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Hundreds of Indigenous Peoples Converge on UN for International Day

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK CITY - On August 9-10, hundreds of Indigenous Peoples and their allies gathered at United Nations Headquarters for two days of cultural events, panel discussions, consultations and working groups; all part of the Sixth Commemoration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

The annual event was sponsored by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the UN Department of Public Information (DPI), and the NGO Committee on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples as well as other agencies.

This year's panel focus was *Indigenous Children and Youth*. A special consultation was also facilitated for the upcoming UN World Conference Against Racism to be held in South Africa, in the summer of 2001.

The historic event began on the UN Plaza with welcome messages given by local Indigenous Community Rep., **Tonya Frishner** (Onondoga), the UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan, and the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson.

Chief Arvol Looking Horse, the 19th generation Keeper of the White

Buffalo Calf Pipe, conducted the World Sacred Pipe Ceremony for Peace. UN and Indigenous Leaders gathered to partake of the Sacred Pipe. Chief Looking Horse was assisted by a delegation of Lakota Women who sang the ceremonial songs.



Chief Arvol Looking Horse addresses the gathering at the United Nations, as Roberto Mukaro Borrero looks on.

Another highlight of the event was a special blessing of a group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Youth who participated in the 'Spirit

Run'. To bring a message of peace and unity through Diversity, the Youth had run across the entire northern tier of the United States - ending their journey in New York. The blessing was given by Elder and Chief, **Leon Secatero** of the Canyoncito Navajo Band, who sang a beautiful song in his native Dine' language. **Roberto Mukaro Borrero** (Taino) was the 'Emcee' for the morning activity.

An afternoon panel session, focused on Indigenous children and youth, which was also the subject of the most recent meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations held in Geneva.

It was reported that Indigenous Children and young people faced all manner of discrimination, sexual exploitation, and other serious human rights violations.

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UN Indigenous Day (cont.)

Renee Godínez García (Maya) of Guatemala's Movimiento de Jovenes Mayas por la Objecion de Conciencia (Youth Movement for Conscientious Objection) described the horrors of the genocidal warfare perpetuated against his people during Guatemala's recently ended armed conflict. One of these tragedies included his mother's death in a government-sponsored massacre of Maya people.

Godínez García continued by noting, children and youth had been subjected to poverty, exclusion, discrimination, exploitation and prostitution as well as indiscriminate kidnapping, arrest, detention, torture and other forms of violence. Maya in Guatemala accounted for 60% of all those killed in the conflict, and 88% of those who disappeared.

Another panelist, Andre Robefroid, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, noted that the violation of the rights of Indigenous children and adolescents was often grounded in longstanding discriminatory practices that had been accepted in the day-to-day life of many peoples.

On August 10, the focus of the day was the consultation on the upcoming "World Conference Against Racism".

In the opening plenary, Alberto Saldamando of the International Indian Treaty Council, stated that discrimination and racism were at the heart of Indigenous issues.

Saldamondo continued stating, "Stereotypes are perpetuated by films, the media, and educational materials. Indigenous culture and languages are seen as obstacles to education, while bilingual education is viewed as a remedial measure rather than being accepted as a positive manner of teaching. Indigenous peoples continue to suffer genocide as well as theft of their land and intellectual property."

After the opening plenary, the large group broke up in to smaller groups to discussion the various themes of the World Conference, and formulate recommendations.

Each group was facilitated by an Indigenous Representative and UN agency. Later in the afternoon the full plenary reconvened to discuss the findings, which would be presented to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. The emotional session closed with a prayer for peace, and reconciliation given by Chief Arvol Looking Horse. ●



International Indigenous Gathering held in Trinidad

by *Genetha Bimechi Ali*

ARIMA, TRINIDAD - The Third Gathering of First Nations People in "Kaieri" (Trinidad) was held from August 26 - 30th, 2000. Delegates from Suriname, Guyana, Venezuela, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Puerto Rico, the United States, Belize Canada and Iere were in attendance.



