

UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIAN CHIEFS

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NEWSLETTER

MARCH, 1978

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with enthusiasm that I look forward to our Annual General Assembly. The co-operation we have received from Indian People all over B.C. this year, has been exceptional. It seems to me the time is right for Indian People in B.C. to work together and develop together.

We are now in the final stages of preparing for our Annual General Assembly. We will present reports from the past year to you and seek your direction for the coming year.

As your President, it has been my policy to direct all our members to work this year towards developing concrete policies that we may all adopt and live by in the future. Most of the people working for the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs have spent the past year consulting with you in this policy development.

The Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs does not represent any policy or plan on how to implement that Policy. This year under the Executive Portfolios, we have been exploring what powers Band government might want under their jurisdiction. Each Portfolio Representative will present a policy and program for implementation to the General Assembly. We define this process of policy development as identifying the powers band governments must have, and how to get them. We are talking about Indian Control.

We have many important battles to win, if we are to become self-governing. This newsletter is full of reports of them. There is so much to be done and it will take the tireless efforts of all of us to implement Indian Control.

The General Assembly will be the time that we come together from all over the province to take a serious, thoughtful look at the direction we will take in the coming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to come to the 10th Annual General Assembly of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs in Penticton, April 18 to 21.

Yours in brotherhood,

George Manuel,
President

CHIEFS CALL FOR INQUIRY

ALASKA HIGHWAY PIPELINE SOURCE OF CONCERN

During the month of March, Chiefs from the northeast and southeast, as well as U.B.C.I.C. resource people, travelled to Ottawa to put forward our concerns about the Alaska Highway Pipeline to government.

The Federal Government is currently examining legislation which would ensure speedy and efficient construction of the mammoth pipeline. Bill C-25, as the legislation is called, does not take into consideration our rights to the land nor does it provide adequate safeguards for the Indian way of life.

We have called for an independent judicial inquiry into the social and economic effects of the pipeline since September, 1977 but we have been refused by the government.

On March 6, a 16 member U.B.C.I.C. delegation including Chiefs from the northeast and southeast went to Ottawa to speak before the House of Commons: "Special Committee on a Northern Gas Pipeline". The Chiefs expressed grave concerns and fears about the protection of their land because past experience with development in their areas had brought terrible damage and destruction to the land — their means of livelihood.

The Chiefs told the House of Commons Committee that major social and economic problems could be expected by the building of the pipeline.

Chief Joe Apssasin of the Blueberry Band, told the Committee, "there will be a lot of people in Fort St. John, It will be overpopulated soon. . Because of this overpopulation the women will be the ones who are going to be affected. They will be having children and the pipeliners will take our women away. The pipeline that will be running through our reserve will have bad effects on us in every capacity, not only the community way, but also the trapping way of life."

Wilfred Jacobs, Chief of the Lower Kootenay Band told the Committee, "The pipeline will in no way benefit my people either by gaining or receiving any of the gas and there will be no benefits to future generations of my people."

The Chiefs made a powerful presentation to the House of Commons Committee. Many of the government members could not accept what we had to say. The idea that we, as Indian people have aboriginal rights to the land through which the pipeline is going, and the idea that we live off the land is very hard for government people to understand.

John Dokkie Sr., Chief of the West Moberley Band said: the land through which you plan to build the pipeline gives us our life. The land gives us vegetables that we grow, the berries that we preserve, the water that we drink, It builds our houses,

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Compliments of The Energy File

CHIEFS CALL FOR INQUIRY Cont'd.

cooks our food. I was taught to save this land and I respect it for that reason . . . How do you intend to compensate us for the loss of our culture?"

We did not convince the government to squash Bill C-25 nor did we convince them to set up an inquiry. Soon after we appeared, the Bill went through its second reading in the House. It was then shunted to a Senate Sub-Committee for further debate.

On March 21, an eight member U.B.C.I.C. delegation appeared before the Senate sub-committee, we told the government again that we opposed their pipeline legislation because:

1. the terms and conditions of the Bill are being written without real knowledge of the local situations and local people. We said that no consultation has occurred with Indian people.
2. Land claims and aboriginal rights are still outstanding in B.C. we asked: How can the government grant a right-of-way for pipeline construction on land they have no rights to?

We urged the Senate to advise Parliament to call an independent judicial inquiry into the social and economic effects of the pipeline.

TRAPLINE DESTROYED – TRAPPER SUES . . .

The construction of a short pipeline in the north-east has destroyed one man's traplines. Angus Davis of the Blueberry Reserve has had his traps dug up and his traplines destroyed, so that a work camp could be built to service the construction of the Silver Dohl pipeline.

