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Dr. Theodore Marris
Special Assistant to the
President
White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Dr. Marris:

Each year on June 25, the National Congress of American Indians honors a Congressman and a Senator at a Benefit-Awards Dinner here in Washington, D. C.

This year we are honoring Senator Henry M. Jackson for his work on the Indian Financing Act, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. On the House side, we are honoring Congressman Morris K. Udall for his work on the Havasupai Land Return Legislation.

For the Executive Committee, we invite you to be an honored guest of NCAI at our Head Table.

The banquet will be held at the Sheraton Park Hotel here in Washington on June 25, beginning at 7:00 P.M. The banquet attracts over 500 people from Congress, the Administration, and the National Indian Community.

Please let us know immediately if you will be able to honor us with your presence. Of course, Mrs. Marris is cordially invited to be our guest.

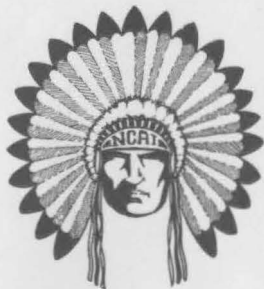
Respectfully yours,

CHARLES E. TRIMBLE
Executive Director

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Accepted





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Johnson Meninick
Yakima Tribal Council
P.O.Box 632
Toppenish, WASHINGTON 98948

Regretted

June 5, 1975

Dr. Theodore Marrs
Spec. Asst. to the President
for Human Resources
103 Executive Office Building
Washington DC



Dear Dr. Marrs:

Approximately 3 weeks ago we mailed you a special invitation to attend our annual Yakima Indian Nation-Toppenish Creek Encampment scheduled for JULY 1 through JULY 7th.

It was just brought to my attention that you did not receive our invitation. In order to avoid unnecessary delays I herewith take the liberty of writing to you immediately to extend our invitation and we hope that you will be able to attend our event.

The Yakima Indian Nation Tribal Council will welcome you and you can be assured that your visit will be a memorable one.

We will provide the necessary transportation and accomodation. Our police department will provide any assistance you may need.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and we sincerely hope that you will be able to come and enjoy Yakima hospitality.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time at the following phone number: Area Code 509/ 865-5121.

Respectfully yours,

Johnson Meninick

Johnson Meninick
Councilman/ Yakima Tribal Council
and Secr. of the Encampment Committee

cc/YN

Johnson Meninick
Yakima Tribal Council
Yakima Indian Nation
P.O.BOX 632
Toppenish, WASHINGTON 98948

TO:

DR. THEODORE MARRS

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**CONFEDERATED
YAKIMA INDIAN NATION**

**TOPPENISH CREEK ENCAMPMENT
OLDEST IN HISTORY OF YAKIMAS**

2 1/2 miles South of White Swan

July 1, 1975 10:30 a.m. TO

July 7, 1975 6:00 a.m.

\$4,500.00 IN PRIZES



COMPETITIVE EVENTS INCLUDES
INDIAN DANCING SINGING
SPORTS FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS
MEN & WOMEN GRANDMAS & GRANDPAS!



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ON JULY 1, 1975 10:30 a.m.
FOR THOSE WHO PASSED ON

NEW ADDED ATTRACTION
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INDIAN ON HORSES FOOT FLOATS
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EVERYONE WELCOME



June 9, 1975.

The Honorable Theodore C. Marrs
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ted,

The attached letter is self-explanatory. However, we want to add our urgent request that you attend this, if at all possible, as not only would you be representing the Link Foundation for the first Stover-Link Award but you would have a chance to meet many of the scientists from around the world working in the hyperbaric field.

I will call shortly for an opportunity to talk with you a few minutes about this and one other idea which I have. In the meantime,

Kindest personal regards
Most sincerely,

"Chuck"

C. W. Shilling, M. D.
Executive Secretary
UNDERSEA MEDICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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enclosure

LINK FOUNDATION

MAIL REPLY _____
P. O. BOX Y, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960

JUN 1 1975

May 30, 1975

C. W. Shilling, M.D.
Executive Secretary
Undersea Medical Society, Inc.
9650 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Dear Dr. Shilling:

Answering your May 20 letter, regretfully Miss Marilyn Link will be unable to attend the presentation of the first "Link Foundation Stover-Link Award" on Tuesday, 8 July, at San Diego.

