

# American Indians Developed Today's Crops Centuries Ago

Fall harvest time always reminds people of food — but few people realize that approximately 50 per cent of the plants grown in America today were developed centuries ago by Indians.

## Sealaska Hires Bank of America

Sealaska Corporation announced the appointment of Bank of America as distribution agent for Alaska Natives in the Twelfth Region under terms of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Announcement of the appointment was made by John Borbridge, Jr., President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sealaska Corporation.

Bank of America, the world's largest non-government bank, will provide shareholder services for Sealaska at the completion and approval of the Alaska Native Roll by the Department of the Interior.

Distribution of 100 shares to each eligible enrollee is expected to be made in December, after which Sealaska will make the first cash distribution under the provisions of the Settlement Act.

The Twelfth Region encompasses an area stretching from Yakutat to Ketchikan with an enrollment of about 17,000 Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

This observation was made recently by Dr. Raymond B. Farnsworth, nationally known agronomist from Brigham Young University, in a speech to some 150 couples attending an agricultural and home management conference at BYU in Provo, Utah. Participants came from the Midwest to the West Coast, and from Canada to Mexico.

"Contrary to popular belief, American Indians of the past were not mainly hunters and fishers. The vast majority of them lived in villages and tilled the soil," Dr. Farnsworth pointed out.

Americans and others in the world today could not even think about going without corn, potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, watermelon, beans, squash, pumpkin, sunflower, artichoke, pineapple, or banana.

The Indians developed these and more!

They domesticated such wild berries as the strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, and gooseberry — as well as grapes. They are responsible for long staple cotton and for nuts such as the pecan, walnut, butternut, hickory nut, chestnut — and particularly the use of the Pinon nut which westerners like so well.

Dr. Farnsworth also pointed out that Indians developed the use of rubber, certain athletic

activities, the birch bark canoe, the hammock, and tapping the maple tree for its syrup. Many concepts included in the Constitution of the United States also came from the Indian people through their practice of tribal government well known among the early eastern settlers.

"Probably the greatest of all the contributions by the Indians was the development of corn. It is apparent that Indians were some of the best plant breeders and selectors of crop varieties

about which we know," Dr. Farnsworth said.

"The discovery of America was the discovery of corn. Today corn is the backbone of American agriculture — and had it not been for corn the early settlers received from the Indians, their colonies would have undoubtedly ended in tragedy and the colonization of the New World delayed for many years," he added.

Dr. Farnsworth pointed out that corn is believed to have

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TUESDAYS			WEDNESDAY		
Northbound (Read Down)			Southbound (Read Up)		
Train No. 6			Train No. 5		
9:00 a.m.	LV	Anchorage	AR	8:40 p.m.	
10:42 a.m.	LV	Wasilla	LV	6:53 p.m.	
12:29 p.m.	LV	Talkeetna	LV	5:02 p.m.	
4:45 p.m.	LV	McKinley Park	LV	1:00 p.m.	
7:07 p.m.	LV	Nenana	LV	10:44 a.m.	
8:55 p.m.	AR	Fairbanks	LV	9:00 a.m.	

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## Writer Snared...

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I was to be arrested for carrying a concealed weapon, they informed me.

"Who's concealing?" I wanted to know.

"This is serious. It's a felony!" one of the officers cautioned. And sure enough, it was!

The Los Angeles Police Department sent five officers to look me over and two more arrived on the scene right behind them.

"I guess I must look pretty dangerous to you," I admitted. "But with all of you here, who's minding Los Angeles?"

"This is a felony," they repeated. "Customary procedure is to arrest you and take you to the Los Angeles jail where you must bail yourself out."

"You mean I'll miss my plane?"

"Maybe quite a few planes."

While I cooled my high heels and played my knitting, the men went over my gun (a Colt Woodsman) and admired my new skinning knife. Via computer they checked my criminal

record. (Clean, thank Heaven). They also checked to see if the gun had been stolen. It hadn't but it was unregistered and naturally they chided me for that.

They went through my wallet several times, studied my Tundra Times press pass, weighed the fact I was on assignment for National Geographic.

I explained that Atka — the island for which I was headed — was sustained by reindeer hunting and if a woman isn't bold enough to hunt reindeer, she is at least expected to wing an occasional ptarmigan to help with the food supply.

Finally, just five minutes before my plane took off, L.A.'s finest decided to give me a break. They bagged my arsenal and gave it to the pilot to hand carry and it was duly returned to me at the northern end of the trip.

"But next time, lady, pack that gear in your duffel bag. I don't care what Western told you. Pack it. And that will save us all a lot of trouble."

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### SENIOR DRILLING ENGINEER

Graduate mechanical or petroleum engineer with 6 to 10 years' experience in all phases of drilling, workover and well completion combined with solid background in well planning and engineering. Knowledge of drilling in Arctic conditions decided advantage.

### DRILLING ENGINEER

Graduate mechanical or petroleum engineer with 3 to 5 years' experience in all phases of drilling, workover and well completion combined with solid background in well planning and engineering. Knowledge of drilling in Arctic conditions decided advantage.

### SENIOR DRILLING SUPERVISOR

Degree in either mechanical or petroleum engineering with minimum of 10 years' continuous experience in all phases of drilling operations OR 20 years' practical experience in all phases of drilling and workover operations OR a combination of the two with 10 years in a supervisory capacity.

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High school graduate with business administration ability and oilfield experience with rig or supply store background. Should also have knowledge of cost estimating.

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Various grades up to Manager. Engineering degree (preferably petroleum engineering) with post graduate training in petroleum production practices and remote control computer knowledge and 2 years' minimum oilfield production experience. Some engineers will be required with considerably more experience to fill the senior supervisory posts. Fifteen years may be required for top posts with some knowledge of high production rate wells and large field development. Knowledge of automated control systems for both wells and production treatment plant advantageous.

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### ACCOUNTANT

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### ACCOUNTING CLERK

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