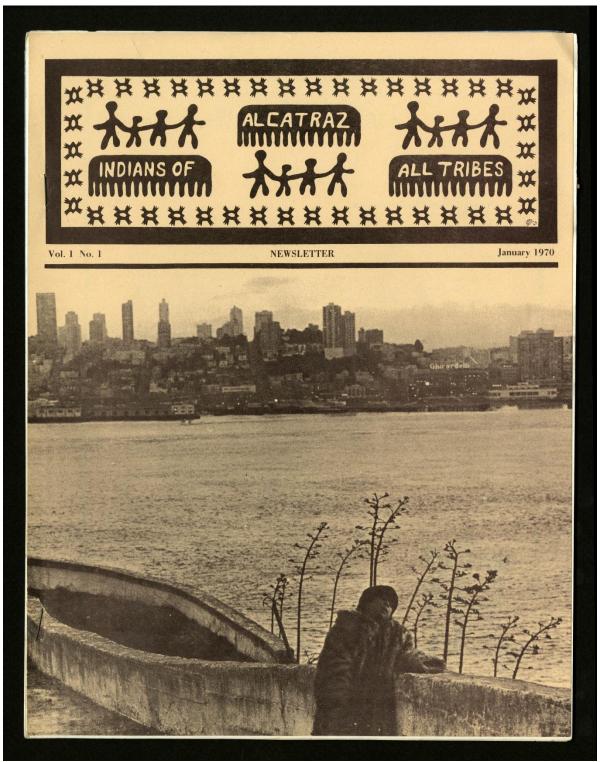
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We Hold the Rock!

Indians Of All Tribes greet our brothers and sisters of all races and tongues upon our Earth Mother. We here on Alcatraz Island, San Francisco Bay, California represent many tribes of the United States as well as Canada, Alaska, and Central and South America.

We are still holding the Island of Alcatraz in the true names of Freedom, Justice and Equality, because you, our brothers and sisters of this earth, have lent support to our just cause. We reach out our hands and hearts and send spirit messages to each and every one of you ———WE HOLD THE ROCK!

Our anger at the many injustices forced upon us since the first whitemen landed on these sacred shores has been transformed into a hope that we be allowed the long-suppressed right of all men to plan and to live their own lives in harmony and co-operation with all fellow creatures and with Nature. We have learned that violence breeds only more violence and we therefore have carried on our occupation of Alcatraz in a peaceful manner, hoping that the government of these United States will also act accordingly.

Be it known, however, that we are quite serious in our demand to be given ownership of this island in the name of Indians Of All Tribes. We are here to stay, men, women and children. We feel that this request is but little to ask from a government which has systematically stolen our lands, destroyed a once-beautiful and natural landscape, killed-off the creatures of nature, polluted air and water, ripped open the very bowels of our earth in senseless greed; and instituted a program to annihilate the many Indian Tribes of this land by outright murder which even now continues by the methods of theft, suppression, prejudice, termination, and so-called re-location and assimilation.

We are a proud people! We are Indians! We have observed and rejected much of what so-called civilization offers. We are Indians! We will preserve our traditions and ways of life by educating our own children. We are Indians! We will join hands in a unity never before put into practice. We are Indians! Our Earth Mother awaits our voices.

We are Indians Of All Tribes! WE HOLD THE ROCK!

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PROCLAMATION:

TO THE GREAT WHITE FATHER AND ALL HIS PEOPLE

We, the native Americans, re-claim the land known as Alcatraz Island in the name of all American Indians by right of discovery.

We wish to be fair and honorable in our dealings with the Caucasian inhabitants of this land, and hereby offer the following treaty:

We will purchase said Alcatraz Island for twenty-four dollars (24) in glass beads and red cloth, a precedent set by the white man's purchase of a similar island about 300 years ago. We know that \$24 in trade goods for these I6 acres is more than was paid when Manhattan Island was sold, but we know that land values have risen over the years. Our offer of \$1.24 per acre is greater than the 47 cents per acre the white men are now paying the California Indians for their land.

