine who is being represented at the conference and arrange for proportional voting. All Indians are welcome, and all Indians who register are entitled to take full part in the conference and to vote. Non-Indians may observe and be called upon as resource people and advisors by Indian participants in the conference, but non-Indians have no vote.

- 4) That Allen Quetone be appointed co-organizer for the Oklahoma region.

- 5) That Annie Wauneka be added to the Rules Committee, along with Howard McKinley from the Southwestern region.

- 6) That Harry Patterson be added to the Public Relations Committee, along with Ida Moore from the Eastern region.

- 7) That Helen Miller be added to the Steering Committee as requested by the Lakes Regional Meeting.

The meeting divided into smaller committees to study different problems and to bring their written reports and recommendations up for consideration by the whole group. These smaller committees were:

- A) Community Development: - Resources, Industrial Development, off-Reservation Employment.

Members:

Bearskin
Bushyhead
Mason

Robinson
Wesley
Wetzel

- B) Health, Education and Welfare:

Members:

McKinley
Miller
Potts

Rainer
Takes Gun

- C) Law and Jurisdiction:

Members:

Forrest
LaPlante
McNickle

Peterson
Pierce

The whole meeting group considered all of the recommendations of these committees, and used them in working out a PRELIMINARY STATEMENT. D'Arcy McNickle was asked to polish up a working copy of the preliminary statement to be sent to all members for any final corrections, and then the finished copy to be sent out to the whole AICC mailing list.

Since the June conference will be a rather large group, it was suggested that it be divided into smaller working groups, to work by themselves during most of the day, and all come together in the morning and evening and at the final general or plenary sessions for discussions by the whole conference. While this would mean that all groups would be discussing the same things and so there would be duplication of effort, it was felt that this would also mean that a good common understanding and agreement would be worked out in preparation of a Statement of Indian Purpose. This would also give more people more chance to speak for the Record.

It was agreed that this suggested program and agenda be sent out to all of the AICC mailing list together with the information about registration.

Non-Indian observers present at the meeting were:

Sol Tax, Coordinator

Nancy O. Lurie, Assistant Coordinator

Albert Wahrhaftig, Assistant to Coordinators

Robert Rietz, Associate Coordinator

Observing for the press was Muriel Snyder

Walt Taylor, American Friends Service
Committee

Father Peter Powell, Director of Indian

Work, Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

(Coordinator's note: The suggested PRELIMINARY STATEMENT and also the AICC PRELIMINARY PROGRAM and registration materials were printed as soon as possible by the Coordinator and mailed to everybody according to the instructions of the Committee. You should have received all of them by this time.)

