

To Preserve Heritage— **Children's Theater**

SANTA FE, New Mexico—Some talented members of the Santa Clara Pueblo in New Mexico have incorporated to form a non-profit organization called the Tewa Children's Theatre.

The all Indian corporation will promote cultural awareness and preserve Indian heritage, while encouraging the development of education in and appreciation of drama among the Pueblo Indians in northern New Mexico.

The community theatre group will present four performances each year in the six Tewa pueblos. They hope to climax their first season with a special performance at Puye during the 1972 ceremonials in July, to be broadcast over National Educational Television.

William Baca, director of the Tewa Children's Theatre, is the

Head Start teacher at Santa Clara Pueblo. He is assisted by Lynn Davis, a VISTA volunteer who was formerly a production assistant for "Sesame Street."

The group will perform Indian legends, myths and folktales for the children of the pueblos. All performances will be in Tewa. Stories are being collected from elderly tribal members and transferred into dramatic form by students in the pueblo.

The Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe will supply technical assistance.

The Children's Theatre needs funds for costumes, lighting, makeup and other materials. They hope eventually to travel to other Indian tribes to present their stories and would like to hear from other Indian theatre groups for suggestions or cooperation ideas.

Any contributions should be sent to the Tewa Children's Theatre, Inc./% Mr. William Baca/ Santa Clara Pueblo, New Mexico.