

THE LAND REPORT

The Land Institute, a non-profit educational-research organization devoted to a search for alternatives in agriculture, energy, shelter, and waste disposal, is opening enrollment for its fall session which runs from September 11 until December 21. There is space for seven to ten students to devote time to reading and discussion with work on projects which in the past have included adobe and tamped earth shelter construction, solar energy, wind energy, organic gardening, and studies on the native prairie pertaining to companion planting. College credit can be obtained through Marymount College in Salina. If you are interested, contact Wes Jackson at The Land Institute, Route 3, Salina, Kansas 67401 or call 823-8967.

chant, and stomp, and not cooperate in any way. I could tell it was getting to them, because as the day wore on, more and more armed police amassed in the office outside our cell.

At about 10:00 that morning we heard a huge rumble and roar in the men's cell and one of our leaders, who had been outside, was thrown into our cell and the door was slammed. Five minutes later, several officials stomped into our room under the pretext of identifying two permanent citizens. Of course, I was a permanent citizen, but the "permanent citizens" they wanted were the two women who had been very vocal and militant leaders of the group. The officials surrounded these two women and forced them out of the room.

Twenty-one hours after our arrest, the lawyers started calling us out for legal counsel one by one. The police brusquely escorted me to the lawyers, shouting that I could not go back in with my comrades. Of course I wanted to stay, I felt a close affinity to these people. Besides, it was important to have a "credible" witness to all the lies and

tricks going on. I knew it was useless though to try to stay, but at least I wanted to get my jacket and some ID's people had intrusted to me.

But I realized just how panicked these Immigrations people were. The chanting was unrelenting and deafening. The rooms were too small and too fragile for all 178 of us. The spirit of the students was unshakable, and their unity could not be easily broken. The INS could not handle us.

When the police escorted me to the door so I could gather my things, everyone was shouting "The People United Will Never Be Defeated" in a strong, touching display of unity. We had trouble communicating. The shouting was getting stronger, and the police thought my hand movements might be secret signals. So they dragged me off, threw me out the door and told me to find a phone to call our lawyers so they could get my possessions. In a couple of hours, the rest of the people would be freed on bonds.

Before I joined the demonstration I had a feeling that something like this might happen, knowing

the Chicago police, knowing SAVAK, and knowing hassles Iranian protestors have been subjected to before. This type of ruthless oppression of Iranian students in this country is becoming predictable and typical. As the situation becomes more critical in Iran, so does the situation here in the U.S. for the Iranian students.

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In southern New Mexico, the Mescalero Apaches have successfully fought to serve liquor at their new resort, the Mountain Inn of the Gods, without obtaining a state liquor license.

The Pueblos also are trying to ward off attempts by the state to tax non-Indian businesses on the reservation. They assert that the only legal taxes on Indian land are Indian taxes.

"Won't this bring about a secession of the Indian nations?" asked one legislator.

"In their view they have already seceded," replied I.M. Smalley, the sponsor of the bill.

Smalley believes that the state's non-Indian citizens have "for too long been bearing an undue burden of social service for the Indians." Indian leaders argue

panies to pollute tribal lands, and they are making legal claims to additional lands. Many white people are threatened by all this," says Redhouse.

Del Lavato, chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council, charges that the politicians are "politically motivated by economic interest and they promote it under the banner that it is essential to the social well-being of the citizens of this state.

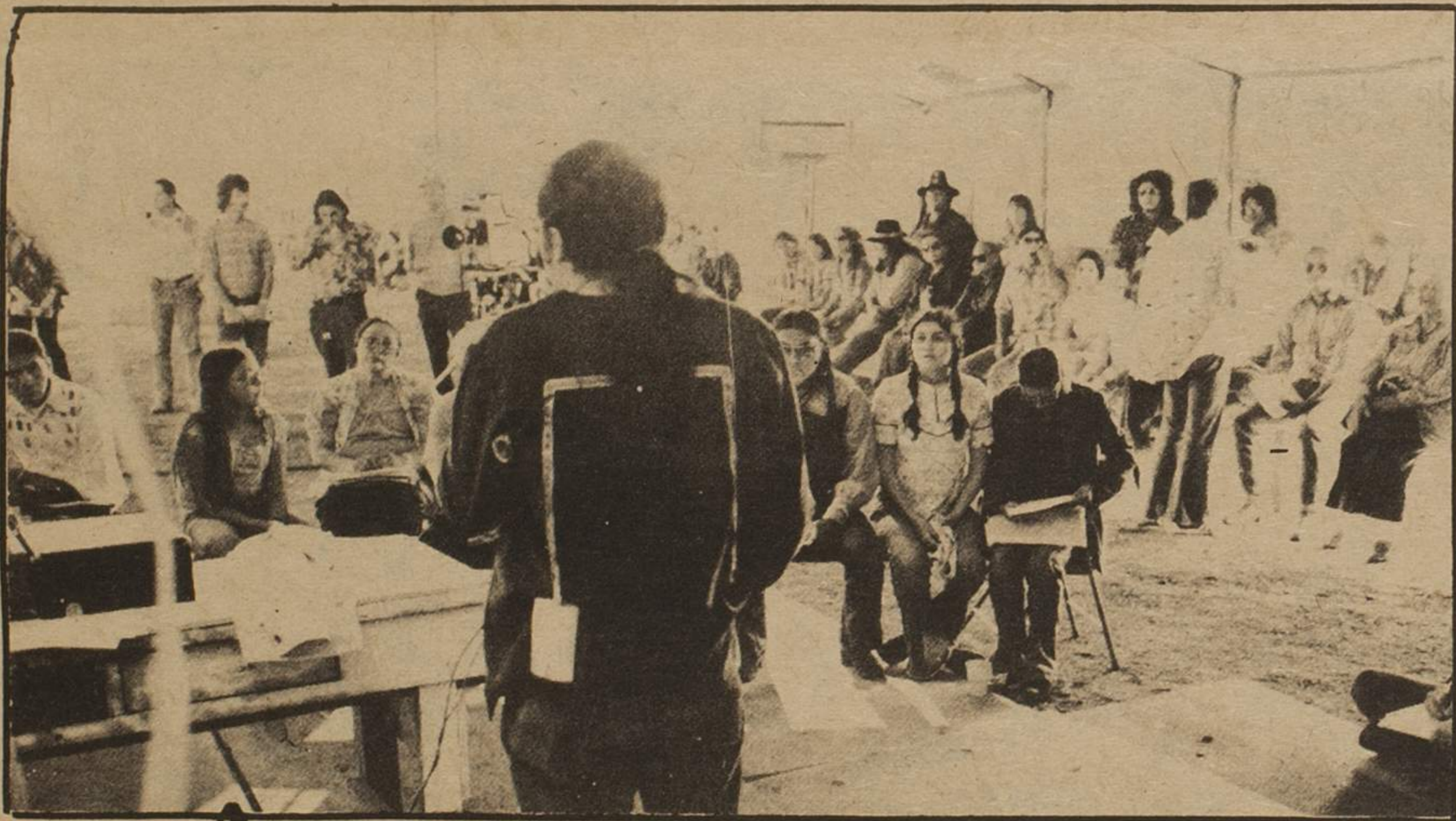
"Obviously the entity that controls the land will also control the development of the resources," he says. "By gaining control of Indian lands - control of hunting and fishing, recreation, the expansion of municipalities and utility easements - development will occur regardless of what the Indian thinks or what happens to the Indians.