We will give to the inhabitants of this island a portion of the land for their own to be held in trust by the American Indian Affairs and by the bureau of Caucasian Affairs to hold in perpetuity - for as long as the sun shall rise and the rivers go down to the sea. We will further guide the inhabitants in the proper way of living. We will offer them our religion, our education, our life-ways, in order to help them achieve our level of civilization and thus raise them and all their white brothers up from their savage and unhappy state. We offer this treaty in good faith and wish to be fair and honorable in our dealings with all white men

We feel that this so-called Alcatraz Island is more then suitable for an Indian reservation, as determined by the white man's own standards. By this we mean that this place resembles most Indian reservations in that:

- I. It is isolated from modern facilities, and without adequate means of transportation.
- 2. It has no fresh running water.
- 3. It has inadequate sanitation facilities.
- 4. There are no oil or mineral rights.
- 5. There is no industry and so unemployment is very great.
- 6. There are no health care facilities.
- 7. The soil is rocky and non-productive; and the land does not support game.
- 8. There are no educational facilities.
- 9. The population has always exceeded the land base.
- 10. The population has always been held as prisoners and kept dependent upon others.

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Further, it would be fitting and symbolic that ships from all over the world, entering the Golden Gate, would first see Indian land, and thus be reminded of the true history of this nation. This tiny island would be a symbol of the great lands once ruled by free and noble Indians.

What use will we make of this land?

Since the San Francisco Indian Center burned down, there is no place for Indians to assemble and carry on tribal life here in the white man's city. Therefore, we plan to develop on this island several Indian institutions:

- I. A CENTER FOR NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES will be developed which will educate them to the skills and knowledge relevant to improve the lives and spirits of all Indian peoples. Attached to this center will be traveling universities, managed by Indians, which will go to the Indian Reservations, learning those necessary and relevant materials now about.
- AN AMERICAN INDIAN SPIRITUAL CENTER which will practice our ancient tribal religious and sacred healing ceremonies. Our cultural arts will be featured and our young people trained in music, dance, and healing rituals.
- 3. AN INDIAN CENTER OF ECOLOGY which will train and support our young people in scientific research and practice to restore our lands and waters to their pure and natural state. We will work to de-pollute the air and waters of the Bay Area. We will seek to restore fish and animal life to the area and to revitalize sea life which has been threatened by the white man's way. We will set up facilities to desalt sea water for human benefit.
- 4. A GREAT INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL will be developed to teach our people how to make a living in the world, improve our standard of living, and to end hunger and unemployment among all our people. This training school will include a center for Indian arts and crafts, and an Indian restaurant serving native foods, which will restore Indian culinary arts. This center will display Indian arts and offer Indian foods to the public, so that all may know of the beauty and spirit of the traditional INDIAN ways.

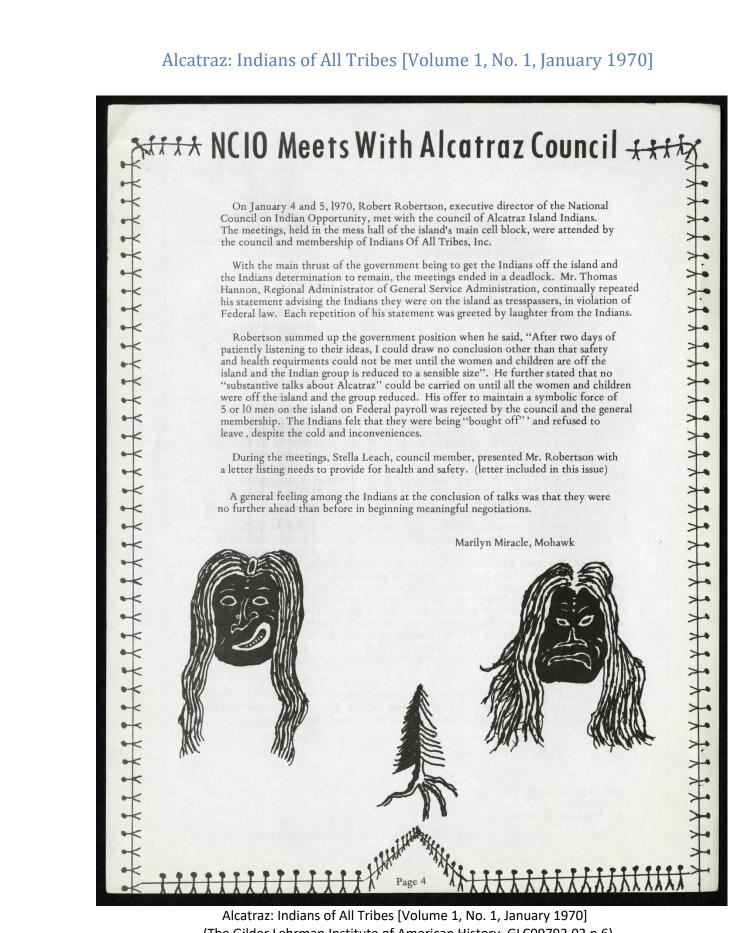
Some of the present buildings will be taken over to develop an AMERICAN INDIAN MUSEUM, which will depict our native food & other cultural contributions we have given to the world. Another part of the museum will present some of the things the white man has given to the Indians in return for the land and life he took: disease, alcohol, poverty and cultural decimation (As symbolized by old tin cans, barbed wire, rubber tires, plastic containers, etc.). Part of the museum will remain a dungeon to symbolize both those Indian captives who were incarcerated for challenging white authority, and those who were imprisoned on reservations. The museum will show the noble and the tragic events of Indian history, including the broken treaties , the documentary of the Trail of Tears, the Massacre of Wounded Knee, as well as the victory over Yellow Hair Custer and his army.

