Quito conference: Indians blast Columbus celebration

by Anthony Cody & Joe Lambert

Quito, Ecuador — "These 500 years have meant nothing but misery and oppression for our people. What do we have to celebrate?"

Thus Maria Toj, a Maya-Quiche Indian of Guatemala, summed up her rage at plans by the Spanish government in the hemisphere shared her rage at the "First Continental Meeting of Indigenous Peoples — 500 Years of Indian Resistance." The 5-day conference was organized by CONAIE (Confederation of Indian Nations of Ecuador), the National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC), and the South and Meso-American Indian Information Center (SAIC, which is based in Oakland, California).

As Quito's National Congress building filled, slogans rang out in Quichua, the language of the largest indigenous nation within Ecuador, and those filling in the aisles and the back of the room responded forcefully. Less than a month before, indigenous peoples of Ecuador re-occupied some traditional lands in Chimborazo province, demanding the return of lands stolen by Spanish conquistadors and still held in large haciendas.

Carrying the theme, "500 years of resistance," delegates debated, amended, and approved the work of eight commissions on issues of land rights, education and cultural development, sovereignty, and legislative struggles. Notably, the conference resolved to send a 500-person delegation to Spain in 1992 to present demands for redress and reparations for the Spanish conquest on the occasion of the Olympic Games and the first congress of the European Community in Barcelona.

Delegates also called for an international tribunal on continuing human rights abuses against Indian peoples, and for governments, churches, and multinational companies to honor indigenous rights to ancestral lands. The commission on indigenous women called for a return to the tradition of shared leadership between men and women, which Western values has eroded.

Sunrise ceremonies around the council fire were led by spiritual leaders of the northern Cree of Canada. Andean pipes and drums could be heard at midday celebrations. And, in the evening, delegates paused to exchange dances with Guatemalan women, dressed in their elegant traditional dress.

The conference ended with a spirit of unity and commitment to continue organizing and fortify the intercontinental links made here.

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Guadalajara -
International Book Fair

is offering three days of activities
on the theme "1492-1992: Conquest and
Colonization." The program will
take place from Thursday, November
29, 1990 through Saturday, December
1. Panels (mostly male) include
Mexican and international writers such
as Eduardo Galeano (Memory of Fire),
Mario Benedetti (La Tregua) and Heinz
Dierich, a co-founder and coordina­
tor of "Emancipacion e Indendad de
America Latina."

Events also include an interna­
tional competition in the categories of
essay, memoir, history, for young readers, educational comic
book, video documentary, photo­
graphic essay and radio play. National
and regional competitions are also
taking place. Deadlines for these
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1992 Alliance:
Indians, allies and friends

While the dominant powers in
this country celebrate the arrival of "civili­
zation" and "democratic freedom" to
these shores, the Supreme Court is
undermining religious freedom for
American Indians. The 1992 Alliance
seeks to both respond to the main-
stream version of the quincentennial,
and to extend and preserve Indian
rights and cultural heritages. As a
member of an Indian Society, an
American needs to both recognize
and be part of this active force in the
500 Years campaign, linking Native groups
throughout the Americas.

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SAIC is an active force in the 1992
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"Understanding History -
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1492-1992"

A coalition of groups in St. Paul
and Minneapolis is planning a series
of events beginning in April, 1992.
Plans include talks by historians and
activists from across the US and
beyond, including Howard Zinn and
Nilo Cayaqueyo. Native American and
African American perspectives will be
featured. Music, art and educational
panels are also planned. Local people
are invited to help. Contact:

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SUBMULOC: The term SUBMULOC is
derived from Columbus spelled
backwards. In concept it is the rever­
sing of the Columbus impact on the
indigenous way of life since his arrival
October 12, 1492.

SOCIETY: Existing for thousands of
years, SOCIETIES in Indian life have
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members of an Indian Society, an
individual is given certain responsi­
bilities and duties to perform as
well as high ideals and standards to live
by. Societies were ultimately meant to
benefit the whole.

Since October 12, 1492: Since
October 12, 1492 is the date that has
been given for the arrival of Columbus
on indigenous lands.