But Angus Davis is fighting back, Angus Davis has sued Westcoast transmission Ltd. and its sub-contractor, Majestic Wiley Contractors Ltd. "for damages to traplines and loss of trapping income and for injurious affect to lands and rights possessed by him." Louise Mandel, Lawyer for Mr. Davis is arguing the case on the basis of "unlawful conspiracy" and "trespassing". This means that the companies agreed to start construction before they had a right to do so, and that because they had no rights to go on Angus Davis' land, they were trespassing.

Angus Davis and the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs have also sued the National Energy Board. The NEB has the power under law to allow construction to start.

The N.E.B. did not issue a certificate until after construction of the pipeline began and until Angus Davis' traplines were destroyed.

Our Lawyer is arguing that the National Energy Board "breached a statutory duty" which it owed to the public to make sure that the construction of the Silver Dohl pipeline did not start before the certificate was issued.

We will let you know when Angus Davis goes to court so that you can come and support him.



Construction on the Silver Dohl Pipeline.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Youth Development Portfolio wishes to inform young people that it is our intention to play an active role during our Chiefs 10th Annual Assembly in Penticton. We have scheduled workshops throughout the conference to provide a forum where young people can meet. The forum is designed to answer your questions. We will be able to put you in direct contact with the many resource people that will be attending the Assembly.

We will also be providing a report of our research and planning activities to date.

If you have any ideas how these forums should be organized please feel free to contact Michelle Stiff at our Chiefs organizational office.

We look forward to your attendance as your input will help us develop appropriate policies concerning Youth Development.

Essays, poems, pictures. Send them in to the NEWSLETTER.

The following is a song by Michelle Stiff who wrote it to emphasize her feelings regarding the Oil Port that was proposed for Kitimat.

Welcome to my valley
See the mountains and the trees
That strike a chord of desperation
Deep inside of me.

The ocean is a lady
She'll drag your soul to sea
And the Mountains are my mother
She'll embrace both you and me.

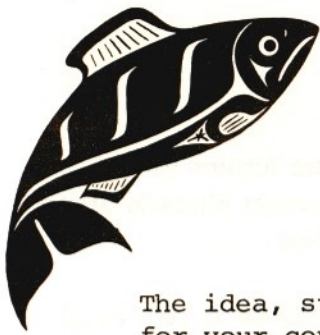
Welcome to my valley
It's lovely can't you see
If you close your eyes to smoke and cinder
Pretend you just don't see.

That they've taken most of our mountains
And now they want the sea
But beyond the elusive dollar sign
This is home to you and me.

Welcome to my valley
Don't turn and run away
It really once was lovely
There really was a day.

When the Mountains were my mother
And the ocean still was free
But now the elusive dollar sign
has weakened you and me.

Welcome to my valley.



B.C. INDIAN COUNCIL OF FISHING: A PROPOSAL

The idea, structure and terms of reference for this council are recommended for your consideration and criticism.

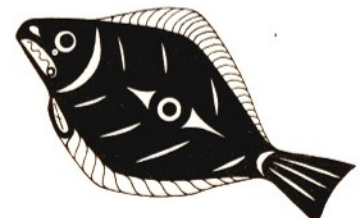
The concept of the B.C. Indian Council on Fishing is based on the following needs:

1. The need for provincial overview on planning.
2. The need for provincial appeal system for the tribal groups.
3. The need for provincial food fish policies.
4. The need for a council structure to assume the role of a tribal fishing committee for those areas which want such representation but do not have their own fishing committees.
5. The need for provincial communications and forum to exchange ideas for the strengthening and betterment of the tribal groups.

The B.C. Indian Council on Fishing would meet these needs by providing a structure and process for effective communications and co-operative planning between fish committees, tribal committees on fishing, and other relevant organizations. A provincial Council would provide a representative body to communicate with Federal Fisheries and to participate in developing constructive policies for fish reproduction and fisheries management.