Dr. Theodore C. Marrs, member of our Technical Assistance Board, may be able to attend and may appreciate an invitation, as it was through him that the grant was initiated.

Thank you for reserving a place of honor for Miss Link at the Head Table for the luncheon. She is very sorry to miss this eventful occasion.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Anice Duriaux
Executive Secretary

CC: Miss Marilyn C. Link

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June 12, 1975



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Dr. Theodore Marrs
Special Assistant to the
President on Indian Affairs
White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Dr. Marrs:

Members of the Iroquois Confederacy from New York State will be participants at the 9th annual Festival of American Folklife, sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Park Service.

These Iroquois participants will be taking part in discussions of Iroquoian life in the Native American Learning Center. There will be demonstrations of Iroquois crafts, dances, games, and lore as well as other exhibits related to the Six Nations.

The Festival dates are June 25 - June 29 and July 2 - July 6. We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend and we know you will find the presentations given by the Six Nations Iroquois particularly interesting.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Duffy Wilson, Executive Director, of the Native American Center for the Living Arts.

Sincerely yours,

Duffy Wilson
Executive Director

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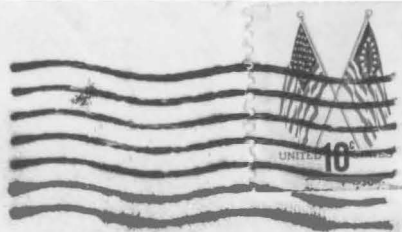
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Mr. Theodore Marrs
Special Assistant to the
President on Indian Affairs
White House
Washington, DC 20500

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The National Commander will be throwing out the first ball for "American Legion Night" at the Minnesota Twins-Baltimore Orioles Baseball Game, therefore, we have had to change the time of the Reception to 5:30-7:30 p. m.

Regrettably accept and Lunch on the 19th when the President appears.

NATIONAL ADJUTANT

June 10, 1975



Sed
Dear ~~Dr.~~ Marris:

As we now near the end of another administrative year, the staff of the Washington Office of The American Legion is again aware of the contribution made by many of our good friends to the success of our programs.

As a small token of our appreciation for the very able assistance received from those friends, I shall host a social gathering in their honor during the National Convention.

I should, therefore, like to extend a cordial invitation to you to be my guest at a stag Reception and Buffet Dinner in the New York Room, Leamington Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Monday, August 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.

I look forward to greeting you on that occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Bill

WILLIAM F. HAUCK

Dr. Theodore C. Marris
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

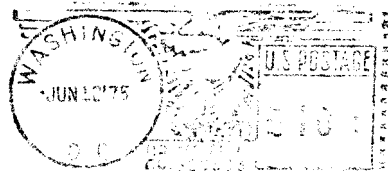
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Dr. Theodore C. Marrs
Special Assistant to The President
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Fifty-seventh Annual National Convention *The American Legion*

*Acceptance of this invitation includes tickets for the following functions.
At a later date you will receive information regarding the location of
the Distinguished Guest Suite, and a card on which you may indicate
those functions which you wish to attend.*

*Reserved seating for the Musical Spectacular, Saturday, August 16
Reserved seating for the National Convention Parade, Sunday, August 17*

*Reserved seating for National Commander's Dinner to
Distinguished Guests, Tuesday, August 19*

*Reserved seating, Minneapolis Auditorium & Convention Hall
Joint Opening Session, Tuesday, August 19*

*Reserved seating, Minneapolis Auditorium & Convention Hall
Business Sessions, Wednesday and Thursday, August 20 and 21*

*We will assist you in obtaining reservations at the Leamington Hotel
If you will indicate below the type of accommodations you wish*

A PROMPT RESPONSE WILL BE APPRECIATED

MR. JAMES M. WAGONSELLER
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION
P. O. BOX 1055
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46206

- I accept } your invitation to attend the 57th Annual National
 I cannot accept } Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota
 My wife will accompany me.