Elvin Edwards, Mayor of Arima welcomes UCTP rep. Roberto Borrero, while Lokono Chief Christine Lowe looks on.

The gathering commenced with an open air "Smoke Ceremony" followed by a formal welcome for all participants at the Arima Town Hall. This function was hosted by Arima Mayor, Elvin Edwards, Council Members and staff. A representative of each group extended greetings, while other speakers expressed

congratulations and best wishes for a successful gathering. Among the speakers were Mayor Elvin Edwards, Ms. Rose Janniere of the Arima Borough Council, Chief Ricardo Bharath of the Santa Rosa Carib Community, and "Iere Tiger" the UCTP Liaison Officer for the Santa Rosa Carib Community in NY.

The following day continued with the annual observance of the Santa Rosa Festival. The festival is in honor of Saint Rose, the patron Saint of the Arima Carib Community. The events of the day began with an early morning church service, which was attended by local parishioners and visiting delegates.

Following the church service, guests were treated to lunch at the Carib Community Center, where a beautiful indigenous craft display featured the art works of each visiting country delegation. Later that evening, performances of Indigenous and popular songs and dances were staged to the enjoyment of everyone.

On the 28th and 29th, a two day conference was held. The focus was to seek ways and means to address the problems, strengths and weaknesses (among other issues) of indigenous communities in the Caribbean region. It was noted from the discussions that the problems from governments were similar.

The exception was in the host country, were the problem was not necessarily the Government, but the need for Indigenous People to have (or affirm) an identity. Special presentations were also made, including a focus on international mechanisms available for Indigenous Peoples made by Roberto Mukaro Borrero.

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Meeting in Trinidad (cont.)



Santa Rosa Liaison Officers, Bimechi and Iere Tiger with Chief Ricardo Bharath and Carib Queen, Valentina Medina. Photo: R. Borrero

At the end of the second day's proceedings, it was suggested that Ricardo Bharath be officially addressed as 'Chief' - all present agreed. The Chief and Carib Queen, Valentina Medina were then presented with traditional style capes as gifts from the Suriname delegation.

It was also affirmed during this time that Chief Bharath ö Herenandez would be known as ãMoreach Palmã.

UCIP Rep. 'Iere Tiger' also took the opportunity to distribute the UCIP newsletter as well as share the following books, *Columbus and Las Casas* by David M. Traboulay, *Columbus and his Enterprise* by Hans Koning, and *The Tainos* by Irving Rouse. The publications were disseminated to assist the local community with their research and education with regard to finding the 'truth' about Columbus' encounter, and its effects on the Indigenous Peoples of the region and the entire Western Hemisphere.

Later that evening (on the 29th), a Cultural Show was presented by members of the visiting delegations. One of the highlights was the presentation by the large Kalinago (Island-Carib) delegation from the island of Dominica.

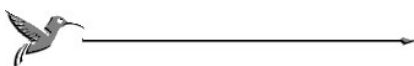


Members of the Kalinago Dance Troupe from Dominica. Photo: R. Borrero

On the last day of the Gathering (the 30th), the delegates were treated to a field trip to the Capital and other points of interest. City Council member, Rose Janniere, hosted a closing dinner in honor of the participants later the same evening at her home. A former Mayor of Arima, Mrs. Janniere has worked very closely with the local Indigenous Community for many years.

The end of the 30th was a time to say 'ãgood bye' or 'so long' to each other. During the days of the Gathering many friendships formed that would last for always. Two things I personally learned during these special days from my friend and sister Annmarie De Jesus from Guyana were that the indigenous word for Arawak is *Lokono* and the Lokono word for hummingbird is *Bimechi*.

