

August 2, 1953

The then president of Bolivia, Victor Paz Estenssoro, under pressure from the Indian "campesinos," decreed the agrarian reform law and as a result, a large part of Indian land was returned to them. Paz Estenssoro is presently back in power.

August 29, 1977

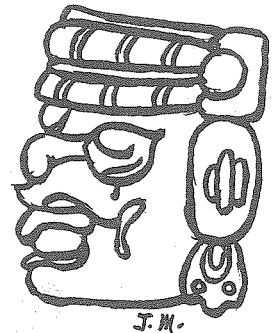
The Nordic Council of Samis in Scandinavia organized the Second Conference of the World Council of Indigenious Peoples (WCIP) in Kiruna, Sweden.

September 14, 1977

At the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) organized a conference on racism and discrimination against native peoples of the Americas.

September 19 & 20, 1985

Major earthquakes devastated southwestern Mexico. As we prepare our newsletter, the extent of damage in indigenous communities is unclear, but SAIIC expresses its sympathy for those effected and its support of efforts in the future to provide assistance.



#### BRIEFS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### 45th International Congress of Americanists

Jennie Joe (Navajo), professor of American Indian Studies and Anthropology at UCLA, attended the Congress of Americanists in Bogota, Colombia, July 1-7. She organized a symposium on Involuntary Migration and Its Consequences, and presented a paper on the effects of relocation for Navajos in the joint use area of Arizona. Her comments on the congress overall: "I didn't see that fighting spirit I was looking for. Indigenous issues were sort of swept under the rug. Indians were only talked about as if they were in the past; a glorious past, but the present was ignored." Why can't an international congress of Americanists do better than that?



##### Film, Video, and Photography

A group of people working in film, video, and photography has begun meeting monthly in the San Francisco Bay Area. Indigenous concerns are a major focus of the group. If you are interested in attending, contact Leanna Wolfe, (415) 834-5740.

### Delegation to Nicaragua

Indian Health workers (non-medical included) are wanted for a trip to Nicaragua sponsored by Committee for Health Rights in Central America planned for the end of November. Partial scholarships are available. Contact Diane Williams at (415) 268-1627 for more information.

### 9th Inter-American Indian Congress

The 9th Inter-American Indian Congress is planned for Santa Fe, New Mexico, from October 28 to November 1, 1985. The Congress is sponsored by the Inter-American Indian Institute with headquarters in Mexico City, and some 500 participants from throughout the hemisphere are expected to attend. Committees and working sessions will meet to consider a wide range of issues including Develop and Indian People, Cultural Policies and the Indian Community, Human Rights and the Indian World, and Indian Movements and Organizations in the Americas. For more information, write David Warren, United States Organizing Committee, 9th Inter-American Indian Congress, P.O. Box 519, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0519.

### East Bay Green Alliance

There is a working group of the East Bay Green Alliance that focuses on Native American issues. For more information, contact Linda Joslin, (415) 654-6141.



SAIIC welcomes the energy and ideas of volunteers. We are also in need of the following equipment: a computer, typewriter, tape recorder, and camera. Donations are tax deductible. If you can help in these ways, please call (415) 521-2779 or 527-5687. Thank you.

Special thanks for production assistance to: The Vanguard Foundation, The American Friends Service Committee, Intertribal Friendship House, Bobsy Draper, Miguel Cavallin, Russ Irwin, Bill Coburn and the SAIIC Committee: Pete Hammer, Peggy Lowry, Anna Lugo, Maria Massolo, James Muneta, and Jo Tucker.

Nilo Cayuqueo, SAIIC Coordinator  
Susan Lobo, Publications Editor