



SEPTEMBER 1971 WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE AMERICAN INDIAN SOCIETY
OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 21 - The club received \$75 for a performance at a private picnic for the Astro Communication Laboratory in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The dancers were Mitchell Bush, John Parker, Vern Halley, David Davis, Eric Parker, John Loco Shapard, Rosemary Davis, Elva Gibson and Geri Berryhill.

August 29 - Craft night and pot luck dinner were held at the Door's apartment in Takoma Park, Maryland. Those attending were Muriel Fine, Pecita Lonewolf, John & Cheryl Parker, Gerard & Barbara Goyette, Mitchell Bush, Geri Berryhill, Vern Halley, Billy & Priscilla Steele, Michael Virts, John & Joanne Shopteese and Alex and Marilyn Door.

September 1 - Meeting was held at the BIA auditorium. The major event of the evening was the election of officers for the coming year. The results were: President - Mitchell Bush; 1st Vice President - John Parker; 2nd Vice President-Vern Halley; Secretary - Rosemary Davis; and Treasurer - Elva Gibson.

September 4 to 6 - About 43 persons turned out for a long weekend of camping at Catoctin Mountain Park--including that neighbor who also goes up there when we do. On the first evening, after an enjoyable singing session, about a dozen members of the group took a midnight walk along the dark, deserted, wooded road. On the way back, Alex Door, who had been at the rear of the group, took a short cut through the woods and came charging through the brush. Someone shined a flashlight on Alex and Billy Steele shouted "It's a bear!" and the group scattered. Geri Berryhill set a new track record and Billy left Priscilla behind to face her fate. On Sunday, several carloads of our campers drove over 120 miles to go swimming in West Virginia. They did, however, make it back in time for dinner. Also, John & Joanne Shopteese drove a pickup load of people to a nearby folk arts exhibit. At dusk, six men in the group tried out a Sioux sweat bath set up by Steve Feraca with an assist from Billy Steele. This was followed by another singing session and then another "ghost" walk through the woods.

September 9 - The club officers had a dinner meeting at the Black Saddle restaurant to appoint the new committee chairmen. These are the results (pending acceptance): Reception: Chairman - Geri Berryhill; Co-chairman - Lucille Calabaza; 1st Alternate - Perri Belton; 2nd Alternate - Bonnie Sapp. Finance: Chairman - John Shopteese; Co-chairman - Muriel Fine; Alternate - Billy Steele. Scholarship: Chairman - Lorenia Butler; Co-chairman - Wilbur Paul; Alternate - Pauline Velardez. Arts & Crafts: Chairman - Pecita Lonewolf; Co-chairman - Cheryl Parker; Alternate - Marilyn Door. Publicity: Chairman - George Ortez; Co-chairman - Nour Hyzan; Alternate - Rose Robinson. Performing Arts: Chairman - Alex Door; Co-chairman - Eddie Abeita; 1st Alternate - J.R. Davis; 2nd Alternate - Gerard Goyette.

September 12 - The club gave two benefit performances for the International Children's Festival at the Filene Center, Wolf Trap Farm Park. This was our first exposure to "big time" show business (with directors yet!) and we were part of a play entitled "Christopher's Carpet and its Galloping Global Travels." The singers were Perry Horse, J.R. Davis and Eddie Abeita; the dancers were Mitchell Bush, John Parker, Vern Halley, David Davis, Eric Parker, Rosemary Davis, Elva Gibson, Geri Berryhill and Michelle Davis.

-Coming Events-September 23 - Dinner with Miss Indian America XVIII. Call Mitchell Bush for details.

September 25 - The club is participating in the All Nations Festival being held in conjunction with the Baltimore City Fair. Our exhibit will be in the Federal Building

located in Charles Center, downtown Baltimore. Those in costume who are there to dance or man the exhibit will be admitted free. Spectators must pay an admission fee of \$1.00.

September 26 - 11:00 a.m.--Dedication of the Taza memorial at Congressional Cemetery.
- 4:00 p.m.--Crafts night and pot luck dinner at the apartment of Pecita Lonewolf, 5516 North Morgan Street, Alexandria, Va., Phone: 354-4961.

October 6 - MEETING AT THE BIA AUDITORIUM, 7:30 p.m.

-Miscellaneous-

Congratulations to Frank & Phyllise Nahwooksy on the addition to their family... We are sorry to report that Tom Hutchins is still in the Mount Wilson State Hospital...We wish to welcome the following new members to the club: Lucille Calabaza (Pueblo); Thelma and Frank Harjo (both Creek); Lester Barrer; Rebecca Noah (Choctaw); Marilyn Ridesatthedor (Paiute); and Priscilla Steele.

Meeting - September 1, 1971
BIA Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by President Mitchell Bush. The following members and guests were present: Eddie Abeita, Rosemary Arneach, Perri Belton, Geri Berryhill, Dr. & Mrs* George Blue Spruce, Marjorie Boyd, Mitchell Bush, Lucille Calabaza, J.R. & Rosemary Davis, Alex & Marilyn Door, Darlene French, Muriel Fine, Gerard & Barbara Goyette, Vern Halley, Cletus Harper, Nour Hzyan, Alice Kekahbah, Pecita Lonewolf, Dave Lytle, Mary McClammy, Joe & Jana McIntyre, Mrs. Norwood, George Ortiz, Howard Piepenbrink, James Ruggles, Bonnie Sapp, Grace Sine, Billy & Priscilla Steele and Ray Valdivia.

The first order of business was the election of new officers. The following officers were elected: President - Mitchell Bush; 1st Vice President - John Parker; 2nd Vice President - Vern Halley; Secretary - Rosemary Davis; Treasurer - Elva Gibson.

OLD BUSINESS: Mitchell advised that the Taza headstone will be arriving soon. Several donations have been received due to some of the publicity received.. Mitchell introduced our new club princess, Geri Berryhill, to attending members and guests.

NEW BUSINESS: Space has been reserved for a camping trip scheduled for Labor Day Weekend at Catoctin Mountain Park...Mitchell advised that the Indian performances to be held at Prince George's Plaza over Labor Day Weekend will be by an Indian group from Montana. The shows are scheduled for 10 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Several inquiries had been received by the club because of the television advertising of the program...On Sunday, September 12, the club has been asked to do a benefit performance in conjunction with the International Children's Festival at the Filene Center. Detailed information will be made to the performers...On Saturday, September 25, our club will take part in the All Nations Festival in conjunction with the Baltimore City Fair. We will have a booth along with a performance. This is the same activity that in past years has been held at Gwynn Oak Park in Baltimore...Crafts night is scheduled for Sunday, September 26, at Pecita Lonewolf's residence...Singing sessions will be held at the Labor Day Weekend campout.

A 36 passenger Greyhound has been chartered to attend the Thunderbird Pow wow which is being held in Oakland, New Jersey, on September 18 & 19. The bus will depart from the BIA parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. The cost of transportation will be \$13.80 for adults and half fare for children. Everyone was urged to make reservations early since the bus will accomodate only 36 persons.

Anyone interested in receiving the NCIO newsletter (free of charge) should contact Evelyn Pickett at 202-395-3412.

Since there was no other business, a motion was made, seconded and passed that we adjourn at 9:05. After the meeting was adjourned, Mitchell showed movies of last years Halloween Party, Christmas Party and this years Annual Banquet.

Respectfully submitted, Rosemary

Davis - Secretary



Newly-elected club officers: 1 to r backrow -- Vern Halley & John Parker L to R frontrow -- Rosemary Davis, Mitchell Bush and Elva Gibson Photo courtesy N.E.W.S. Photo-News (George Ortez)