In closing, and on behalf of the UCIP delegation to the Gathering, we would like to take this opportunity to say to all of our brothers and sisters who attended this historic gathering in Kaieri, and for those who could not attend, 'keep up the Struggle'. To Arima Mayor Edwards, Council members and staff, "Thank you for the warm welcome and for the assurance of your continual support. "



To Mrs. Rose Janniere, thank you for your hospitality, and your invaluable service to the indigenous Community.

To Queen Valentina Medina, Chief 'Moreach Palm' Ricardo Bharath, Mrs Merlyn Bharath, their children, and her sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, and other family members, the Elders, members and friends of the Santa Rosa Carib Community, thank you for having us. We are forever grateful for your warmth and kindness, for the long hours of hard work, the good food, delicious coffee, beautiful smiles, and cheerfulness extended to each person during the entire Gathering. Peace to all. •

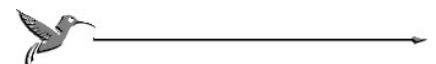
Ground Breaking New Treaty on Threatened Wildlife and Protected Areas in the Caribbean

KINGSTON, JAMAICA - An international Agreement, which paves the way for greater coordination and protection of marine biodiversity in the wider-Caribbean region, entered into force in June.

The treaty, formally called the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA), highlights the regions growing recognition of the need to conserve threatened, endangered and depleted fauna and flora, and encourages the sustainable management of the region's coastal and ocean resources.

The SPAW Protocol took nearly a decade to become international, after its adoption in 1990 by the 28 countries to the Cartagena Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment in the Wider Caribbean Region.

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Caribbean Treaty (cont.)

It is one of three Protocols to the Convention the other two deal with cooperation to combat oils spills, adopted in 1983, and land-base marine pollution, adopted last October.

The Convention and its Protocol constitute a legal commitment by the countries of the region to protect, develop and manage their common coastlines and marine resources individually and jointly.

Many of the region's economies are highly dependent on their coastlines for tourism and fishing. However, these very same resources are disappearing or are seriously threatened, with wildlife being depleted through over-exploitation and destruction of habitats.

The Protocol responds to this problem through detailed provisions addressing the establishment of protected areas and buffer zones for the conservation of wildlife, both national and regional cooperative measures for the protection of wild flora and fauna, the introduction of non-native or genetically altered species, environmental impact assessments, research education, and other topics.

"The wider Caribbean offers a rich variety of complex ecosystems with a great abundance of plant and animal species, diverse and productive coastal and marine habitats', according to Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), which provides the secretariat in Kingston the Convention and its Protocols.

"The health and the beauty of this natural world is crucial to the region's effort to generate income, whether through the production of primary goods or increasingly through the tourism sector - said Mr. Toepfer. I

am convinced that the entry into force of this Protocol will lead to enhanced conservation and sustainable management of the region's precious resources, but clearly all countries in the region must come on board for it to be truly effective."

The SPAW Protocol stress the importance of protecting habitats as an effective method for protecting endangered species. Protection is focused on fragile and vulnerable ecosystems as a whole, rather than on individually threatened species. For example, the Caribbean monk seal is most probably extinct, the west Indian manatee is rapidly disappearing with few numbers left in most of the countries where it exist, and all species of Caribbean sea turtles are recognized as being endangered. Not to mention other species of flora and fauna (e.g. mangroves, corals, conch, fish species, and other marine creatures), which are being over-exploited without proper assessment of their population status.

To date Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, the Netherlands, Saint Vincent, and the Grenadines, Panama, Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago, and Saint Lucia, are all Parties of the agreement. Other countries party to the treaty (France, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, the United Kingdom, and the United States) but have not yet ratified.