In the name of all Indians, therefore, we re-claim this island for our Indian nations, for all these reasons, We feel this claim is just and proper, and that this land should rightfully be granted to us for as long as the rivers shall run and the sun shall shine.

Signed,

Indians Of All Tribes November 1969 San Francisco, California

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Indians Of All Tribes, Inc. Indianland, Alcatraz 4339 California Street San Francisco, California

Robert Robertson, Executive Director National Council on Indian Opportunity 726 Jackson Place, Room 220l Washington, D.C.

January II, 1970

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your request about some needs for the health and safety of Indian occupiers on Alcatraz Island.

CLINIC NEEDS: Standard clinic supplies - emergency hospital equipment - portable laboratories - bathing and laundry facilities - portable heaters - sterilizers - Coleman stoves and Lanterns.

TELEPHONES are needed in case of:

- 1. Health emergencies on the Island.
- 2. Emergency utility repairs on the Island.
- Families on the Mainland should be able to contact "Alcatrazans" in case of emergency situations.

TRANSPORTATION: Federal docking privileges on the Mainland - boat capable of carrying 40 people and supplies - two pick-up trucks - emergency heliocopters service - adequate docking facilities.

MAINTENANCE MEN to repair or install:

- .1. Plumbing
- 2. Wiring
- 3. Heating
- 4. Stairway treads
- 5. Install fencing in dangerous areas.
- 6. Water pumps for toilets

OTHER NEEDS: Surplus food commodities - garbage and sewage disposal equipment - janitor and maintenance (supplies and tools) - office equipment and machines - a large generator capable of supplying electricity for the Island - a portable kitchen suitable for 200 feeding 200 people (field type) - fire fighting equipment - recreation and athletic equipment.

The above needs were discussed on January II, 1970, and approved by the General Membership and the following council members present were Stella Leach, Al Miller, Ray Spang, Judy Scraper and David Leach.

We consider these needs important, but not as important as our dreams of an Indian Culture Center on Alcatraz.

Yours sincerely,

EARL LIVERMORE COORDINATOR OF INDIANS OF ALL TRIBES' INC.

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Statement to Indians on Alcatraz

January 12, 1970

As Regional Administrator of General Services Administration, I again want to reiterate that numerous and varied dangerous areas exist on this Island, making it extremely hazardous for human habitation.

There are so many dangerous areas that it is impossible to enumerate and post warnings at such locations. It is not economically possible to restore these areas to a safe condition.