"To the Pueblo people," adds Lovato, "tribal sovereignty means the right to self-government with all inherent powers and responsibilities. It means the right of a tribe to govern its people and its lands and resources free of external interference."

Wendell Chino, president of the Mescalero Apaches and one of the most vocal of the tribal sovereignty advocates, says the moves against the Indian nations are an old story. "It's been tried before, many times," he contends.

"It's the white backlash movement to deprive Indian people of our constitutional rights and our lands and resources. But as long as we are here," vows Chino, "tribal sovereignty will continue, for without it we would no longer be Indians."

Photos by Bannon, Indian Treaty Council, St. Paul, Minnesota..



A seminar at a meeting of over 1,000 Native Americans, discussing action to battle "backlash legislation" and destruction of their homes by energy corporations' strip mining and pollution.

The Pueblos, which dot either side of the Rio Grande from Taos to Albuquerque, are also embroiled in several court suits to retain their traditional water rights.

The backlash by state legislators has already taken some drastic turns. A bill introduced in the New Mexico legislature would deny Indians the right to vote - along with the state's other disenfranchised: idiots, the insane and convicted criminals - unless they submitted to the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the state.

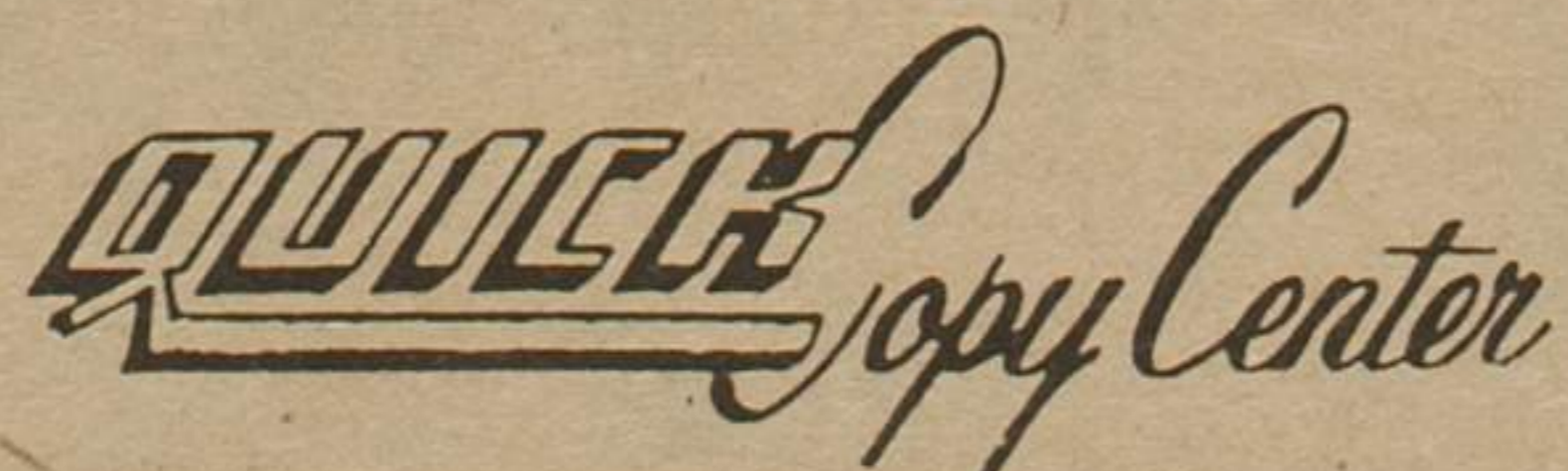
that the state of New Mexico gets more than its even share of federal dollars and that the Indians give more than their fair share back to the state by way of tourist and mining income.

The advocates of tribal sovereignty view the legislative backlash as a disguised political response to economic interests.

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