

NEWS & NOTES

A traditional Memorial Prayer Ceremony will take place at 12 noon on September 17, to honor 121 Native people buried at the Hiawatha Insane Asylum Cemetery in Canton, South Dakota. The cemetery is located in the Hiawatha golf course. According to organizers of the Ceremony, the asylum was established by the federal government in 1902, and "acquired a 30-year history of misery for those Indian patients who suffered even more while at the Insane Asylum...A 150 page report stated that "patients were beaten, women were raped by male workers in the Asylum, bed sheets were blackened because of a lack of change," etc. One elderly woman from the Santee Sioux recalled: "I was in school then at Pipestone Indian School at Pipestone, Minnesota. That's where I heard of the insane asylum. When we students didn't behave in school, the teachers threatened to send us to Canton." Preceding the Ceremony, there will be a Run beginning on September 11 at Bear Butte, near Sturgis, South Dakota, and culminating at the cemetery site on the 17th.

According to the Late August issue of *News from Indian Country*, "6,000 Native, African-American, Latino and Asian journalists felt compelled to convene in Atlanta July 26-31 for the first joint convention of its kind. Under the banner of Unity '94, the delegates found their individual struggles to survive in a discipline dominated by Anglo-Saxon males were by no means unique. Almost without exception, they had encountered resistance, sometimes bordering on hostility, when they began to challenge the established order by their presence in the newsroom." There's a full-page report on this important event, as well as "A Brief History of the American Indian Movement," and the latest information on treaty rights struggles, etc. This newspaper appears twice each month; single issues are \$1, and subscriptions are \$28 per year. Write to Route 2, Box 2900-A, Hayward, WI 54843.

In South Dakota, Tim Giago publishes *Indian Country Today*; the August 24 issue recalls how 14 years ago, when he was starting the paper, store managers were often hostile, though it is now widely available in that territory. Giago is starting a "Southwest" edition, and is encountering some of the same attitudes there. This is a weekly paper, so rates are higher: \$48 per year outside South Dakota; write Box 2180, Rapid City, SD 57709.

The correspondence columns of both these Indian newspapers are lively and interesting. It's heartening to see this energy surviving and developing, after such an appalling history of genocide. The Atlanta meeting included a pilgrimage to New Echota, Georgia, "former capital of the Cherokee Nation, where a special ceremony was held to honor the birthplace of the first Native newspaper. Started in 1828, the *Cherokee Phoenix* presented national and local news in both English and Cherokee for six years before it was destroyed by the Georgia State Militia in 1834." When people thus remember and cherish such memories, I believe that their movement simultaneously has a more promising future.

Carlos Cumpián writes from Chicago to advise that we misspelled his name in #19; our apologies! Cumpián has MARCH, Inc. which "sponsors frequent cultural/literary events where Latino (Chicano, Puerto Rican, etc.) and/or Native North American poets, storytellers, musicians, or visual artists are central to the event's presentation." For information on these events and their publishing program, write Box 2890, Chicago, IL 60690. Cumpián's new book *Latino Rainbow* will be available in mid-September.

For the last five years, the Center for the Study of Political Graphics has gathered an archive of 15,000 items, and sponsored 35 exhibitions which have toured nationally. Two important United Farm Workers poster collections were recently donated, and will be part of a new exhibition on the graphic heritage of that union, opening at California State University, Northridge in February 1995. "The Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department," reports the Center, "has supported our exhibitions and projects annually since 1990." For more information, contact the Center at 8124 West Third Street, Suite 211, Los Angeles, CA 90048-4309.

The May-June issue of *NACLA: Report on the Americas* concentrates on "The Hazards of Growing up Poor in Latin America," with several articles on that theme, plus Phillip Berryman's "The Coming of Age of Evangelical Protestantism." Child prostitution is widespread in many countries of the region; "by age 18, a prostitute is a finished woman, eaten away by illnesses." There's also a short report of a new novel by Gabriel García Márquez, *Of Love and Other Demons*, "which recreates the dark world of the Spanish Inquisition as it comes to the Caribbean town of Macondo in the eighteenth century." This journal remains essential reading for all who wish to get in-depth reporting on current problems and hopes of Latin America. Write them at 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 454, New York, NY 10115.

Nigeria is aflame with strikes against the military dictatorship. Novelist Wole Soyinka has an impassioned condemnation in the *N.Y. Times* of August 22: "When General Abacha took over in November, I warned that he would prove more ruthless than any dictator we have endured in the nation till now. At the beginning, it appeared that I was being proved an alarmist. Now, of course, we are seeing what matter he is made of, and the worst, I regret to say, is yet to come."

The Niebyl-Proctor Marxist Library for Social Research, now eight years old, has recently added to its holdings by acquiring a collection of books on the Middle East, mostly by Israeli and Palestinian authors. Says donor Leon Lefson, "prior to learning of the existence of the Library, I probably would not have made the contribution that I did and my collection would probably have been dissipated or otherwise disposed of. It is a source, therefore, of great satisfaction to me that I was able, through this donation, to add to this excellent resource for present and future generations." For more information on the Library, write 1819 Tenth Street, Berkeley, CA 94710.