

## **Project Peace Pipe—**

# **Peace Corps Seeks Natives For Service in Latin America**

A plan has been developed to recruit Alaska native people into Project Peace Pipe to work as Peace Corps volunteers in Latin America starting 1968.

The recruitment and training for Peace Corps service is being undertaken through the efforts of the Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity (OIO), the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Washington office of the Peace Corps.

Miss Deborah Brown, who will be Peace Pipe recruiter

for Alaska, will start her work early in March.

"I will be recruiting in Fairbanks in Early March," Miss Brown wrote from Washington, D. C. this week. "I plan to spend two or three days at the University of Alaska and I hope to speak to the Fairbanks Native Association."

Project Peace Pipe was first conducted during 1967 and enlisted eleven Indian Peace Corps trainees. The 1968 goal is to recruit approx-

imately 50 Indians and Alaska natives for Peace Corps service in Latin American nations.

The project was developed and is administered by OIO cooperation with the Peace Corps.

Officials of the program include Mrs. Iola Taylor, director of OIO; Mrs. LaDonna Harris, wife of Senator Fred R. Harris of Oklahoma; Dr. Leon Ginsberg, project director; and recruiters Be

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Davison, Peace Corps, Washington, D. C. and Dick Hanson, OIO, Norman, Oklahoma.

The recruiters are currently contacting schools and organizations throughout the United States about the program.

The recruitment effort is being financed through a special grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Although the initial effort will be to recruit Indian men and women from Oklahoma, the plan is to seek volunteers in all parts of the United States.

During the summer of 1968, OIO, under a contract with Peace Corps, will conduct training in communication skills, interpersonal relations and the use of the Spanish language.

The program is designed to help the applicants succeed in further training for Peace Corps service overseas. Once training is completed, the volunteers will serve in several Latin American nations.

Applications are now being taken for the Project Peace Pipe. The applicants should be at least 18 years of age and high school graduates.

A brochure describing the program in detail and featuring photographs from the 1967 project has been prepared by the OIO.

This, and additional information can be obtained by writing the Project Peace Pipe, Room 715, Peace Corps, Washington, D. C. 20525.

Interested native persons can also write for more information to Deborah Brown, Box 10, Nome, Alaska 99762.