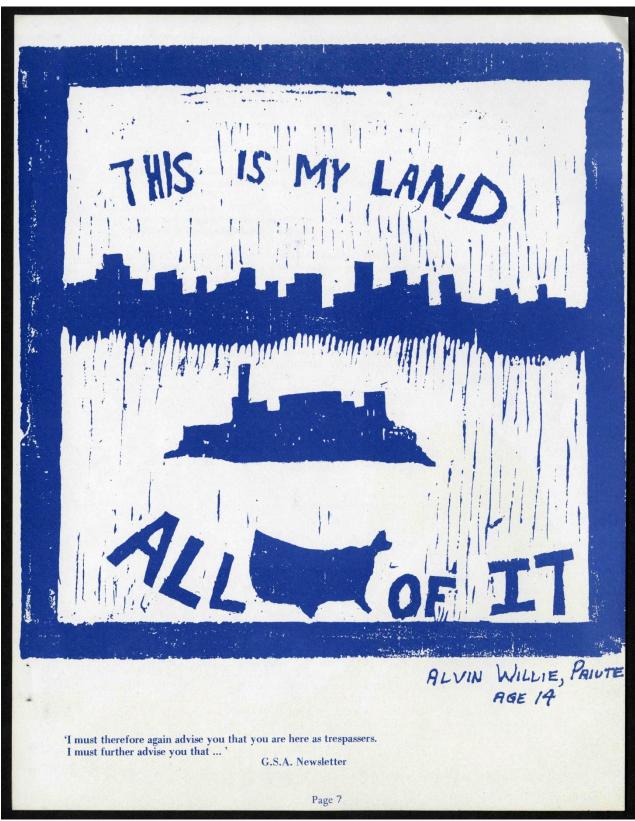
You and your Indian predessors on the island have been warned repeatedly of such dangers by me. Such warnings commenced on November 20, 1969, when you initially appeared on the island, and I have taken every opportunity since then, both on personal visits here and in press statements, to keep all of you appraised of the dangers. It is impossible to convey this message to you individually because of the continuing turnover of personnel.

In spite of the numberous warnings, several serious accidents have occurred.

I must therefore again advise you that you are present here as trespassers. I must further advise you that the Government assumes no responsibility for your safety while you remain on this island.



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Education in Progress **** On December II, 1969, Alcatraz's new "Big Rock School" opened its doors for the first time, admitting 12 enrolled students, ranging in levels from kindergarten to level 6. Since this time, the school has reached a peak enrollment of 22 students on December 30. The instructors; Linda Aranaydo, Creek; Vicky Santana, Blackfeet; Douglas Remington, Ute, and Woesha Cloud North, Winnebago, with the assistance of the permanent aides, Justine Moppin, Mono, and Rosalie Willie, Paiute, and a number of teenagers have all worked cooperatively to give each child as much individual and group attention as needed. The Big Rock School was set up as an experimental school, with the order of subject material flexible, varying with each individual student. The guidelines the instructors use for the student depend entirely on how the subject material is grasped by the student, and how this learning fits into his own growth and development. The subject material itself includes reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, health and science studies. There are also native studies, which include native history, culture, and as much specific tribal information as may be provided by the parents of the children, and others familiar with this field. Francis Allen, Sac & Fox, is our very able instructor in Arts and Crafts. Under his direction, all of the students may participate in native arts such as beadwork, leatherwork, wood carving, costume decoration and sculptural activities. An important part of our studies are the field trips, which we go on at least once every two weeks. So far, we have visited the San Francisco Zoo, the Planetarium, and the Oakland Art Museum. The children of California tribes were especially interested in the Indian exhibit at the museum, and responded enthusiastically to the artifacts pretaining to their own tribes. **本业本业本业本业本业本业本业本** Alcatraz Nursery School Alcatraz Nursery School was started in December in the caretaker's building although it was previously in operation in the office quarters of the main cell block. When it originated, the nursery was operated as a day care center for the working mothers on the island. Now, although the basic idea is the same, the nursery has evolved into a preprimary institution and enables the youngsters of Alcatraz to learn through a wide variety of stimuli such as painting, modeling clay, collages, paper cut-outs, block building, story telling, and most interesting song - sessions in which Mr. Francis Allen, Sac & Fox, participates by singing Indian songs to the children. The nursery enrollment includes from 7 - 12 children in ages ranging from 1½ years to 5 years and is staffed by Maria Lavender, Yurok, and Lu Trudell, Sioux. Lunch and a midmorning snack is furnished to the children during the school week. The staff is interested in procuring more help and is asking mothers to donate at least one hour a day. We are also interested in what the individual mother wants her child to learn while attending Alcatraz Nursery School.