*I request assistance in obtaining the following accommodations at your
National Headquarters Hotel, the Leamington Hotel*

single room

twin room

double room

suite

I have made other arrangements to be housed at _____ Hotel.

Arrival date _____

Departure date _____

(Please print name and preferred mailing address)

*National Commander James M. Wagonseller
requests the pleasure of your company
as a Distinguished Guest at the
Fifty-seventh Annual National Convention of
The American Legion
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- August seventeenth to twenty-first
Nineteen hundred and seventy-five*

R. S. V. P.

**NATIONAL ADJUTANT
THE AMERICAN LEGION
P. O. BOX 1055
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46206**

The National Alliance of Senior Citizens cordially invites you to attend a reception honoring those Members of Congress with outstanding ratings for the nation's aged in the 93rd Congress Golden Age Index.

Sen. Howard H. Baker
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Sen. Sam Nunn

Cong. Skip Bafalis
Cong. Dan Daniel
Cong. Thomas Downing
Cong. L. H. Fountain
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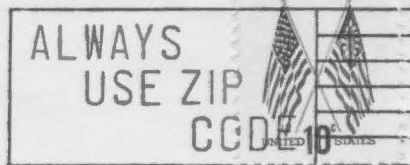
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Cong. Joe Waggoner



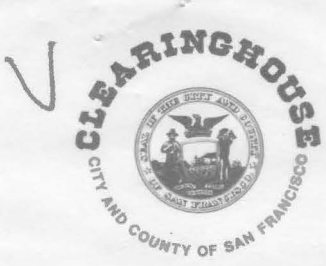
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Regatta

*Cannon Caucus Room
Seven O'clock P.M.
June 17, 1975*



Dr. Ted Marrs
Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C.
The White House



Joseph L. Alioto, Mayor

CITY HALL □ SAN FRANCISCO □ CALIFORNIA □ 94102 □ (415) 558-5885

June 19, 1975

Dr. Theodore Marrs
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.



Dear Dr. Marrs:

I am pleased to invite you on behalf of Mayor Joseph L. Alioto to participate in a conference on June 24 on the subject of Asian immigration. The conference is being sponsored by the City and County of San Francisco for the purpose of bringing together policy-makers, community leaders and scholars to identify areas of concern related to the immigration and resettlement of Asian peoples in the United States. The City and County is being assisted in this conference by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

This conference is the first of a two step process aimed at the identification of critical research needs and the development of a research agenda as well as the formulation of issues to be forwarded to the Federal government. Following this conference a workshop is planned in the early autumn to discuss in detail the research issues raised at the June meeting.

The "San Francisco Research Planning Conference on Asian Immigration" will be held Tuesday, June 24, 1975 at the Towne House Hotel, 8th and Market Streets, San Francisco. A tentative agenda is attached for your information. The conference will include lunch. Please confirm your attendance with Ms. Pamela Woolfolk (558-5885) prior to June 23, 1975. Ms. Woolfolk can also give you information regarding attendance by other members of your organization.

We look forward to seeing you and invite you to give some thought to those areas of particular concern to you and your organization.

Sincerely,

Charles Q. Forester
Director

Regatta

"SAN FRANCISCO RESEARCH PLANNING CONFERENCE ON ASIAN IMMIGRATION

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1975

LOCATION: TOWNE HOUSE HOTEL
8th & MARKET STREETS
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

A.M.

