

# *ARBA funds construction*

Construction of native American cultural centers and renovations of tribal houses and historic grounds are among the projects which will be funded for Indian tribes in Washington and Alaska with \$571,576 in grants being distributed in this region through the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) Native American Programs office.

Representatives from seven tribes in ARBA's Region X received advance checks as the first installment of their grants in a brief ceremony in the ARBA office in the Federal Bldg., 915 2nd Ave. today (Friday, Jan. 23).

The funds, which were available from the Department of Commerce, were applied for and obtained through the efforts of the Native American Programs Office with the cooperation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and ARBA Region X.

The checks were presented by Wayne Chattin of the Native American Programs office; Wesley Phillips, director, ARBA Region X; Joe Stensgard, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Portland, and Ross Miller, Bureau of Indian

Affairs, Juneau.

Receiving the grants were the Aukes and the Tlingit-Haidas of southeastern Alaska; the Colville, Nooksack, Quinault, Lummi and Suquamish tribes, all of Washington state.

Plans for the various tribes' Bicentennial projects include, carving and erecting totem poles by the Aukes; renovation of tribal and community house, Tlingit-Haida; construction of Nez Perce cultural center by the Colvilles; construction of tribal cultural and education center by the Nooksacks; tribal cultural and historic study by the Quinaults; renovation of historic grounds by the Lummis and renovation of Chief Seattle cemetery by the Suquamish.

Wayne Chattin said the Bicentennial grants are important steps in encouraging Native Americans to become an integral part of the Bicentennial commemoration.

"ARBA hopes to broaden the base of national unity by recognizing and acknowledging the often neglected roles and aspirations of the native American society," he concluded.