The areas covered by these international agreements include the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea and the adjacent areas of the Atlantic Ocean. It stretches from Florida, and the Bahamas west to Mexico, south to Columbia, Venezuela, and Suriname, and through the Eastern Caribbean. ●



Taino Ceremonial Grounds Established in New York

BY ALBERTO CORREA JR

BOMBAY, NY - Situated on the present day border of New York and Montreal, Canada, is located the Akwasasne Mohawk Territory. The Mohawk Nation, along with the Onieda, Cayuga, Onondoga, Senaca, and Tuscarora belong to the first 'United Nations' known as the Iroquois Confederacy. Akwasasne Territory is located fifteen minutes from the Rivera residence in Frankly county, where Pat and Joe Rivera, Tainos tracing their ancestry from Cuba and Boriken respectively, have lived for over thirty years.

Continuing the traditions of hospitality found with both the Mohawk and Taino, relationships have existed between members of each community, setting the stage that took place on the 155-acre farm owned by the Rivera family. Patricia Rivera experienced the realization of a dream come true when 40 Taino delegates attends a land blessing ceremony, which took place the weekend of September 23rd 2000.

This weekend, Patricia's dream of a Taino community where children of indigenous decent could participate in aspects of their culture came closer to a reality. The project would include a cultural center, museum, ceremonial grounds, and land, which would be designated for housing development - completing the communal experience.

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IF YOU'RE IN THE NEW YORK, TRI-STATE AREA TUNE INTO 'CIRCLE OF RED NATIONS' EVERY MONDAY FROM 9:00pm-10:00pm ON WBAI 99.5 FM - PACIFICA RADIO IN NYC. Roberto Mukaro Borrero is your Co-Host.

Taino Ceremonial Grounds (cont.)

In an effort to foster community ties, ceremonies, songs, council, lectures, crafts workshops, and food were provided to lay the foundation for future events.

The commencement of this historic gathering took place in the Batey (ceremonial ground) where a consecration ceremony was lead by Warren Jock, a spiritual leader among Mohawks. Mr. Jock welcomed the Taino to the original homelands of his Nation; lending full support to various Taino tribal organizations.

Among the many highlights to the days events was the participation in an Areito, which sought to cement the bond between a people and what the Riveras like to call 'their new homeland'.

No matter what the future holds, the overall consensus seems to be that the prospects of a Taino community in the heart of Mohawk land is a very exciting possibility. This would allow individuals a unique opportunity to participate in the long migratory history of the Taino People and the next page in the story of Native People in New York. ●

Bert Correa is a member of the Cacibajagua Taino Cultural Society, and the Redhawk Indian Arts Council.

Editorial: United Nations Reflections

by Claudia Fox-Tree McGrath

In August, I had the opportunity to attend a two-day conference in New York at the United Nations. This year, the annual international Indigenous Peoples conference focused on Indigenous Children and Youth.

The conference was a wonderful opportunity to meet people, listen to

languages different than my own, be part of the official business/resolution process, and be reminded of the many levels of involvement and activism. But, it was also emotional and overwhelming.

I heard words reflecting the impact of assimilation, colonization, and acculturation of Indigenous Peoples from all over the world. First-hand accounts of cultural, environmental, and personal devastation were relayed. After the Pakistan government did not listen, one village finally saved up enough money to be able to send a man to the UN where he described hotels being built on his people's farming terraces.

The epidemic of AIDS and other diseases were also brought to the forefront. A Guatemalan representative related that five children per day were being murdered in various villages. My education issues seemed small next to the international and all too familiar issues of cultural appropriation, land grabbing, and death.

Responses from the UN officials were often vague and non-committal, such as, "I'm not aware of that. We will have to travel to and view your area soon."

Although I know these events happen (I read my journals), hearing them as one testimony after another from the people living them is another story; with impact that cannot be described in print.

The conference calls to question, "How far are you willing to go to help Indigenous People?" Will you write or lobby legislation that United States may never read or sign? Will you contribute money, time, or resources? Will you travel to the countries, and places where crimes are being committed daily? Will you speak out in public and possibly become an 'FBI

file'? Will you risk your family, or your life in order to make the public aware or to protect the Indigenous People who can't protect themselves?