Recommendations

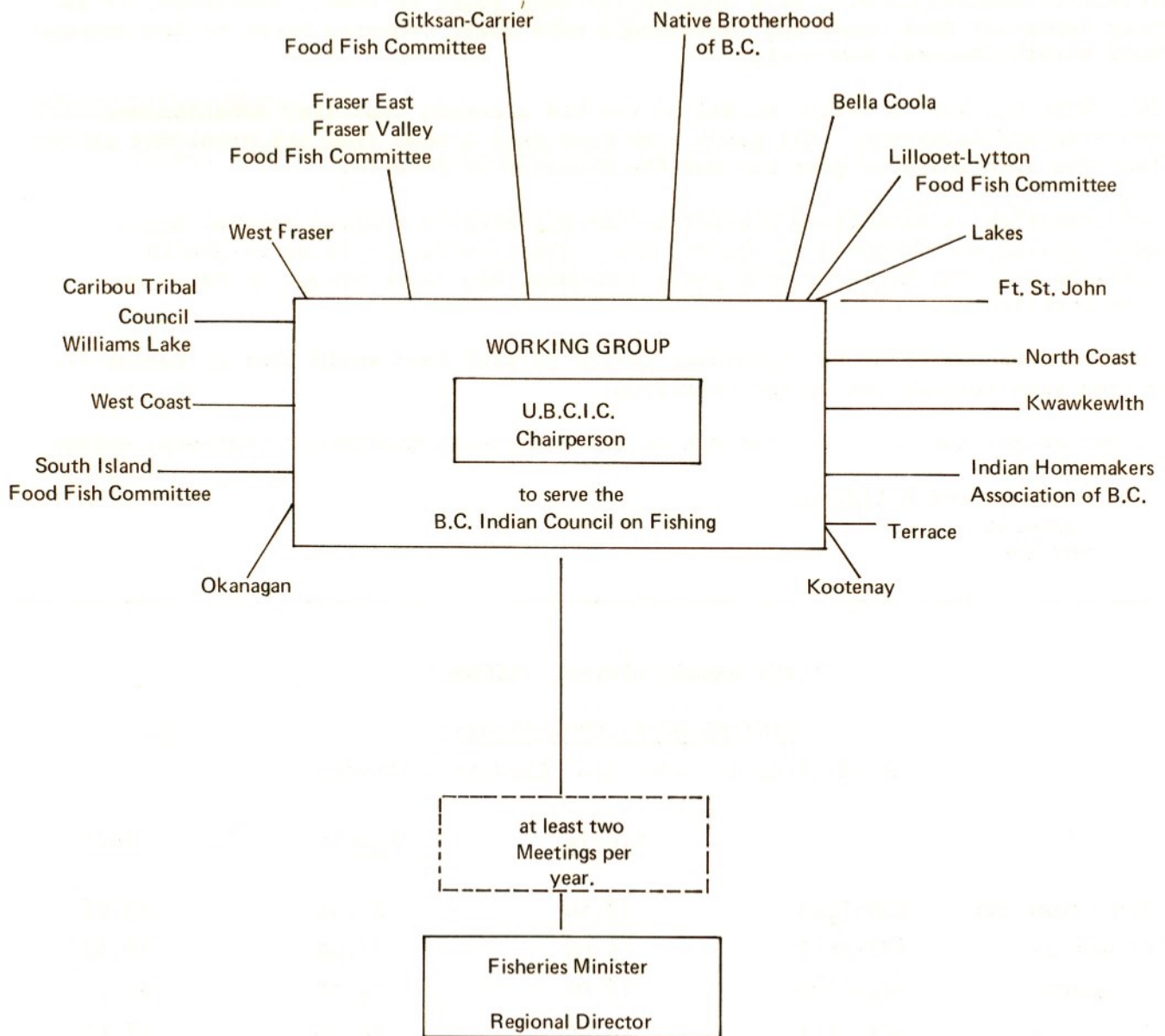
1. That each major tribal group in British Columbia establish a fishing committee to represent that group on all matters relating to fishing.
2. That this mechanism be used whenever there is any need to communicate or consult with Indian people on fishing.
3. That all matters relating to the "Salmonid Enhancement Program" be channelled through these committees in respect to each committee's area.
4. That recruitment for any particular area be handled in conjunction with that area's fishing committee, serving under the authorization of the tribal or district council.
5. That these fishing committees be charged with the responsibility of establishing their own regulations on Indian food fishing in regard to food fishing sites, food fishing boundaries, food fish licences, food fish needs and food fish time limits.
6. That these tribal fishing committees establish enforcement regulations and employ enforcement officers as they may relate to tribal law.



UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS

B.C. Indian Council on Fishing

(Formerly the U.B.C.I.C. Food Fish Committee)



Draft proposal for organization.
17 March 78

FORESTRY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

This committee was formed in February by representatives of several bands involved in forestry-related enterprises. The objectives of the committee is to ensure that the New Forestry Act being prepared will provide for greater Indian participation in the industry.

The next session of the Provincial Legislature will begin on March 30. The New Act will be introduced during this session. This Act will determine how the forestry industry in B.C. will operate for many years to come. Therefore, it is very important that bands and individuals make their concerns known to the government within the next few weeks.

The UBCIC has sent a letter to all of the MLA's asking that they consider our concerns and interests. All bands have been sent a memo from the President asking that you also write to your MLA and the Minister of Forests.

The Committee is finalizing a brief to the Ministers detailing several areas which should be addressed in the New Act. The Committee will be arranging meetings with the Minister, the party caucuses, and other groups to carry on this lobbying effort.

Contact John Warren at the Vancouver office if your band would like to become involved with the efforts of the Committee.

If you would like to write your MLA or Tom Waterland, Minister of Forests, write:

c/o Legislative Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.
V8V 1X4.

TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LISTING OF ACCOMMODATIONS

Located close to Peach Bowl Convention Centre

		<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Twin</u>
Penticton Inn	493-0333	18.50	21.00	23.00
Riverside	492-2615	15.00	17.00	18.00
El Rancho	492-5736	18.00	20.00	24.00
Shoreline	492-7113	18.00	24.00	26.00
Lakeshore	492-4070	21.00	23.00	23.00
Pilgrim House	492-8926	20.00	24.00	24.00
Rochester	493-1128	18.00	22.00	20.00
Travelodge	492-0225	20.00	22.00	26.00
Stardust	492-7015	18.00	20.00	23.00

* All other accommodations in Penticton are similar in price with an average starting price for singles @ \$16 - 18.00.

UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

APRIL 18-21, 1978, PENTICTON, B.C.

REVISED PROPOSED AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

9:00-10:00 p.m.

-Registration, Penticton Peach Bowl Convention
Centre, Foyer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

9:00 a.m.

-Conference called to order
-Assembly Welcome-Chief Morris Kruger
-Opening Prayer & Minute Silence in Memory
of Indian Leaders-Larry Pierre Sr.
-Adopt Chairman & Co-Chairman
-Adopt Agenda
-Confirmation of Committees
-Presidents' Address-George Manuel

-Introductory Remarks - Steven Point
-Fisheries Paper - Steven Point

12:00-1:00 p.m.

L U N C H

-Joe De La Cruz Panel
-Questions to Panel
-Resource Exploitation - Louise Mandell
-Extra Ordinary Resolutions - Don Moses

5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

REVISED PROPOSED AGENDA

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THURSDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 a.m.

- Chairman opens meeting
- Opening Prayer
- Presidents' Report, George Manuel
- President of National Indian Brotherhood,
Noel Starblanket
- Vice-President of Federation of
Saskatchewan Indians, Sol Sanderson
- Indian Government, Land Claims Position
Paper, Robert Manuel

12:00-1:00 p.m.

L U N C H

- Education Paper, Master Tutition Agreement
Philip Paul
- Socio-Economic Development Paper, Forestry
Agriculture, Taxation, Don Moses
- Director General, B.C. Regional Office,
F.J. Walchli
- Federal/Provincial Affairs, Concept of
Secretariat, Ray Jones

5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

REVISED PROPOSED AGENDA

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FRIDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 a.m.

-Chairman opens meeting

-Opening Prayer

-Election, Vice-President for Northern
Region

-Youth/Sports & Recreation Proposal,
Robert Manuel

-Extra Ordinary Resolution

12:00-1:00 p.m.

L U N C H

-General Resolution, Gordon Antoine

-Other Business

-Conference Evaluation, Bill Mussell

5:00 p.m.

-ADJOURNMENT

03/31/78

(March 23rd, 1978)

UNION OF B. C. INDIAN CHIEFS

10th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PENTICTON, B.C.

W O R K S H O P S C H E D U L E

APRIL 18th, 1978:

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| ALL DAY. | - EDUCATION - MASTER TUITION AGREEMENT
(West Side of the Veteran Room) |
| ALL DAY to 10 p.m. | - FISHING
(West Side of the Valiant Room) |
| A.M. ONLY | - SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
(pear and Cherry Room) |
| P.M. ONLY | - INDIAN GOVERNMENT
(Pear and Cherry Room) |
| ALL DAY | - RESOURCE EXPLOITATION
(Apple and Plum Room) |
| A.M. ONLY | - INDIAN WOMEN/STATUS OF INDIAN WOMEN
(East Side of the Veteran Room) |
| 6-10 p.m. | - ARTS AND CRAFTS SET-UP |
| 7:00 p.m. | - CHIEFS COUNCIL MEETING
(Storage Room) |
| 7:00 p.m. | - FILMS
(Cherry Room) |
| 8:00 p.m. | - BONE/CARD GAME
(Vedette Room) |

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APRIL 19th, 1978:

- 6 - 10 p.m. - ARTS AND CRAFTS
(Veteran Room)
- 7:00 p.m. - EDUCATION - BAND TRAINING
(Storage Room)
- 7:00 p.m. - YOUTH DEVELOPMENT/NATIVE SPORTS &
RECREATION
(East Side of the Valiant Room)
- 7:00 p.m. - INDIAN GOVERNMENT (and Position Paper)
(Plum and Apple Room)
- 7:00 p.m. - FILMS
(Cherry and Pear Room)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. - R.C.M.P. INDIAN SPECIAL CONSTABLE PROGRA
(West Side of the Valiant Room)
- 8:00 p.m. - INDIAN DANCING
(Stage)
- 10:00 p.m. - BONE/CARD GAMES
(Vedette Room)

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APRIL 20th, 1978:

