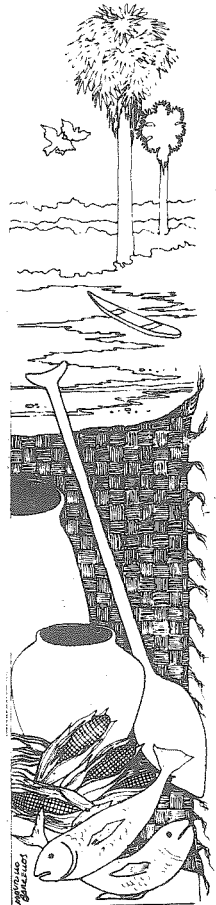


Dan Bomberry, who was Cayuga Indian, became a national leader among American Indian activists seeking economic and political sovereignty rights and founded the country's first entirely Indian-operated foundation. He died of cancer on Friday, August 16, in San Francisco at the age of 40. The Tribal Sovereignty Program, now called the Seventh Generation Fund, is named after the Iroquois principle by which all decisions must be made on behalf of the seventh generation of unborn to insure that the future is not irreparably harmed by present action. The Seventh Generation Fund is unique among foundations for concentrating on several critical areas: preservation of Indian ownership of land and resources; development of indigenous economic self-sufficiency projects which are free of the corporate world; programs to revitalize traditional forms of Indian governments; and support of native women's organizations and the strengthening of Indian families. Much emphasis in the Seventh Generation Fund is also given to traditional Indian spiritual activities which are seen as part of the fabric of traditional Indian economic and political life. The organization also founded a national newspaper, Native Self-Sufficiency, edited by Victoria Bomberry, which articulates the need for models of economic independence and the maintenance of Indian land rights. Dan was also a national leader of campaigns to support struggles of indigenous peoples faced with government or corporate expansion in other parts of the world, particularly in Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Dan brought a rare gift of warmth and vision for the future for Indian people and all communities. And he was a supporter and friend of SAIIC. We will miss him.

--S. Lobo



SAIIC welcomes our newest member, Rayen Cayuqueo Lowry, born August 17, and congratulates her parents, Peggy and Nilo.