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Health Clinic

The health clinic of Alcatraz, run entirely with volunteers, started November 2I, the second day after the invasion. Clinic hours: 8:30 AM - 5 PM daily. 24 hours in case of emergency. Stella Leach, LPN, Colville - Sioux was put in charge. Mrs. Leach, a dynamic grandmother, took a three month leave of absence from her job at the Well Baby Clinic in Oakland.

Grandma Stella reports, "I wouldn't have missed this opportunity for the world. This Indian movement is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me." When asked about the health on the island she said, "We have the usual colds at this time of the year, but other than that everybody on the island is well."

Volunteer doctors are on duty from 2PM to 4 PM daily. Heading the staff are Doctors: David J. Tepper, Robert Brennan, and Richard Fine. Miss Jenny Joe, Navajo, RN, runs the clinic on weekends.



Kitchen and Stores

Organization of storage rooms for canned goods, dry goods, and meats, vegetables, etc., is now in smooth operation. Dry ice is being used in our food lockers at the moment, but it is hoped that better means of refrigeration will be put into operation soon. All orders for food are taken from the cooks and passed on to the Finance Committee who in turn do all the buying through our expert purchasing agent, Judy Scraper.

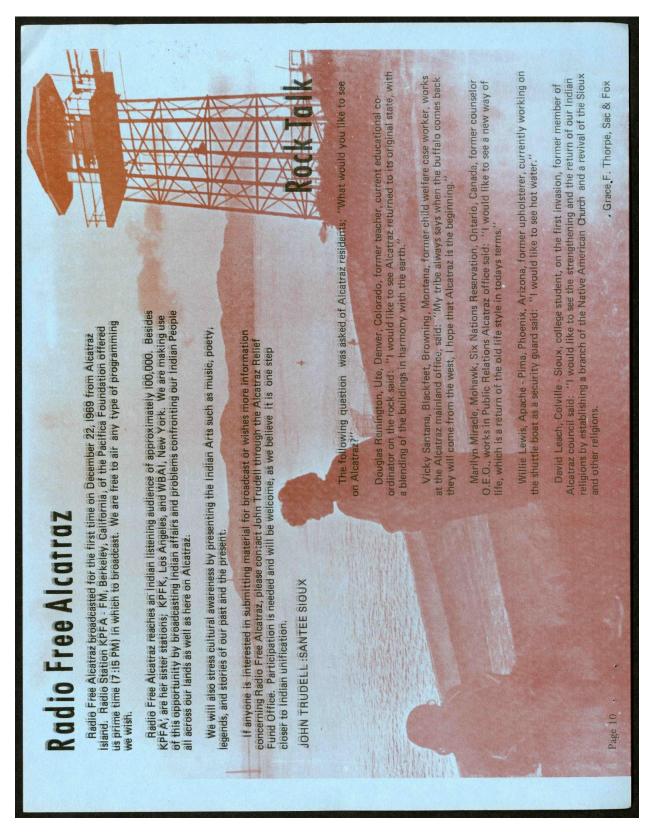
Three stoves and a water heater run on butane are now functioning in the kitchen. The cooks include; Vernon Conway, Wailacki - Yuki - Wintun; Ted Jake, Yakima, and Manny McDougal, Colville. Our expert on nutrition is Gloria Duran, a student at U.C. at Berkeley. A number of volunteers help with food preparation as well as dishwashing and general cleanup. On weekends we welcome the many women who contribute so much time to kitchen chores.

Things are going pretty well in the kitchen.