- 9-10 a.m. - YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
(Plum and Apple Room)
- 12-5 p.m. - FILMS
(Cherry and Pear Room)
- 3 - 5 p.m. - YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
(Plum and Apple Room)
- 6 - 10 p.m. - ARTS AND CRAFTS
(Veteran Room)
- 7 - 9 p.m. - NATIONAL INDIAN BROTHERHOOD
(Plum and Apple Room)
- 8:00 p.m. - TALENT SHOW
(Stage)
- 7:00 p.m. - COMMUNICATIONS
(East Side of the Valiant Room)
- 7:00 p.m. - SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
(West Side of the Valiant Room)
- 7:00 p.m. - EDUCATION - CULTURAL EDUCATION
(Storage Room)
- 7:00 p.m. - CUT-OFF LANDS
(Cherry and Pear Room)
- 10:00 p.m. - BONE/CARD GAMES
(Vedette Room)

APRIL 21st, 1978:

- 2 - 3 p.m. - YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
(Plum and Apple Room)
- 6 - 8 p.m. - BANQUET
(Vedette Room): - Contests - Logo
- Essay
- Presentations:
- Elders
- Penticton
Band.
- Speaker
- 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. - DANCE - Whyte Feather Band.
(Vedette Room)

ALASKA HIGHWAY PIPELINE: WILL THERE BE JOBS FOR INDIANS?

The UBCIC co-ordinated a workshop in Fort St. John, March 6 and 7, to try and get a clear picture of our pipeline job possibilities. People came up from the south east, where the pipeline will also pass. Representatives from government, labour and Westcoast came for the second morning.

THE ALASKA EXPERIENCE: We had also invited people who had studied what had happened on Alyeska pipeline in Alaska. Their message was that if we were to benefit in any way, the people who want jobs should be able to get them or get the training to get them: we should get agreements in writing now.

TRAINING: Manpower's answer is for Indian people to register with their local office - and wait for the computer service to be installed to work out who needs what training. The Unions answer is for Indian people to send in their names and address to the Union so information can be sent once plans have been made for training.

JOB GUARANTEES: Nobody is making any promises about job guarantees. Westcoast say they can't - it is the contractors who do the hiring. (They do control 3% of the jobs though).

The contractors hire through the Unions - and the Unions can't make promises either because they have a very high unemployment rate, and they have to find work for their members first. Unless we have documents, written agreements, guaranteeing training and jobs, we have nothing.

LOCAL CONTRACTING: Unless local sub-contractors hire Union labour and follow labour codes, they will not even be considered. No one has made any agreement to hire local sub-contractors first, before outsiders. HOWEVER, INDIAN PEOPLE IN THE NORTHEAST HAVE NOT DECIDED WHETHER THEY WANT JOBS ON A PIPELINE THAT THEY KNOW THEY DO NOT WANT.

It seemed that the companies, government and unions were not interested in our reactions to the pipeline.

TRAPLINES AND COMPENSATION: The companies have gone to no effort to find out what trapline will be affected. They admit that the pipeline will not be re-routed to avoid someone's trapline. The trapper whose line get damaged has to go and find the person at Westcoast who is responsible for damages, and then sit down and negotiate some kind of compensation, once the damage has already been done. No effort is being made to avoid the damage in the first place.

GAME: IT IS NOT ONLY THE TRAPLINE THAT WILL BE AFFECTED. People who work on pipelines told how the game is scared away for a number of years. A young woman who had lived in Alaska told us how communities went hungry - there was no game and the prices of store food went sky-high.

THE SOCIAL EFFECTS: The social effects of the Alyeska pipeline were generally very bad for the Indian communities near the line, near the workcamps. The prices for everything went up at the same time as the wages. People who were there during construction told us of the families that split up, alcoholism, violence, child neglect, racism. All this increased. And no one was responsible for these indirect effects of the pipeline. How can you compensate for this kind of damage?

A one-hour videotape and a written report is being made of this workshop and these are available to any Band or person who is interested.

Pacific National Exhibition 1978

NATIVE DANCERS

WANTED

**NATIVE INDIAN PERFORMERS
TO PUT ON SHOWS AT THIS YEAR'S
PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION
IN VANCOUVER, B.C.**

Contact:

JASON NAHANE
of the North West Indian Cultural Society
329 West 5th Street, North Vancouver, B.C.
Or Phone: 987-5511

THE LILLIAN BROWN CASE

Mrs. Lillian Brown, a Haida Elder from the Skidegate Band is suing the Provincial Government and B.C. Hydro for the return of the 7% Social Service Tax which she has had to pay on her monthly Hydro bill. Mrs. Brown has commenced a class action on behalf of all on-reserve Indians in B.C.

Her position in this action is that she is exempt from paying this provincial tax by virtue of the Section 87 of the Indian Act, which states that regardless of any other federal or provincial law, the interest of an Indian or Band on reserve or surrendered land, cannot be taxed and the personal property (wages, clothes, cars, etc.) of an Indian or band is not subject to tax if it is on a reserve.