The level of involvement and activism will depend on one's individual stamina and resources. We all have a sphere of influence. My level of influence is the school system where I work, the teacher education program I supervise, the organizations to which I belong, my children's teachers, my friends, my family, and anyone else who will listen. What is yours?

Claudia Fox-Tree McGrath is an artist, and a teacher who resides in Massachusetts with her 5 children. She is also the UCTP Liaison Officer for the state of Massachusetts.

Taino Language

Since VTP has presented its series on the Taino language, we continue to receive many requests for word list and dictionaries. We previously indicated that there are a number of word list and dictionaries available, but we remind our readers that more comprehensive editions will be forthcoming written by members of our own community.

Meanwhile, as per the request of our readers, in this issue we have included some more Taino words and phrases, which you and your family can practice.

1. **Natiao:** brother - hermano'
2. **Tonina:** dolphin - delfin
3. **Kuio:** light - luz
4. **Guatu:** fire - fuego
5. **Teitoka:** be still or take it easy – esta te quito o cohelo sauve
6. **Naniche:** my heart - corazon mio
7. **Nitoc:** river – rio
8. **Guarakoel:** Elder or Elders – Ancianos
9. **Karei:** sea turtle - tortuga del mar
10. **Ana:** flower – flor

We will run continue to run this series on the Taino Language in up coming issues. So until next time keep practicing! *Han Han Katu (So be it). ♥*

Delegation to the Vatican

Papal Bulls may be burning in St. Peter's Square this year depending on audience with the Pope

HONOLULU, HAWAII - As announced at the 1999 "Papal Bulls Burning" in Honolulu, Hawaii, Indigenous Peoples and supporters will be in Rome in October to take the Vatican up on their amends during this year's millennium "Jubilee."

A delegation consisting of 10 to 15 Human and Indigenous Rights activist from the Americas and the Pacific region have requested a private audience with Pope John Paul II tentatively scheduled for October 11. The delegation is also arranging other meeting with Vatican officials, and scheduling panel presentations in Rome, Milan, and Torino.

The delegation seeks the revocation of the 1493 Papal Bull "Inter Caetera". This edict was issued by Pope Alexander VI to the King and Queen of Spain, and it 'officially' established Christian dominion. The 'Bull' called for the subjugation of non-Christian peoples (barbarous nations), and their lands. The "Inter Caetera" granted unlimited rights to Spain, and the subsequent 1494 "Treaty of Tordesillas" divided the world in half between Spain and Portugal. Consequently, tens of millions of natives peoples perished as a result of these actions.

This Papal edict has never been revoked and has since become the cornerstone of the colonial policies used against Indigenous Nations and Peoples. This 'legalized' perpetuation of centuries old violations against the basic human rights of Indigenous Peoples is unacceptable to an increasing number of Native and non-Native peoples alike. As the Roman Catholic Church now seeks forgiveness and atonement for the

sins of the sons and daughters of the Church, and wants to enter the new millennium with a 'clear conscience' the delegation travels to Rome to help resolve the longest running conflict in the Americas.

The activist feel that the revocation of the "Inter Caetera Bull" will announce to the world community that the Vatican no longer supports the principle of subjugation that it promulgated five centuries ago. Indigenous Peoples worldwide also see the revocation as an extremely important Spiritual and symbolic gesture of peace and healing, necessary to create "culture of peace on earth". The delegation will call for the revocation of the "Inter Caetera" by the beginning of the third millennium, or by the year 2000. •

Taino Poetry

TELL YOU WHY

by Alberto Correria Jr.

