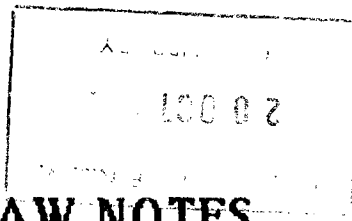


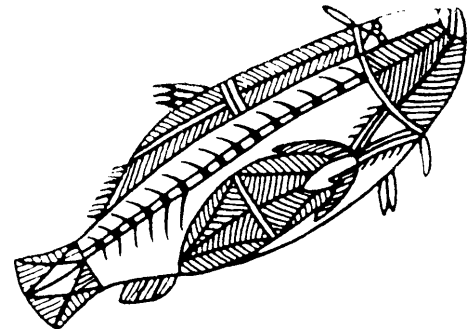
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### *ABORIGINAL LAW CENTRE MEETING*

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Law Centre Management Committee will be at 5.30 - 7.00pm, Wednesday 24 May 1989 at the Staff Common Room, Law School, Level 11, Library Tower, University of New South Wales.

Any member of the "network" who is in Sydney is welcome to attend.  
Phone 697 2252.

Matters for discussion include

- \* Fund-raising to support Coalition and NAILSS in representation in Geneva and development of an Australian Treaty position;
- \* Proposal to establish and Asia-Pacific Research and Training Program;
- \* Customary Law recognition;
- \* Aboriginal projects by Australian Section, International Commission of Jurists;
- \* Centre research projects.

## ***PUBLICATIONS, ETC, RECEIVED***

### **REPORTS**

Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Report of The Inquiry into the death of Malcolm Charles Smith by Commissioner J H Wootten 1989

### **BOOKS**

C Cunneen, M Findlay, R Lynch, V Tupper, *Dynamics of Collective Conflict*, The Law Book Company Limited, 1989. Hardcover: \$45.00  
Softcover: \$24.00, 207 pages.

S Bennett, *Aborigines and Political Power*, Allen and Unwin Australia, 1989 Softcover \$17.95 167 pages

### **JOURNALS**

*IWGIA International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs Document 62*  
Critical Issues in Native North America, edited by W Churchill  
IWGIA International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs  
Newsletter no. 55/56 October/December 1988

*Race and Class* vol 29 no.3 Winter 1988 Special Feature The Australian Bicentenary

*Race and Class* vol 30 no. 3 Jan/March 89 UN - Greening the Third World  
*Cultural Survival Quarterly* vol 12 no. 3 and 4 1988, Resettlement and Relocation part 1 and 2.

*Pacific News Bulletin* vol 4 no. 3 and 4 March and April 1989, Pacific Concerns Resource Centre (PCRC) and Pacific News Bulletin

*Assembly of First Nations Bulletin* vol 5, no. 5 and 6, October and Nov - Dec 1988.

*'We Have Survived!' Aboriginal Poster Exhibition* London Strategic Policy Unit 1988.

### **EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITION - Call for Information and Visual Material**

The Hull Development Education Centre is planning on putting together an exhibition on Aboriginal Australia. This will mainly be lent out to local secondary schools along with leaflets, a questionnaire and possibly a video on Aboriginal issues. Topics for the exhibition include 100,000 years of History, Contrast: Past and Present, Today - Apartheid, Land Rights v Mining Interests, Drawing the links between Rio Tinto Zinc and other companies affiliated to British interests whose activities affect Aboriginal peoples rights

The Hull Centre would appreciate contributions for this exhibition as well as information about visuals/posters which they can purchase

#### **Information/Contributions may be sent to.**

Hull Development Information Centre, 161 High Street, Hull, HU1 1NQ  
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## INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR CONFERENCE

January 31, 1989

To All Indigenous Peoples, Nations,  
and Organizations

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On December 13, 1988 several indigenous people and NGO's met in Washington, D.C. to follow-up on the discussions that took place in Geneva this past July 1988 concerning international coordination and communication. Representatives of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference-Alaska, National Indian Youth Council, Indian Law Resource Center, and Cultural Survival were in attendance.

Our main focus was the second and final discussion on International Labour Organization Convention 107 - Indigenous and Tribal Peoples and international coordination/communication in the future. However, we also briefly addressed the U.N. Seminar on Indigenous Rights that took place from January 16-21 in Geneva, and the July 1989 Indigenous Peoples' Preparatory Meeting and U.N. Working Group.

### I. International Labour Organization - Convention 107

Regarding the ILO Convention 107, National Indian Youth Council drafted the enclosed summary of the ILO. The ILO's second and final discussion on Convention 107 will take place from June 7-28, 1989, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. We have made plans to hold a Preparatory meeting on ILO Convention 107, which is tentatively scheduled for sometime in March or early April 1989 in Mexico City, Mexico. We also discussed the possibility of mailing out a questionnaire on Convention 107. This would give those indigenous representatives, who cannot attend the ILO Indigenous Peoples' Preparatory Meeting or the ILO Session, an opportunity to respond to this important document.