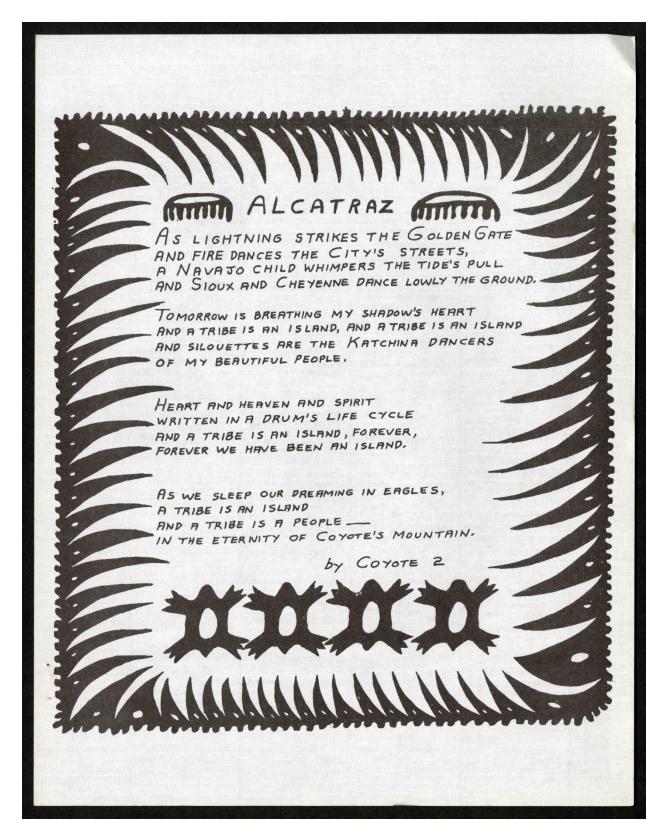
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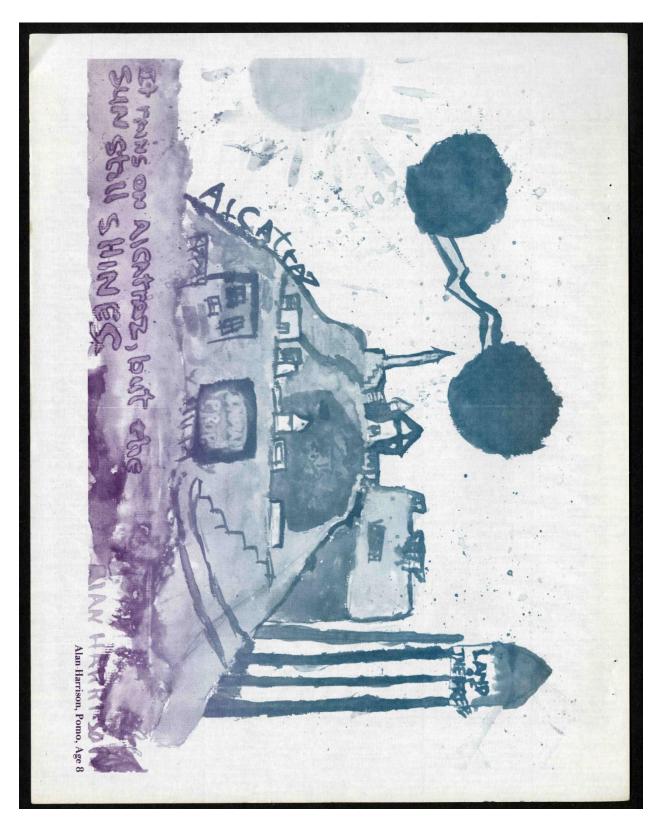
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January 23, 1970

Mr. Earl Livermore Coordinator of Indians of All Tribes, Inc. 4339 California Street San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your Council members for the wonderful hospitality extended to the U.A.W. representatives who visited your island on Saturday, January 17, 1970. U.A.W. Region 6 Director Paul Schrade at that time informed your people that the United Auto Workers Union would give you their full support for your plans to develop an Indian Cultural Center on Alcatraz Island.

Your letter dated January II, 1970, addressed to Mr. Robert Robertson, Executive Director, National Council on Indian Opportunity, clearly outlines the needs for the health and safety of Indians who occupy Alcatraz Island. A copy of this letter was presented to our Executive Board Members at a meeting held on January 21, 1970, for their examination. The Executive Board of Local No.1364, U.A.W. recommended that an appropriate amount of money be donated by this local to be used for the purchase of janitorial supplies and tools need by your people.

At the Executive Board Meeting on January 2I, 1970, a committee of five members were appointed by the Board as the official representatives from this local for "Project Alcatraz". Those appointed were: Robert Greathead, President; David Chambers, Vice President; John P. Herrera, Chairman Shop Committee; John Miracle, Insurance Representative and George DeShais, Member of Local No. 1364. This committee will keep in close contact with you in regard to the progress being made on Alcatraz Island.