MRS. LILLIAN BROWN:

WANTS THE COURT TO DECLARE THAT THERE'S NO LAWFUL AUTHORITY FOR THE COLLECTION OF SALES TAX FOR THE SUPPLY OF GAS AND/OR ELECTRICITY TO INDIANS ON RESERVE LAND.

WANTS A REFUND TO ALL INDIANS ON RESERVE ON ALL TAXES PAID IN THE PAST, TO DATE, AND WITH INTEREST.

WANTS A SPECIAL ACCOUNTANT APPOINTED UNDER THE ARBITRATION ACT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL INDIAN TAXES PAID TO HYDRO ARE ACCOUNTED FOR AND REFUNDED.

WANTS B.C. HYDRO STOPPED FROM TAKING, COLLECTING, KEEPING OR DEMANDING TAX UNDER THE PROVINCIAL SOCIAL SERVICES TAX ACT.

Mrs. Brown's case will be heard April 10 and 11, in the Supreme Court of B.C., 800 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B. C.

At the Socio-Economic Conference held in Vancouver March 1 - 3, a resolution was passed in support of Lillian Brown.

Our President, George Manuel, urged all Indians living on Reserves to stop paying the tax on Hydro bills. As you can see, the B.C. Hydro memo on the opposite page was circulated to B.C. Hydro Management last year. Managers were told not to disconnect the hydro service to any Indian who refused to pay the tax.

In order to show our support, we can do two things:

1. Those of us living on reserve can stop paying the tax portion of our hydro bills. There is no reason to fear that B.C. Hydro will disconnect your power, and there is a good chance Lillian Brown will win.
2. We should pack the courthouse at 800 West Georgia on April 10 & 11. Our Chiefs of bands within easy travelling distance to downtown Vancouver should especially provide for this kind of support. Our off-reserve people in Vancouver should also be called on for support.

SUPPORT LILLIAN BROWN

APRIL 10th & 11th

**The Courthouse
800 West Georgia Street,
Vancouver, B.C.**

28 April 1977

MEMO TO: Power District Managers
FROM: H.E. Daniel
Customers' Accounts Manager

A class action has been initiated against B.C. Hydro concerning sales tax on electricity and gas supplied by B.C. Hydro to native Indians living on reserves. Among other things, this action claims that there is no lawful authority allowing for the collection of sales tax from the plaintiffs.

By this memo I am asking the cooperation of you and your staff in ensuring that no disconnection action in respect to non-payment of the tax portion of the bill be either contemplated or discussed in situations where the customer provides reasonable evidence of being a native Indian residing upon a reserve. Will you please also caution your staff that they should not initiate any discussion with customers on this overall subject.

Let me stress the point that we simply do not and would not in any way threaten a discontinuance of supply to customers for S.S. Tax related reasons where they claim exemption under Section 87 of the Indian Act. This is consistent with the approach we have always taken with respect to accounts in dispute. Discontinuance of service would not take place where payment of accounts is in contention, or where Hydro's policy or the law is being challenged in the courts.

Will Power District Managers please initial the attached copy of this memo and return it to Mr. G.E. Cherry, Head Office 8, for the record.

H.E. Daniel

HED:mmm

- cc: Regional Divisional Managers
- Managers of Power Districts
- W.A. Best
- G.E. Cherry
- W.B. Gale
- W.A. Lowe
- J.A. MacCarthy
- W.H. McQueen
- W.D. Mitchell
- G.A. Woodbury

