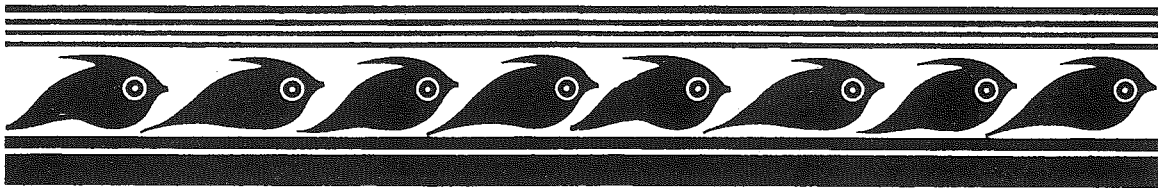


- to accommodate indigenous participation in the Organization of American States.
- to apply international human rights instruments to national policies.
- to develop a critique of the work of the Summer Institute of Linguistics.
- to recognize and support the struggles of indigenous peoples throughout the Americas, including the Kollas, Chiriguano, and Wichi people of Argentina; the Mbya and Maskoy of Paraguay; the communities of eastern Bolivia; the Yanomami in Brazil and Venezuela; the Indian people of the Amazon region of Ecuador; the Quechua people of Ayacucho, Peru; the Indian people suffering from the militarization of the Cauca, Choco, Cordoba, and Tolima regions of Colombia; the Miskitu, Sumo, and Rama people of Nicaragua; the Hopi and Navajo people suffering from forced relocation in the Joint Use Area of Arizona; and the Indian nations of British Columbia, Canada, to name only a few.

If you would like to receive a copy of the complete statement by Indian people attending the Santa Fe conference, please send \$3.00 to SAIIC to cover photocopying and mailing costs.



Native Hawaiian Cites Ruin Of Ocean

SAIIC recently spoke with a visitor from Hawaii, Ho'oipo DeCambria.

"I'd like to share one of the more current concerns of Pacific Island people at this time in 1986. That is the United States effort to build an incinerator on what is called Johnson Island, previously known as Kalama Island when it was under the reign of King Kamehameha. Johnson Island is an atoll in the Pacific that now stores toxic wastes. It is a very small atoll. The Environmental Protection Agency has granted a permit for the U.S. army to build an incinerator to burn these toxic chemicals. This EPA permit was granted without any Pacific Island consultation. No Pacific Island people knew about this hearing. The only people who gave testimony were a few of us in Hawaii. This incinerator is already under construction, and it is life-threatening, we believe, to Pacific Island way of life.

"According to studies that have been done, we believe that emissions will fall into the sea and pollute the food chain further than it already has been by the bombings in the 50's of Eموita and Bikini Islands. We see that the United States sees us as being an expendable population of 90,000 people. We may live on small atolls and small islands, but the ocean is also our territory. The Western mindset does not see the ocean as part of the life cycle of indigenous Pacific Island people, so it chooses to use it and commodify it in different ways that really are going to destroy our future. . . .

"And I think Hawaii is seen too many times as a part of the West. I think people need to look at Hawaii as a part of the Pacific Islands. That concept has to be deepened and reinforced over and over again. And I think even though we have Congressional delegates in the United States, I think even they have to see themselves as representatives of Pacific Island people and not representing people who belong to the West, because we are in the ocean, and we are thousands of miles from the United States, and we are indigenous."