

Seattle Indians

Oppose Jackson

SEATTLE, WASH.--(AIPA)--Seattle-area Indians have launched a "spring offensive" against city officials and Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., over Fort Lawton, after Indians rejected token acreage chosen without their consultation for a multi-purpose center.

The city denied the request of United Indians of All Tribes (UIAT) for 35 acres of property looking over Puget Sound and the Cascade Mts. Instead, the city offered them a sloping area without a view in a heavily wooded section of the 425 acres of surplus property.

Religions of the Puget Sound natives are closely bound up with the spirits of the waters and woods, such as Raven and Whale.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has entered a request for 35 acres for Indian disposition with the General Services Administration, which has the duty to supervise the disposal of surplus military property.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs in mid-winter telegraphed a "show of interest" in the property of Indian disposition. Bernie Whitebear, president of United Indians, charged "political pressure" from Sen. Jackson forced the BIA to withdraw its request.