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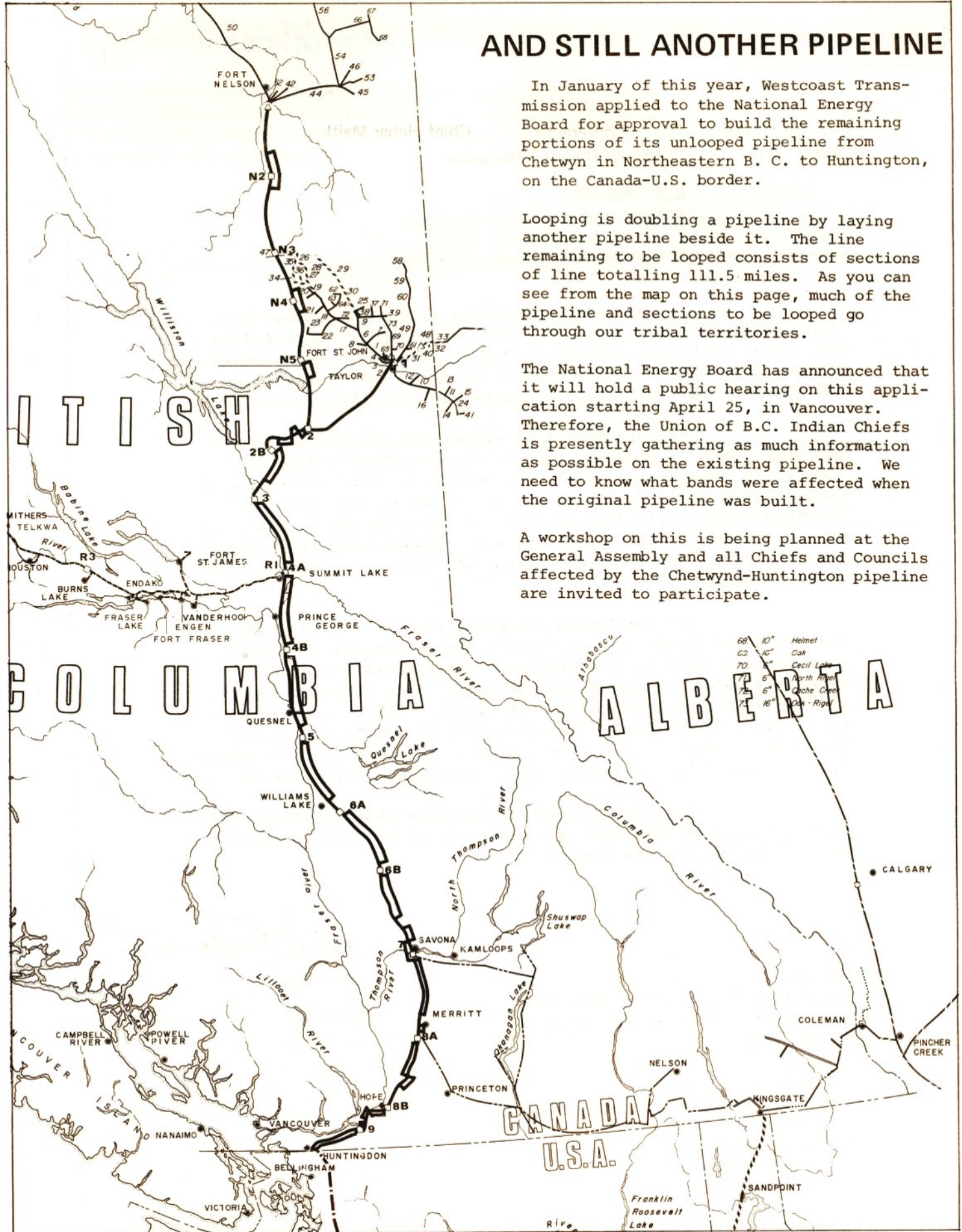
AND STILL ANOTHER PIPELINE

In January of this year, Westcoast Transmission applied to the National Energy Board for approval to build the remaining portions of its unlooped pipeline from Chetwyn in Northeastern B. C. to Huntington, on the Canada-U.S. border.

Looping is doubling a pipeline by laying another pipeline beside it. The line remaining to be looped consists of sections of line totalling 111.5 miles. As you can see from the map on this page, much of the pipeline and sections to be looped go through our tribal territories.

The National Energy Board has announced that it will hold a public hearing on this application starting April 25, in Vancouver. Therefore, the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs is presently gathering as much information as possible on the existing pipeline. We need to know what bands were affected when the original pipeline was built.

A workshop on this is being planned at the General Assembly and all Chiefs and Councils affected by the Chetwynd-Huntington pipeline are invited to participate.



UBCIC HOSTS

A SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Over 150 delegates from across B.C. attended the UBCIC Socio-Economic Development Conference held in Vancouver, March 1 – 3.

The conference was organized to give delegates the opportunity to discuss several important issues related to reserve development. A series of workshops were held covering such topics as sources of funding for development, community planning, activity in the main sectors of the B.C. economy, and developments at the national level.

Noel Starblanket, President of the National Indian Brotherhood, addressed the delegates on the first day. Starblanket stressed the need for decentralization and Indian-control of the \$600 million budget of the Indian and Eskimo Affairs program of D.I.A. He reaffirmed his position that economic development must be one of the highest priorities for the use of these funds.

George Manuel addressed this theme as well as in his welcoming speech to the conference. He said that it made him sick to see only \$1 million available for economic development loans while the yearly welfare budget of D.I.A. in B.C. is over \$11 million.

Both leaders stressed the need for a strong and unified system of Indian Government across the country. Only through Indian control will the severe problems on our reserves be solved.

The Minister of Indian Affairs, Hugh Faulkner, attended the second day of the conference. He announced the appointment of Jack Beaver as special Advisor to the D.I.A. and the National Indian Brotherhood on economic development issues. (Beaver, an Ojibway from Ontario, recently retired as president of Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corp., a major electric power company in eastern Canada). Faulkner told the delegates that there was very little chance that there would be a substantial increase in the D.I.A. budget to meet the needs of economic development, and he did not present any new ideas or changes to existing policy in his speech.