**Like the Eagle, our people have
known terror at the edge of
extinction**

**This is a testament of my love and
the words of my peoples
Conviction**

**The Elders speak of a time when
the land was joined, and we were
one**

**then a flood arrived and we dried
out in my places under the sun**

**Strangers conceived borders to
thieve away our land**

**a trick that keeps us more
confused then any slight of hand**

**With the strangers came many
things: ego, prejudice, and fear**

**except not directed towards the
enemy instead to those we hold
dear**

**Could it be that many arrows
make us strong but somehow we
don't**

**We are no more or less than each,
the borders must drop in order for
the people to grow**

**You feel our Spirit, know our
faces, but not our names**

**We are part of the Creator's raven-
haired people - simple and plain**

**The strain is put from one
generation to the next**

**disillusioned by the books,
scholars, media & press**

**Some impressed, some fear what
was lost regained**

**Smiles, a way of life, tradition, a
people - Taino our name**

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Tree of Peace Ceremony

By Alberto Correa Jr.

ONIEDA NATION, NY - In an attempt to find peace with the Onieda Indian Nation, a "Tree of Peace Planting Ceremony" was performed on the Onieda territory, in August.

The Oniedas, along with Jake Swamp (a Mohawk Faith-Keeper), and five Taino delegates hosted the two-day event, which included social dancing, songs, stories, and prayers. The event was attended by approximately ninety persons representing Indigenous Nations throughout New York and the world.

Attendees participated in a Peace Vigil Monday night and a 'Tobacco Burning Ceremony' on Tuesday, which took place within the Peace Camp that was erected on the 32 acre territory located in Onieda county. To many the events were another step toward healing the community, which has been spilt by political and religious issues. Grassroots activist on the Reserve stated that the turmoil stems from numerous injustices in-acted by on the Onieda People by the current BIA sponsored leadership of Mr. Ray Halbritter.

The activists also state that the Iroquois Confederacy does not officially recognize Mr. Halbritter's administration or support his public housing program.

This program would result in the possible condemning of a housing structure at the owner's expense if they are believed to oppose Halbritter.

What is allegedly offered to Halbritter's supporters would be money to rebuild their homes. Those who are identified as opposing Halbritter would in turn be labeled as dissidents, and would lose their homes with no hope of replacement.

This tactic seems to be a thinly veiled attempt to evict territory residents, rather than making it a housing program. According to

Joanne Shenandoah, one of the organizers of the event, this practice has caused tension on Onieda Territory. While sides are struggling to find a solution, the Shenandoah family, along with others, decided to begin the spiritual healing by planting a 'Tree of Peace'.

The 'Tree of Peace Planting Ceremony' is one of the oldest and most sacred of the Iroquois. According to oral tradition, the Mohawk, Onondaga, Seneca, Onieda, and Cayuga were constantly at war until the 'Peace Maker' ended the conflict.

This formed the 'Oldest Confederacy in what is now known as North America. To symbolize the unification, an eastern white pine was raised next to Onondaga Lake. In a reenactment of the original planting ceremony, two Taino, Jason Cuevas and Jameek Echevarria, assisted in carrying the tree to ceremonial grounds next to the 'Long House'.

Those at the gathering believed that the planting was a testament of Peace for not Six, but Seven Nations of 'New York Natives.' ●

Community Bulletin Board

The UCTP welcomes Newest Representative... Our most warm welcome and sincere congratulations are extended to DeAnna Marie Rivera on her recent appointment as UCTP Liaison Officer in the State of Arizona.

DeAnna's Taino roots begin on the island of Boriken. An activist, DeAnna has been a strong supporter for the freedom of American Indian Political Prisoner, Leonard Peliter. She has been an educator within the Suffolk County School System, but now resides in Tucson, AZ where she is studying Law at the University of Arizona. She has also just recently begun her training for volunteer work at the Tucson Indian Center, doing law referral work. In association with United

Native America, DeAnna will also be active doing outreach to local Indigenous Nations to support a resolution for Congress to pass a bill acknowledging an official Native American Holiday.

Happy Birthdays...

