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James Muneta, who has been a frequent contributor of articles and illustrations to the SAIIC newsletter, as well as a participant in our radio program, returned home to take the position of coordinator of programs for the disabled through the Dine Center at Tsaille, Navajo Nation, Arizona. His thoughtful perspective on international indigenous issues has broadened the understanding of all of us. He plans to continue as an active member of SAIIC with a southwestern perspective. He writes, "I miss my good friends in the Bay Area, but I must help my people. My clan is the red sand people and the earth here in Tsaille is red, which makes me feel very happy and peaceful. There are many sagebrush bushes and cedar trees here which are also sacred medicine herbs to the Dine."

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## DAYS TO REMEMBER

### July 3, 1492

The Italian adventurer Christopher Columbus set sail from Puerto de Palos in Spain with three ships. He reached the American continent on October 12 of the same year. This voyage was the first of many negative events that affected Indian people during the following nearly five hundred years.

### August 29, 1532

The Inca leader Atahualpa was executed by order of Francisco Pizarro. In addition to the desecration of sacred temple and plundering, the death of Indian leaders were among the outrages the Indian people suffered during the Spanish conquest.



### August 26 & 27, 1780

Tupac Amaru, the Quechua leader in what is now Peru, and Tupac Katari, leader in what is now Bolivia, initiated the liberation struggle against Spaniards occupying their land.