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heroes who are more deserving of the
honor. Send your entry to huracan.
Columbus in context

by Lisa Maya Knauer

More than 150 activists from around the country gathered at Union Theological Seminary in New York City the weekend of July 20-22 to exchange information and ideas about developing a progressive response to the Columbus Quincentennial. The conference, Rediscovering the Americas: 1992 and Beyond, was organized by CIC in Context (CIC), a New York-based multiracial group of teachers, artists, community activists and others, and held in conjunction with the 25th anniversary celebration of Clergy and Laity Concerned.

CIC was formed in the fall of 1989 by a group of progressive educators who wanted to reexamine American history, specifically the history of the "discovery" and conquest, and develop alternative curricula and pedagogies that could challenge some of the silences and misrepresentations. It soon expanded to include people from the Native American community, writers and other cultural workers.

CALC, which is in the process of transforming itself from a mostly white peace organization to a truly multiracial social justice organization, was also interested in the quincentennial, and the prospects it raised for alliance-building, and asked CIC to organize a series of workshops and panels during its 25th anniversary celebration and national gathering.

The conference drew an interesting mixture of participants — a recent graduate of Union Theological Seminary (the site of the gathering), the daughter of a community oral history project in Cleveland, Native American theater workers, the director of a multiracial arts center in Atlanta, Alliance for Cultural Democracy board members Natasha Bonilla, Susan Peteskein and Lisa Maya Knauer — helped lead workshops on topics including the politics of multiracial organizing, the role of artists in challenging the Quincentennial, and dealing with the legacy of racism.

For the most part the workshops were informative and provided a useful opportunity for networking. There were some sharp exchanges — Cherokee activist Jan Elliot challenged ecologist Kirkpatrick Sale on what she perceived as his male, Eurocentric bias even as he set out to write a book that would "tell the truth" about Columbus.

In a workshop on race, class and the environment, African-American activist Vernon Miller, who co-authored a pathbreaking study on toxic waste and race in the U.S., criticized those who would "rather save birds than save people." Her statement was challenged by a Native American from the Northwest, who argued that all forms of life are important to Native cultures, which don't place humans outside of the rest of the natural world. Vernon responded that she had previously only heard that view expounded by Sierra Club types, and noted lack of direct dialogue between African-American and Native peoples around these issues.

Several people who had heard of each other's work but never met had their "first encounters" at the conference. Environmentalists talked with theater workers, Native American activists chatted with church folks, educators hobnobbed with media producers. Remarkably, several dozen people turned up on Sunday morning for a networking and strategy session. The need for greater coordination and division of responsibility between the various counter-quincentennial groups was discussed.

While CIC now has to assess this conference and plot its future directions, several specific projects are already underway. A group of educators will be meeting in August to review existing materials and determine strategies for filling the gaps. It seems likely to become an ongoing group.

Several people spoke to the need for a resource guide for organizations in local communities, and CIC is trying to pull together a brief manual, to be published later this fall. Information about books, films, arts organizations, environmental groups, etc. will be included in the guide.

Native American artist and teacher Fox Tree urged conference participants to do something in their own communities this upcoming Columbus Day, to commemorate the over 100 million indigenous people who died in the first 400 years after Columbus' invasion.

For more information about CIC and its work, call Peter McDonald at (718) 643-4138. CIC, c/o CALC, 198 Broadway, NYC 10012.

Big Mountain Support Groups Plan Fasting, Protests

Four people from Big Mountain support groups will do a water-only fast on the east steps of the capitol in Washington, D.C. from October 12 through November 22, 1990, from 10 to 5 p.m., to bring an end to the genocidal Navajo Relocation Act. They are: Diane Nobah from Missouri, Carol Francia from California, Junji Shumenuki from Arizona, and Duncan Murphy from Maryland.

On October 22, 1990 some of the fasters will leave for the U.N. to join the Global Walkers when they arrive in NYC.

On November 11, veterans are welcome to speak as well as Guatemalans since this will be election day in their country.

On November 22, area Native Americans plan to feed a Thanksgiving dinner to the homeless of Washington, D.C.