Go out to the 'August crew', **Jameek Nisawei Echevarria**, **Barbara Nanche Marengo**, and **Roberto Mukaro Borrero**. In September we have **Robert L. Borrero Sr** and Little **Frankie Borrero** who turns 4 yrs old ... October goes to **Haguey Rosario**, and **Daisy Sosa**... The November 'Babies' are **Michael Rosa**, **Jaycoa H. Silva**, **Michael Hernandez**, and **Michael Borrero**.

Special recognition...

In the "spotlight" again, another very special congratulation goes to DeAnna Rivera as she has been elected Secretary of the Native American Law Student's Association. As if she was not busy enough! We are all very proud of her...

The UCTP would also like to take the opportunity to again express our appreciation to Mr. Glenn Welker for his continuous support of the Taino People and the UCTP. Mr. Welker has been responsible for the set-up and updates of our wonderful website. He is a true Natiao (brother)...

American Indian Children...

There are currently approximately 500 known American Indian Children in Los Angeles County awaiting foster home placement. According to DCFS, there soon will be NO available American Indian Foster Homes in Los Angeles County!

Approximately half of the children may be placed with extended family, but the rest will most likely be placed in Non-Indian homes. If you or anyone you know would be interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact Indian Child and Family Services at (213) 387-5772...

Still Needing Support...

Elder Naniki Reyes Ocasio and the facilities at the Caney Quinto Mundo in Orocovis, Puerto Rico continue to suffer from property damage due to the hurricanes, which have passed over the island the past few years. Monetary contributions are still being accepted, as well as volunteers who are familiar with carpentry, landscaping, and farming. Even if you are inexperienced but still want to volunteer, no problem just be ready to work! To contact Grandmother Naniki directly, please write to:

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

♦ **Alternative to Columbus Day : Arawak to Apache**

October 8th, 2000 • Place: Unitarian Church Morning Service, Arlington, MA

Full Circle Drum will perform and teach. Look for our UCTP Rep. Claudia Fox Tree who will also make a prevention and display her crafts. For more information please contact cfoxtree-mcgrat@lincnet.org

♦ **Celebrating Latin America**

October 14 - 15, 2000 • Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm • Place: American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY

As part of the "Puppets and Drums: Arts Revived" program, this weekend is dedicated to Caribbean Indigenous Peoples, members of the Cacibajagua Cultural Society will present Taino Music, Song and Dance for all audiences. A lecture on The Revival of Indigenous Cultural Traditions in the Caribbean will be given by Roberto Mukaro Borrero. The film the 'Journey of the Carib Canoe' will also be shown and features the Carib Community of the island of Dominica. For information call (212)604-4186.

♦ **Reviving Traditions - Cross-Cultural Perspectives**

October 22, 2000 • Time: 2:30 • Place: Kaufmann Theater, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY

Across cultures, artist from the Puppets and Drum: Arts Revived programs discuss issues that affect the survival, revival, and continuance of their art forms. The influence of foreign media, tourism, resulting conflicting such as a demand for 'authentic' cultural traditions will be addressed. Roberto Mukaro Borrero will be a panelist.

♦ **Middlesex Community College Craft Show**

November 18, 2000 Place: Middlesex Community College, Bedford, MA

Look for Claudia Fox Tree - McGrath and her Taino-Arawak Crafts Booth!

♦ **Countdown to Clemency - National March in New York City**

December 10 Place: New York, NY

Plan to be in New York City on December 10, the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We are planning a major march to the United Nations to demand that the United States abide by International Law Standards, and set Leonard Peltier free. More details will be forth coming. Please contact the LPDC to get involved in the planning of this event. Help is needed with the coordination of publicity, transportation, logistics, fund raising, artwork, endorsements, and more. Come represent yourself, your organization, your church, or your Native Nation. For more information contact the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee at (785) 842-5774 or email at: lpdc@idir.net

♦ **AREITO IN BORIKEN**

October 18 - 24, 1999 Place: Caney Quinto Mundo, Orocovis, Puerto Rico

For more information please contact: Grandmother Naniki Reyes-Ocasio @ 1(787)847-6822

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