In the question period following the address, Chief Heber Maitland of Kitimat said that the Minister was simply "re-arranging the furniture in a broken down house".

Sol Sanderson, of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians gave an excellent speech on Indian Government at the Conference Banquet held on March 2. Sanderson reviewed all of the fields which should fall within the domain of a viable system of Indian Government. The delegates were extremely impressed by the comprehensiveness of the address. A copy of the speech will be sent to all bands.

A series of resolutions were passed on the last day of the conference.

The resolutions called for:

1. the UBCIC to conduct a series of workshops to give bands an opportunity to discuss a regional development strategy.
2. The D.I.A. to provide additional funding for loan and contribution funding to development projects and adequate funding for community planning.
3. all Indian organizations in B.C. to co-ordinate and support the efforts to acquire additional funding for sectoral program delivery in the areas of fishing, agriculture, and arts and crafts.
4. action in the area of food fishing.
5. support of Lillian Brown's court case opposing the imposition of social service tax on reserves.

A package of information summarizing the proceedings of the conference will be sent to all delegates. Any bands who were not represented at the conference but who would like the reference material should contact the UBCIC office.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT

During the month of March, the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs has sponsored a series of workshops on Indian Government. The purpose of the workshops is to find out your ideas about Indian Government and the areas you would like to see under the jurisdiction of Indian Government. Our President, George Manuel and the local Vice-President in each area visited, have given their views on Indian Government as well as representatives from the Socio-Economic, Education and Fisheries Portfolios who have directed the workshops toward examining each area in the context of Indian Government.

So far, workshops have been held in Kamloops, Terrace, and Prince George. The workshops have given both participants and organizer's, insights into areas that must be considered in developing the concept of Indian Government

Future Workshops are planned in:

Duncan - April 1 and 2 at The Village Green

Campbell River - April 9 and 10 (place to be announced).

We urge residents of these areas to come and participate. If you have any questions concerning the workshops or Indian Government generally, contact our Chief's Office in Vancouver.

ESSAY CONTEST

The Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs Youth Development Portfolio is sponsoring an essay contest for B.C.'s Indian Youth.

The Contest is directed towards young people under the age of 19 who are interested in writing essays on Native issues.

The contest will be broken down into two (2) group categories and each group will be judged separately.

The groups and prizes will be as follows:

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>FIRST PRIZE</u>	<u>SECOND PRIZE</u>	<u>THIRD PRIZE</u>
Elementary School	\$775.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
Jr. & Sr. High School	\$100.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00

FIRST PRIZE ALSO INCLUDES AN ALL EXPENSE PAID TRIP TO THE CHIEFS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH IS BEING HELD IN PENTICTON, APRIL 18th - 21st, 1978.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO ENTER, SEND YOUR ENTRY IN TODAY!

REGISTRATION FORM

**10TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMATEUR TALENT NIGHT**

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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NUMBER OF PERFORMERS: _____

AMATEUR TALENT NIGHT

THE TALENT NIGHT, OPEN TO B.C..INDIANS OF ALL AGES, HAS BEEN SCHEDULE FOR 8:00 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 20th, 1978.

IF YOU CAN SING, DANCE, TELL JOKES, PLAY AN INSTRUMENT, PERFORM, MIME, READ POETRY OR OTHERWISE ENTERTAIN, PLEASE PARTICIPATE.

A PRIZE OF \$150.00 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE MOST ENTERTAINING PERFORMANCE: SECOND PRIZE IS \$100.00; THIRD PRIZE IS \$50.00 AND 10 CONSOLATION PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM AT THE TOP OF THIS PAGE AND MAIL TO THE UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS OFFICE (P.O. BOX 86003, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C., V7L 4J5), AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UP UNTIL 4:00 P.M., APRIL 20th, 1978 AT THE CONVENTION CENTRE.

ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTHS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN EXHIBITING OR SELLING THE THINGS YOU MAKE, DISPLAY AND SALES BOOTHS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PRODUCERS AND EXHIBITORS AT A RENTAL RATE OF NINE (\$9) DOLLARS FOR THE THREE DAYS OR SIX (\$6) DOLLARS PER DAY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION PLEASE CONTACT:

MR DOUG WEIR
Indian Arts and Crafts Society of B.C.
3309 - 32nd Ave.,
Vernon, B.C.

Telephone: 545-2355

DAY CARE SERVICES

The Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs is pleased to announce that Day Care Services will be provided during the day for those parents who wish to bring their children to the Assembly.

If you will be requiring these services during the Conference please fill in the attached form and return it to our office as soon as possible.

TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FORM DAY CARE SERVICES

NAME: _____ PHONE NO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NO. OF CHILDREN ATTENDING _____

AGES OF CHILDREN: _____

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