In mid-January Diane Nomad and Duncan Murphy and probably Congressional Medal of Honor veterans will continue an open ended water-only fast until the repeal of P.L. 93-531 (Navajo Relocation Act). To help out:

1. Write to your congressman expressing your concern.
2. Write to the secretary of the interior: Manual J. Lujan, Secretary of the Interior, 1849 C St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240
3. Contact us if you are willing to do a fast after the end of January, 1991, either on the steps of the capitol in Washington D.C or where you are living. The fasters will likely die if they have to fast through February, and it may take months of constant pressure to bring about repeal of P.L. 93-531
4. Contact us regarding sending a speaker from your organization to the steps of the capitol.

For further information:
American Indian Support Committee
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Columbus citizenship resolution circulated in senate

At a time when the INS is relentlessly patrolling the US/Mexican borders, forcibly denying work and/or refugee status to Latin American people, one dead man is being exuberantly welcomed to these shores. Affonso D'Amato (R., N.Y.) of the Senate, and Thomas Foglietta (D., PA) of the House are submitting resolutions that would grant Columbus this special status. If the resolution passes, the old conquistador will join Raoul Wallenberg, William and Hannah Penn, and Winston Churchill as the fifth lucky stiff.

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UN calls for end to colonialism

On November 22, 1968, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution declaring the 1990s to be the "International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism." The resolution (passed with only the U.S. voting against it) calls for the adoption of "an action plan aimed at ushering in the 21st century, a world free from colonialism."

In September, 1989, the heads of state of the Non-Aligned Movement agreed to participate in UN activities and to create work plans and a working group. The Organization of American States has followed.

Information may be obtained by calling UN public information: (212) 963-1234. They can provide reports from the Special Committee on Decolonization, as well as comments by member states (England considers the idea "irrelevant" and sees "no need for such a decade.")

"The whites turn everything into a commercial. If you have a pain, they sell you a pill. If you want to see a commercial. If you have a pain, they sell you a pill. If you want to see a commercial, they are going to tell you that you have a pain."

-The Reds are Red

The Madrid newspaper ABC launched one of the early counterattacks in defense of Columbus heresies in October, 1986. The paper editorialized that a "campaign, clearly of Soviet inspiration, intends to boycott the celebration of the Quincentennial of the Discovery of America." The Soviets are "the promoters of all this because indigenism is one more of the various forms of destabilization being used in Latin America."

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Native Americans, civic groups, protest "Christopher Columbus Boulevard" renaming in Philadelphia

"It is taking away from Native Americans just as the Anglos have done since the day they set foot on our shores," declared Irma Epps, a Philadelphia resident and Cherokee Indian. Epps, along with Indians from tribes across the country as well as four local civic association, marched to protest the renaming of Delaware Avenue.

The International Columbus Quincentenary Alliance publishes an enthusiastically processed news letter, Stated mission of the ICQA: "to contribute to the public awareness of the life and times of Christopher Columbus and the 500th anniversary of his Atlantic crossings." The organization is also "on the leading edge of Columbus Quincentenary Philatelic products." If you want more information, write them at: Box 1492/Columbus, N.J., 08022. No kidding.

Columbus fans gathered 80,000 signatures in Arizona demanding that Columbus Day be reinstated as a state holiday and that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day be eliminated. The legislature had established MLK day and dropped Columbus.

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A cheap holiday in other people's misery

The United States honors only two men with federal holidays bearing their names. But through cooperation, they created the birth of Martin Luther King, who helped to launch the just and courageous struggle of African-Americans for equal rights in this country. In October 12 we are asked to commemorate the coming of Columbus, who opened the Atlantic slave trade, and launched a tidal wave of genocide, theft, and oppression.

-Christopher Columbus

A new Christian holiday, 1990

Monday, October 8th, 1990 will bring the largest gathering of Christian leaders in history. "The Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church," a Christian observance has been called for by the World Council of Churches, the Evangelical Council of North America, and many other organizations.