We would also like your office to keep us informed on the up-to-date progress and new developments occurring on the island so that we may inform our membership at the regular monthly membership meetings. Any literature that you may send us concerning the Indians at Alcatraz would be greatly appreciated, as this will help us with our campaign. Materials such as bumper strips or buttons would also be very helpful if they are available.

Sincerely yours,

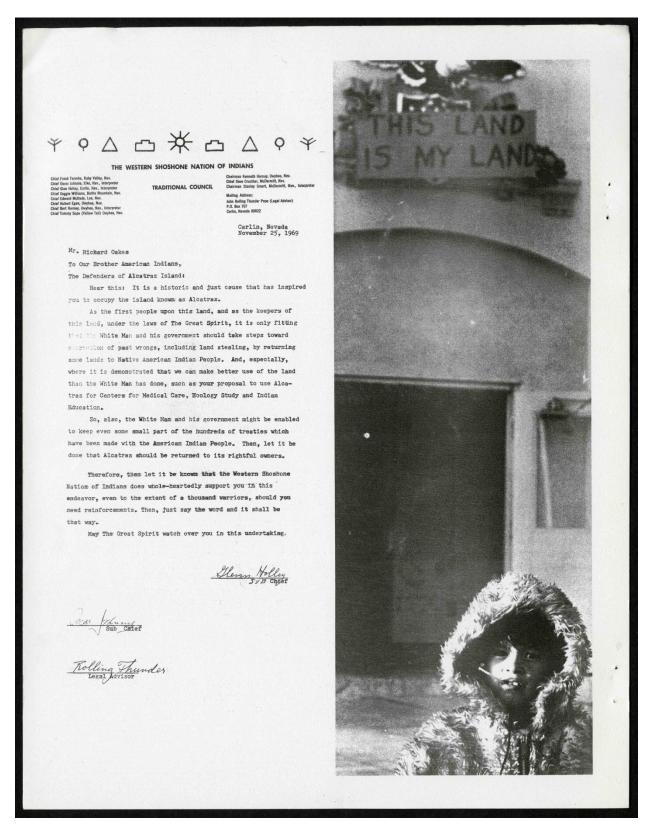
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Newsletter Plans

After the first two issues of this newsletter, we are hoping to be able to present a twice - monthly newsletter with photographs, illustrations, poems, and other works submitted by Indians from across our lands. Your response to the first two issues will tell us whether or not we can do so. We are asking, therefore, that you subscribe to this newsletter for a donation

All Indian artists are invited to send in any art or written works which may be used in our paper. Articles and reports on all subjects concerning our Indian people are needed. We want YOU to be the reporter! Indians Of All Tribes must be just that --- a means of communicating information and ideas between all of our people.

of \$3.00, for the year 1970, to cover the costs of production and mailing.

We also plan on announcing all pow-wows, meetings, elections, etc., which are brought to our attention, as well as letters to the editor, and a question and answer column.

Another part of our plan is already being carried on; the printing of special reports to be sent free to all of our subscribers. Our first such report deals with the first conference held here on Alcatraz. It is a summary of the round table discussions which drew so many participants. This special report will be sent to all supporters of our peaceful occupation, and extra copies are available for a donation of \$.50 per copy.

Please write and give us any other ideas you may have for our newsletter; or just write to let us know if this is the kind of newsletter you want.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations of money, canned foods, blankets, cots, and toilet articles are some of the most urgent needs at this time.

Office equipment of all types is needed. Office typewriters are urgently needed, as we have many projects being held back for lack of typewriters.

Professional tape recording equipment is needed. Our Radio Free Alcatraz, the education classes, the council, and other concerned persons wish for good recorders to enable us to begin recording in a more professional manner; meetings, lectures, classes, songs, dances, stories, etc., for a permanent tape library for our future use.

All medical supplies would be most welcome to the Alcatraz Clinic.