We urge you to attend the I.L.O. session in June, if at all possible. Broader indigenous participation can only help in applying pressure on the Convention 107 Committee: the Governments, Employers and Workers.

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All Indigenous Peoples, Nations  
and Organizations  
January 9, 1989

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## II. International Coordinator

At the December meeting the Inuit Circumpolar Conference-Alaska, Indian Law Resource Center and National Indian Youth Council agreed to create a "Coordinator for Indigenous Peoples' Rights". It is our hope that the Cordillera Peoples Alliance (in the Philippines) and the National Aboriginal and Islanders Legal Services (in Australia) will also assist in this effort. This is in direct response to the expressed need for better coordination and communication. Hopefully, this cooperation will ensure broader and more meaningful indigenous participation in the international forums open to us.

- III. U.N. Seminar on Indigenous Rights
- IV. 1989 Indigenous Peoples Preparatory Meeting and U.N. Working Group on Indigenous Peoples'

At the December 13 meeting no one had any substantive information about the Seminar. The Indian Law Resource Center, National Indian Youth Council, National Aboriginal and Islanders Legal Services and Inuit Circumpolar Conference were invited and did participate. A report about the U.N. Seminar will be prepared for a later mail-out.

We only briefly discussed the 1989 Preparatory Meeting and the U.N. Working Group. All agreed that it was important to hold a preparatory meeting in 1989. We will follow-up on this matter and provide further information in our next mailing. The dates of the Preparatory Meeting will be from July 24-28, 1989 and the U.N. Working Group dates are July 30-August 4, 1989.

Please let us know your response to this letter and our work thus far. If you have any comments, questions or concerns regarding the above information, contact me at the ICC Alaska Office. Also please send me any address corrections and/or additions to the mailing list. We look forward to hearing from you.

In peace,

INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR CONFERENCE



Dalee Sambo  
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## Headlines Theatre Co.

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Prof. Garth Nettheim  
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Australia

March 9, 1989

Dear Prof. Nettheim.

The Native Council of Canada supplied us with your name and address.

Enclosed is a copy of a critical review and some brief information about Headlines Theatre and **NO`XYA` (Our Footprints)**, the play we co-produced with the Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en Tribal Council of northwestern British Columbia. After touring throughout Canada we are now attempting to mount an international tour for 1990, including several weeks of touring in Australia.

Some assistance for the tour may be provided by the Aboriginal Theatre Trust (based in Sydney). If the tour unfolds there as it did here, performances would be co-sponsored by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community organizations working together to ensure that the play reaches a broad mix of people

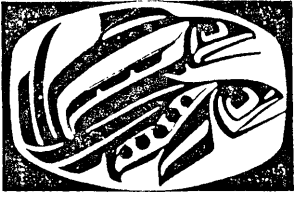
The cultural exchange that could take place, not only between Canadian Natives and Australian Aboriginals but between different Australian cultures, would therefore be of lasting benefit to all communities involved

I expect to be in Australia between April 14 and May 1 of this year, if there are others you know of whom you think I should meet, a potential performance sponsor or someone who might just help generally with the tour please pass this material on to them and ask them to contact me at the above address. After April 10 I can be contacted care of Anthony Steel & Associates, 120 Chalmers Street, Surry Hills, NSW 2010, Phone (02) 699 2111, Fax (02) 699 9405

Thank you for your assistance. Perhaps we shall meet while I am in Australia

Sincerely,

Doug Cleverley  
Administrator



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January 5, 1988

YOUR FILE:

OUR FILE:

To Whom it may concern:

This letter is to introduce the director, actors and crew of NO' XYA' (Our Footprints) to you. NO' XYA' is a play about the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en Nations and their relationship: since contact with European settlers. It is a play about ancestral land.

This play is very important to the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en people. It tells part of their story. Because the events are common to aboriginal people everywhere we hope that the play will not only assist the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en people to achieve their goals but will also assist other aboriginal people in their struggles for recognition of ownership and jurisdiction to their territories.

The Headlines Theatre group from Vancouver were invited by us to develop this play in collaboration with Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en people. This took over a year. The end result is a play that the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en people have approved, and are proud of.

A special feast was held in Kispiox to bless the theatre group and to ensure they travelled outside of Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en lands with our people's full sanction. Two of the actors are Gitksan. The non-Native members of Headlines Theatre were adopted by Basgyelax haa, a leading wolf chief of Kisigas, and given names.

We therefore hope that our brothers and sisters will welcome and assist NO' XYA' to their lands so that the important message of this play can be carried everywhere.

I would welcome any questions you have about this project. Please call 842-6511 (Hazelton) or 682-1990 (Vancouver office) or write me at the above address. If I am unavailable due to our court case you could also speak to Herb George, our Vice-president.

Sincerely yours,  
GITKSAN-WET'SUWET'EN TRIBAL COUNCIL

Don Ryan  
President