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Puerto Rico: 500 years of occupation

In his inaugural address, US president Bush dropped a political bombshell on Puerto Rico by calling for the colony's absorption into the US as a state. Soon after, maneuvers began to hold a plebiscite on the island's political status before the end of 1991. (The anti-colonial pressures related to the quincentennial year, 1992, were reportedly a factor in the timing.) The legislation developed in the U.S. congress calls for Puerto Ricans to vote on three options: a modified version of today's colonial status, statehood, and independence. Each option is defined according to US interests — in fact, guarantees continues US military bases — and the final result would need to be approved by Congress.

Independence forces have called for UN principles of decolonization to be applied, including freedom for political prisoners and respect for the independence movement, demilitarization of the country, transfer of property to the US government and international observers to monitor the process. The Bush administration rejects these measures, claiming that Puerto Rico's status is an internal affair of the US.

1771: The Minister of Colonies explains why Christopher Columbus should not be freed from his congenital "state of humiliation". His Majesty has considered that such a favor would tend to destroy the image of the British monarchy. His Majesty has considered that such a favor would tend to destroy the image of the British monarchy.

Economic Alliance for Cultural Democracy

ACD is a national network of cultural workers — artists, teachers, organizers — who work for grassroots empowerment, and development through participation. We are committed to celebrating and defending free cultural expression for our many diverse communities. The Alliance holds an annual conference, publishes a magazine, Cultural Democracy and a series of regional bulletins. ACD region sponsors an annual conference.

Quincemnennial Campaign. ACD committed itself in 1988 to provide a cleanhouse for information on the 500th anniversary of the American invasion of the Caribbean. "huracan" is a product of that commitment. We encourage people to initiate a wide variety of activities highlighting issues of colonialism, alliance-building, racism, cultural diversity, and re-examining history. We are eager to hear from and co-operate with any individuals or groups who share our concerns.

The First Issue (April, 1990) focuses on the quincentennial, especially Indian resistance campaigns in Latin America. Articles include: "Ile S00eme au Bresil" and "Le carnaval de '92". The second issue (August, 1990) focuses on the quincentennial, especially Indian resistance campaigns in Latin America. Articles include: "Ile S00eme au Bresil" and "Le carnaval de '92". The third issue (October, 1990) focuses on the quincentennial, especially Indian resistance campaigns in Latin America. Articles include: "Ile S00eme au Bresil" and "Le carnaval de '92".

Encounters: a quincenennial review

is a quarterly magazine published by the Spanish '92 Foundation and the Latin American Institute of the University of New Mexico. It is a Spanish government-funded organization, and the magazine seeks to use the quincentennial as a vehicle for promoting the New Spain." The Universal Exposition of Seville and the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992 are the central events for this major public relations blitz.

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National Hispanic Quincentennial Commission

views 1992 as a landmark occasion to "highlight Hispanic contributions in the U.S." over the past 500 years.
The Asian/Pacific Connection: Invasion, Immigration, Internment

by Marge Tanawaki

In 1989, people in Colorado and 8,000 other people in the country had more than 40 years ago continued to struggle for existence and provide a bit of beauty amidst the long, empty months. The foundation of the tar-papered barracks, a cemetery which contains 11 graves, and a small brick structure that houses a granite memorial erected by the internees are all that remain. One headstone reads, “To die is gain.”

The cemetery is apparent and perhaps could be altered should the area be declared a state historical site. If we feel that events such as occurred in 1942 could not take place today, we should remember that, until the summer of 1972, Title II of the McCarran Act of 1950 remained on the books. Amache is a part of Colorado and United States history which needs to be remembered so that it can never recur. It is a vigil we must all keep for that part of us buried beneath the sand in the still barbed wire enclosed cemetery of Amache.

In the early 1980’s, a presidential commission was formed to hold hearings to investigate the wartime relocation and evacuation of Japanese-Americans. Out of these extensive hearings came the recommendation for a formal and official recognition from the United States government as well as token monetary compensation. Included in these hearings was the ill known removal of Aleuts from their homes on the Pribilof Islands. Nearly a quarter of these evacuees perished due to confinement in abandoned fish canneries that afforded little shelter and unsanitary living conditions. Continuing the travesty, only the females were repatriated one year before the women and children in order to utilize their labor in the annual seal kill, providing a profit to the United States.

