

Mrs. Pearl Warren Founder of Seattle Indian Center Resigns as Director

Pearl Warren, executive director of the Seattle Indian Center since it opened in 1959, has resigned that position as of February 1. Mrs. Warren, who has also served as the editor of the Indian Center News, will continue in Indian work.

A Makah Indian, Mrs. Warren opened the Seattle Indian Center in 1959 with a small group of church women and the then very small American Indian Women's Service League.

The idea was conceived as a social center for urban Indians and a half way house for assisting Indians coming to the city for the first time from reservations and Alaska villages.

During her 11 years as Executive Director of the Seattle Indian Center, Mrs. Warren has maintained her original concept that there is a tremendous need for Indian people to find a place of their own within the complicated framework of urban problems.

"They need identification with their own kind as they become part of the larger community," she said. "They need an opportunity to do for each other in learning to carry over their talents into the social structure around them."

The Indian Center, under Mrs. Warren's direction, has enlarged its program as funding has become available through government and charitable foundations, particularly in the area of education.

With Western Washington State College, the Center sponsored and for two years prepared a 3-credit program for teachers who teach Indian children.

This program, Upward Bound and Talent Search have all been sponsored by the Indian center. They have also sponsored annual youth conferences and GED classes held at the center for the past two years.

"I am still committed to the principals upon which we founded the Center originally," Mrs. Warren commented. "I think it has been doing the sort of program we originally intended and I hope it will be continued as a liaison between the community



FAITHFUL SERVANT—Mrs. Pearl Warren, veteran worker and helper of her fellow native people, resigned as executive director of the Seattle Indian Center which she helped found in 1959. The resignation was effective on Feb. 1. Mrs. Warren saw the need of assistance of urban Indians when she opened the office in 1959. She was also the editor of the Indian Center News. Mrs. Warren said she will continue her work with the Indians.

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and Indian people, and will continue to encourage Indian groups in their effort to improve the life of their people."

She has been encouraging Indian affairs for many years, as a prominent advocate of the Indian in Seattle and Washington State.

On the national scene, she was the only Indian invited to testify before Senator Robert Kennedy's Committee on Indian Education on the plight of the "urban" Indian.

She has been a board member, vice-chairman and chairman of American Indians United, a national organization of urban Indian organizations.

Preflood Fight Meeting— Agencies Organize To Fight Flood

The Alaska Disaster Office, in cooperation with the U.S. Army District Corps of Engineers, the Alaskan Command and the City of Fairbanks, has scheduled a preflood fight meeting for Fairbanks on Tuesday, March 16, 1971.

The meeting, scheduled to start at 8:00 a.m. at Alakaland, will feature an up-to-date review of the Fairbanks flood potential, organization of agencies participating in conducting a flood fight, concept of operations and aerial dusting.

Ray Willman, Natural Disaster Coordinator from the Office of Emergency Preparedness, will conduct a briefing on the new Public Law 91-606, the Federal Disaster Assistance Act of 1970.

During the afternoon of the 16th, participating agencies will review the flood potential of the Yukon, Kuskokwim and other river areas, and discuss the concept of operations to handle those flood-prone areas.

On March 17 the U.S. Army District Corps of Engineers will conduct a day-long flood fight exercise designed to test the organization and capabilities of all federal, State, local and independent agencies who would be involved in an actual emergency. The location of the exercise will be announced at a later date.

Over 40 government and independent agencies will be notified at an early date as to their participation during the meeting and exercise.

The flood fight meeting planned for this year will be the most extensive and well attended meeting held, due to the heavy snowfall already experienced in the Fairbanks area.

Although neither the briefing nor the exercise will be open to the general public, the news media will be invited.

Release of Debts Sought For Fairbanks

Three area legislators, Dick Randolph, John Huber and Mike Bradner, have introduced a bill into the State House of Representatives which would release the City of Fairbanks from its obligation to pay principal and interest on the loan of \$1,500,000 made by the State of Alaska to the city for the purchase of Alakaland.

The bill also provides for a refund of all interest payments made prior to the bill.

This bill was introduced following the receipt of resolution 732 from the Fairbanks city council requesting forgiveness of the loan.



Congressman Begich Adds Personnel to Staff

Congressman Nick Begich announced several appointments to his Washington staff shortly before Congress opened in Washington last week.

Two case workers, David Michael Alexander and Mary-Louise Faunce will be responsible for investigating problems that pertain to Alaska. Begich also announced the appointment of Carole L. Fuller as receptionist and Dottie W. Richroath as his personal secretary.

David Alexander was born in Juneau in 1946 and is the second generation of his family to be born in Alaska. He worked as a budget analyst for the State of Alaska Department of Administration and was a page in the Alaska State House of Representatives in January of 1970.

He later worked on the Begich campaign staff. He received a B.A. degree in political science from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington and has done graduate work at Boston University.

Mary-Louise Faunce formerly worked on the staff of U.S. Senator Mike Gravel. She was

born and educated in the Washington, D.C. area.

Before accepting the position with Rep. Begich, she worked at the European Space Conference Liaison Office where she assisted French and German liaison officers in their contacts with U.S. and European industry and agencies.

She was part of Senator Gravel's staff when he first came to Washington, and will helpfully aid Rep. Begich in establishing his office.

Carole L. Fuller has been living in Anchorage since 1947. She graduated from East Anchorage H.S. in 1964 and later received a B.A. degree in English from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington.

Prior to becoming a member of Mr. Begich's staff, she was employed by Hewitt V. Lounsbury and Assoc. and was an energetic worker in the Congressman's last two campaigns.

Dottie W. Richroath was previously personal Secretary to Senator Thomas Dodd of Connecticut and has worked around the D.C. area the past 12 years.

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