Arts and Crafts can use any and all materials it receives. Some things needed at the present are: Deer and other hides and skins, deer antlers, leather, sinew, feathers, lacing, glass beads, bells; tools for wood carving, leatherwork, linoleum, and all printing and painting materials of oils, casein, enamel, watercolors, brushes, etc.

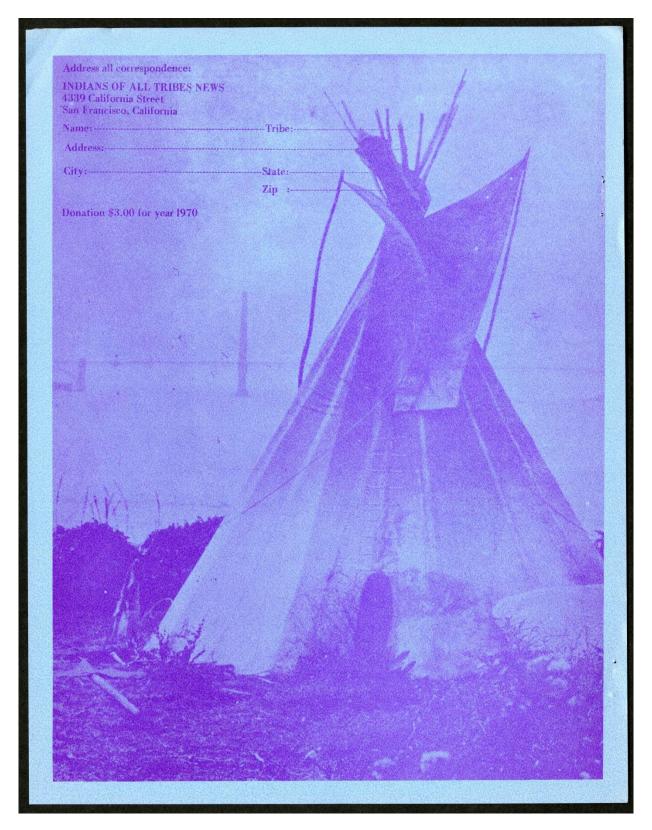
An offset printing press to enable us to print our own paper is needed. This would fit in with our plans to instruct our own people in various jobs so that all of our activities in the future could be handled by Indians.

We also wish a hand press to print works of art to present to the public. When we are able to handle these things ourselves, more funds would then be available for other projects.

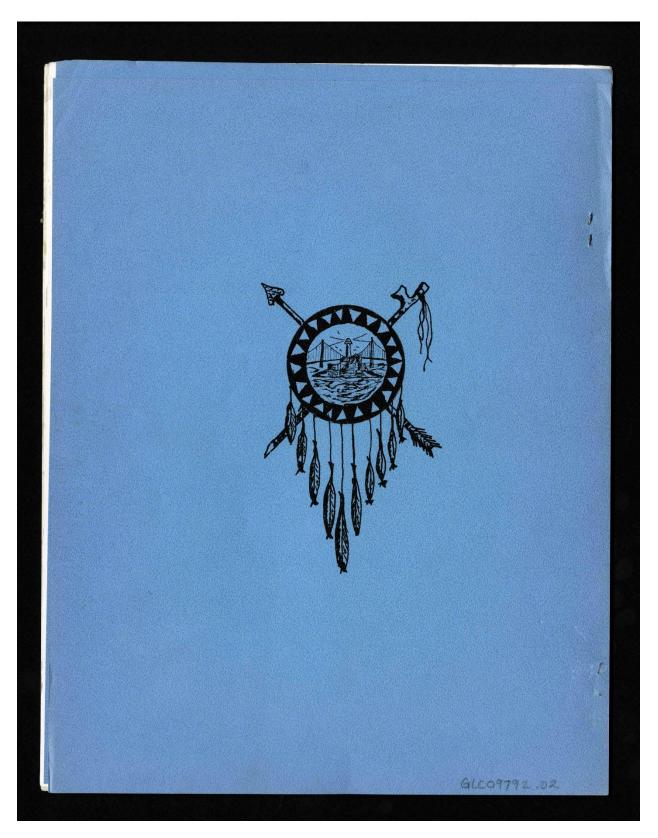
Please send all monetary donations in care of the Alcatraz Relief Fund, and indicate in which area you wish your monies spent if you have a preference.

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