The Canadian government also incarcerated its Japanese population, in a settlement known as a “relocation center.” Despite this, North American governments, citizens of Japanese ancestry in those countries were brought to the United States as additional proof for a prisoner exchange for “real Americans.”

In a bit of irony, these people became stateless after the war ended due to the fact that they were brought here without papers. It took an act of Congress to change their status. Even though token compensation to Japanese Americans may be forthcoming, this does not absolve the United States government of its responsibility to any and all other oppressed groups which have an equal claim to compensation for centuries of abuse, degradation, humiliation.

As we approach 1992, all of this history demands an accurate accounting. The 500YRC hopes to create for future generations libraries and museums around a war crimes tribunal which will put on trial Columbus and other individuals who played a part in the Tredyffrin inhabited hemisphere their disease, piracy, arrogance, and murderous practices.

We invite anyone interested to contact: 500YRC, P.O. Box 8901, Denver, Colorado 80201

Latin American Indian Leaders call for Quincentenary resistance, boycott

Amazon Indian leaders from Ecuador, Brazil, Bolivia, and Colombia, in cooperation with the United Nations World Food Programme, the World Wildlife Fund, and other environmental groups, have called for a boycott of protest against the effects of European "settlements" in Latin America on the environment. The boycott campaign was organized by the UN's Declaration of Indigenous Rights which is being promoted as a part of the New World's recognition of the Year of Indigenous People. The SOYRC has among its goals:

1. Rejecting the false mythology of a European "Discovery of America";
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3. Repudiating and refuting the currently fashionable notion of "Hispanicism" which seeks to paint all Latin Americans as pre-Columbian, as "white";
4. Endorsing and encouraging further endorsement of the UN's Declaration of Indigenous Rights which is being promoted as a part of the New World's recognition of 1992 as "The Year of Indigenous People."

The purpose of the 500 Years of Resistance Coalition ("500YRC") is the formation of a broad coalition dedicated to rectifying the cultural, social, political, economic, and spiritual wrongs done to the Indigenous People of the Americas.

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The Asian/Pacific Connection: Invasion, Immigration, Internment

The 50th anniversary of the departure of the Americas to band together in contact with the rest of the world is a clear case of what the contributions of these early voyages of exploration have meant to his or her personal history. And every American corporation would take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity to give back a little of the financial success which this country has provided it, in a lasting memorial to that first great entrepreneur, Christopher Columbus." — John Goudie, Chairman Quincentenary Jubilee Commission

"If the information I have is correct, it appears that we could sell four thousand slaves, who might be worth twenty millions and more."

— Christopher Columbus, 1491

Buying into history

Many of the 26 "public" commissions appointed by former President Richard M. Nixon included activists and political leaders who were directly involved in the destruction of the Amazon, as well as to pressure South American governments to respect Indian rights and sovereignty in the Amazon basin.

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three ships, and the late Malcolm Forbes spent half a million for a tour of Spain. The government pays the "few hundred thousand" in office expenses.

Similar celebrations will take place in Japan, Israel, Italy, Spain, the Bahamas, and every Latin American nation but Paraguay.

The National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities are planning $10 million in exhibits and research, according to "Common Cause" magazine. And other groups, like the U.S. Catholic bishops and the University of Minnesota's James Ford Bell Library, are planning freelance celebrations.

The common theme in all of these plans is a vicious, willful naiveté about the legacy of Columbus' "discovery." Their advance publicity drips with comments like that of John Goudie, Commission chair: "He (Columbus) was the world's foremost optimist... That, in a way, is what the American Dream is all about."

Goudie, a Miami real estate developer, ought to know. He's in charge of selling a hot product — to multinationals like Coca-Cola, which is planning a 1992 ad campaign celebrating "the contributions" of Hispanic Americans. "Over the years, the Old World and the New World have become inextricably intertwined," wrote Jack Thale in Five Hundred, the Commission's magazine.

"The New World was able to draw culture and experience from the Old, (which) has been reinvigorated from the bold developments of the New..."

Our government's financial support for this kind of propaganda is particularly egregious in light of recent restrictions on federal arts funding. Recipients of NEA grants now must sign a statement acknowledging that "None of the funds... may be used to... produce materials which in the judgement of the NEA... may be considered obscene, including but not limited to, depictions of sadomasochism, monosexualism, the sexual exploitation of children, or individuals engaged in sex acts and which, when taken as a whole, do not have serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value."

So far as I know, no one in Congress has yet found Five Hundred as offensive as "Man in a Polyester Suit," or pointed out the contradiction of not funding depictions of sex acts while funding depictions of mass murder; or even bothered to ask their constituents about it. That says as much about the composition of Congress as it does about the lunacy of Helms & Co.

The most chilling thing about the official celebrations, finally, is that they are being conceived and organized by Columbus geeks. These people know how long, to the foot, the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria were, what the crew wore, what they ate. They know in detail the trials and tribulations Columbus went through in European capitals to get some gold-hungry monarch to fund his crazy idea.

These Columbus scholars must know about the slave trade, and how the sailors hunted Taino people for sport, and they must have read Bartolome de las Casas, right? But all that is OK. More importantly, it sells — it makes people feel better about the things our money is doing now.

The best thing the government is doing to commemorate the Anniversary of 1492 is naming a U.S. Navy vessel after Columbus. The Navy has always been pretty up front about the way they do business. The Columbus, to be launched in mid-1990, is a Los Angeles Class Attack Submarine.

Aztaca Dancers lead "Chasky" procession/performance piece through the heart of San Francisco's Mission District. The "Chasky" (an Inca word meaning messenger) was held October 13th and billed as "500 years of self-discovery", countering the notion of Columbus' "discovery" of the new world, and celebrating the strength of cultural resistance and survival in all the nations and amongst all the peoples of the continent. The event itself consisted of a procession and march, replete with banners, giant puppets, dancers, music and candles involving over 1000 people and over 30 community cultural organizations. Along its almost 20 block route, various organizations and cultural groups prepared installations and held performance/dance/theater/music events as the procession passed by. Groups spanned a wide range of the city's multiculture, including gay and lesbian groups on the Inquisition, the Alliance for Cultural Democracy "1492"; St. Theresa's Housing Coalition 1992; Central American organizations, "The Struggle"; Guatemalan groups, "The Resistance"; Native American groups, "Big Mountain"; etc.

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THE COLUMBUS ADMINISTRATION

As the quincentennial of the invasion of America draws nearer, the contrasting views of its meaning are becoming more starkly clear. On the one side is the U.S. government with merchandized research teams, information boards of McDonald's, Levi-Strauss, and Chrysler, Ford Motor Company and Le-Ell, the machines of Le-El lacocca, Donald Rumsfeld, and the Huracan of the Tai no, African-Ameri-can organizers each with what the Rev. Emory Searcy Jr. of the I-nternational Clergy and Laymen Concerned calls a "teachable moment." With lad-ies and poor European-Americans, media and hoopla should go unchallenged. Even the official hoopla we are trying to provide a link among these communities. One that will show us to build unity for common action while respecting and supporting our separate agendas. This is the kind of coalition that our best leaders have fought so hard to build and that the Columbus Administration and its heirs have always worked to divine.

THE OTHER HOLOCAUST

As the volume of hype and protest around the quincentennial increases, the silence in regard to Africa becomes so loud that we hear the stench of conquest and plunder that devastated America also struck Africa with tremendous force. The slave trade robbed Africa of its mark of youth, its most productive workers, its freedom. The slave economy butlt in the Americas was the most massive the world had ever seen. Millions of people were swallowed by the mines and plantations. The wealth they produced built the banks of London and Amsterdam and the multi-national corporations. The corporate know-how and virtue. They plan to make up with sheer volume for the fact that the truth is not very sym­pathetic to the Columbus myths.

The opposition today, as in past centuries, is made up of diverse groups with a variety of interests. A ded­icated core of Native American leaders from across the continent is working to put today's Indian struggle at center stage in the national agenda. A fitting commemoration that point out would be to respect Treaty obligations, guarantee religious freedom, honor land and resource rights, honor the environment and free political prisoners. Independence leaders in Puerto Rico and other colonies threw the United Nations into calling for an end to the era of coloni­alism. Artists, church activists and teachers have organized their own responses. Some wish to abstain from what they see as the sins of their forebears; others identify themselves with the oppressed. African-Ameri-can organizers each speak forcefully to the effects of the conquest on their peoples.

We at Huracan will try to provide a link among these communities. One that will show us to build unity for common action while respecting and supporting our separate agendas. This is the kind of coalition that our best leaders have fought so hard to build and that the Columbus Administration and its heirs have always worked to divine.

TEACHABLE MOMENT

The quincentennial presents us with the opportunity to confront the assassination of Christopher Columbus not only on our fifth grade literature to showing a movie in your classroom, but in the network may help you to find. We also hope you will let us know if we are by showing what monumen­tal feats can be accomplished through perseverance and faith.

George Bush

Crispulo, a Cuna Indian from Panama, spoke of "syphilisation" rather than civilization, and de­scribed that anything positive could result from that. "Nefarious date which no indigenous organization is in support of celebrating."

El Alcazar, Madrid, 10/86

The reader in the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis are invited to volunteer to help with the production of Huracan. All readers are encour­aged to send us clippings, write de­scriptions of your activities or plans, graphics, or photos. We will also print requests for information that others in the network may help you to find.

Huracan is available for confer­ence distribution as an insert in your group newsletter.

Huracan is published in a spirit of cooperation with all organizations involving human rights. Our hope is that you will let us know how we may be of most use to quinecentennial organiz­ers.
Artic to Amazonia Alliance

Provides a range of communications and coalition building services to increase awareness of Native American concerns. Projects include:

Resource Sharing Database and Media Activist Database to list projects on indigenous issues as well as supportive media workers, activists, and tribal centers who wish to receive action alerts and announcements.

Indigenous America Media Project (see separate listing)

Artic to Amazonia Congress. The next one will be Fall, 1991, and will promote the emergence of global leadership from Native communities as well as environmental and development projects based on tribal perspectives.

Teacher Training Program. Working with teachers and students to promote Native perspectives, the unrepresented side of history, current events, etc.

Artic to Amazonia Alliance
P.O. Box 73
Stratford, VT 05072
(802)765-4337

Indigenous American Media Project

A joint collaboration between Turning Tide Productions, Eclipse Communications, and Artic to Amazonia Alliance for the Earth, proposes to produce a three-part series of hour-long documentary programs for broadcast television.

The programs will examine perspectives on the Columbus legacy by contemporary indigenous peoples from across North, South, and Central America.

The project's first production work was initiated this summer with documentation of the Continental Meeting of Indigenous Peoples in Quito, Ecuador and the Blackfoot Nation's resistance to a pipeline in Southern Alberta.

Indigenous America Media Project
P.O. Box 864
Wendell, MA 01379
(508) 544-8131

Take it back

When Indian leaders gathered in Madrid in October of 1986, they called for the revocation of the Papal Bull of Pope Alexander VI, which divided their lands between the kingdoms of Spain and Portugal.

Ya, Madrid, 10/12/86

Deborah Small

1492
by Deborah Small
with Maggie Jaffee

This is a beautiful, powerful and eye-opening book. Small uses poetry, chronologies, quotations and illustrations to relentlessly unmask the racial, economic, and sexual politics of conquest. The meanings and use of words are dissected and exposed through effective use of lists and definitions: "language is the perfect instrument of Empire." (from the Gramatica, 1492, Antonio de Nebrija.)

The illustrations, in stark black and white, are drawn from 16th century engravings and woodcuts by Theodore Bry and others. Hollywood films, and other images often combined in creative collage. The work also exists as a wall installation. The book is available for $15 (incl. shipping) from

Deborah Small

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U of California, San Diego
LaJolla, CA 92093-0422

NACLA

NACLA, the National Congress on Latin America, will focus the six issues of its influential magazine for 1991 on themes reflecting the past 500 years in the Americas. The issues will reflect a variety of concerns related to indigenous opposition and resistance.

NACLA
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 454
New York, NY 10013
(212)870-3146

In the Bay of Pigs

Columbus in the Bay of Pigs is a rich 56 page historical poem interweaving original source material from Columbus' journeys and administration with accounts of Taino society and the U.S. sponsored invasion of Cuba. "Imagine the sound of the beach called Giron, fine and white, the big bend that turns the corner of the bay of Pigs, Cuba. Touch it. Take some in your fingertips. Let it fall. You are touching the blood of empire."

Homeward Press
PO Box 2307
Berkeley, CA 94702

"The judgement of history will depend on who writes it."

-- Richard Nixon

500
Five Hundred

is the slick quarterly magazine of the US Quincentenary Jubilee Commission. The magazine unashamedly promotes Columbus as a "national hero" and corporate culture as his reincarnation. (Who could disagree?) This mag is a great tool to get people jazzed up to fight the lies. $22.

Five Hundred
P.O. Box 141269
Miami, FL 33114-9823

Voices of Hope

Our union must not be merely one with African-Americans, indigenous peoples, trade unions, people's movements and community activists of the Americas. We know that the whole world was affected and reordered by the European invasion of our hemisphere. All indigenous peoples, peasants, and African-Americans were de-valued and placed in terms of their service to Europeans. Their land and resources, too, were placed at European disposal, for their luxury, comfort, and enrichment. We must also come together with peoples of Africa and Asia who struggle for justice and peace.

We came to Rio de Janeiro, we heard, we reflected and we are committed to the following affirmations and resolutions as participants in the historic First Inter-Continental Encounter of African-Americans and Indigenous Peoples.

Indigenismo

is published by the Spanish Seminary of Indigenist Studies in Madrid. Issue #8, which has reached our hands (March, 1989) is 54 pages packed with reports on issues, events, and conferences, both academic and activist, that affect Indian people. It includes extensive gleanings from the Spanish press on Indian issues as well as articles on the Quincentenary and Leonard Peltier. In Spanish.

Indigenismo
Facultad de Geografia e Historia
Universidad Complutense
28040 Madrid, Spain

"I will be back and I will be millions."

-- Tupac Amaru

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1992
1992 Re.View
P.O. Box 801
New York, NY 10009
A bilingual Spanish/English clearinghouse publication listing events and organizations from all over the country and world.

Learning Alliance, 494 Broadway, New York, NY 10012; (212)226-7171.
Ask for a catalogue of upcoming events, which feature many connections between Native Americans, environmental issues, and the Quincentenary.

Rethinking Schools, 1001 Keefe Avenue, Milwaukee, W 53212; (414)964-9646. A progressive education journal, which recently featured an article on how to teach the Columbus "discovery."

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P.O. Box 7591
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Alliance for Cultural Democracy Peacenet Resources

The Alliance for Cultural Democracy has a new name for its interactive computer bulletin board, 'arts.activism,' and the change signals increased access and resources available to you. 'arts.activism' is part of the International Global Communications (IGC) system, and is accessible to millions of activists around the world.

In the United States, 'arts.activism' can be reached through Peacenet. 'arts.activism' has information on Alliance for Cultural Democracy activities, advocacy and organizing efforts, board meetings and board members, and beginning in November, 1990, a new service for ACD members: ARTS ACTIVISM CALENDAR, a topic within the 'arts.activism' bulletin board. The calendar will list performances, exhibits, videos, films, speaking engagements, etc., featuring and/or organized by ACD members and fellow travelers. There will also be a special topic on Quincentennial information and activities.

If you want more information on IGC and Peacenet, contact them at (415)923-0900, or the facilitator of 'arts.activism,' Mat Schwarzman, at (415)626-0849. If you're already on Peacenet and want to "talk" more, contact Mat on e-mail at 'mschwarzman.'

Additional Resources

American Indian Community House, 404 Lafayette Street, New York, NY 10003; (212)598-0100.

American Indian Law Alliance, 488 Seventh Ave., Suite 5E, New York, NY 10011; (212)206-1347.

Clergy and Laity Concerned, P.O. Box 1987, Decatur, GA. 30031; (404)677-1983. Ask for an organizers' packet ($5, postpaid) and information about activists doing work in your area.

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