- 8:15 - 9:00 Registration and Coffee
- 9:00 - 10:00 Opening Speeches
Welcome - Charles Q. Forester, Director, Mayor's Clearinghouse
An Historical Perspective - Kevin Starr, San Francisco
City Librarian
- 10:00 - 11:45 Panel Discussion

Moderator: Dr. John T. McAlister, Dept. of Engineering Economic
Systems, Stanford University
Participants:
Le Thanh Minh Chau, Director of University of Hue

Mrs. Gaetana Enders, Member, Presidential Advisory
Committee on Vietnam Refugees

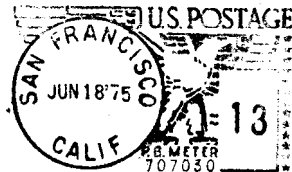
David Gordon, Special Assistant to Dr. Wilson Riles,
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dr. Allan Howard, East-West Population Inst.,
& Department of Anthropology, University of Hawaii,
Honolulu, Hawaii

Chau Kim Nhan, Former Minister of Economics, Republic
of Vietnam
- 11:45 - 12:45 No host cocktails
- 12:15 - 1:45 Luncheon -- Keynote Address--Joseph L. Alioto, Mayor,
San Francisco; Member, Presidential Advisory Committee on
Vietnam Refugees
- 1:45 - 4:30 Concurrent Workshops
- Workshop "A" -- Administration of Justice -- Superior Court Judge Harry Low, San Francisco
- Workshop "B" -- Education -- Dr Alex Inkeles, Director, Stanford International
Development Education Center
- Workshop "C" -- Health -- Dr. Louis Lazaroff, Asia Foundation, San Francisco
- Workshop "D" -- Housing -- Mr. John Williams, Executive Director, Oakland Redevelopment
Agency
- Workshop "E" -- Inter-Cultural Communications -- Ms. Le Thi Anh, Former faculty member,
Buddhist University, Saigon

Workshop "F" -- Manpower/Economic Development -- Ms. Eunice Elton, Director,
Mayor's Office of Manpower

Workshop "G" -- Miami, Florida Experience -- Dr. Clyde Wooten, University of
Miami, Center for Advanced International Studies & Monsignor Bryan Walsh,
Archdiocesan, Directory of Charity, Archdiocese of Miami



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Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation

Office Location: Indian Village, U.S. 190

17 miles east of Livingston, Texas

Dr. Theodore Marrs
Special Assistant to the President
White House
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. Marrs:

The Alabama-Coushatta Tribes are proud to announce that the new "Sundown Outdoor Theatre" will be dedicated and the first playing of our Historical Drama "Beyond the Sundown" will be on June 20, 1975. This is only the second Outdoor Theatre for Texas and the first in America built and managed by an Indian Tribe. The \$650,000 Theatre has been made possible by the assistance of the State of Texas, the Economic Development Administration and many Legislators, Agencies, Officials and Friends. Besides the Leaders of our State and Washington, I am inviting the Governors and Tribal Chiefs of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and particularly Governor George Wallace of the Great State of Alabama that was named for our Tribe when the area was our home.

The Outdoor Theatre is the major project in our final phase of tourist development that will make our Tribes self-sufficient and I would like to invite you and your family to be my guest for this memorable occasion. For your convenience in letting us know if you can be with us on this day, I have enclosed a post card for you to mail so we can reserve your complimentary tickets to our regular Activities, for the BBQ Dinner and the Theatre. We will hold your tickets at the Ticket Booth for you. If you must cancel or need additional tickets, please call Barbara Noriega at 713/536-4391.

The Activities listed on the enclosed brochure start at 9:00 A.M. and are continuous until 7:00 P.M. The BBQ Dinner for our guests will begin at 6:30 P.M. and the Dedication will be at 8:15 P.M. The Play will start at 8:45 P.M. and end at 10:45 P.M.

Those persons wishing to fly can use the Tyler County/Woodville Airport where we will have vehicular transportation available to and from the Reservation. If you wish for us to make motel reservations for you or if you will fly, please indicate on the post card.

We sincerely appreciate your freindship and support and hope you can be with us to share this proud moment.

Your Friend,

Fulton Battise, Chief
Alabama-Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas

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Enclosures

June 20, 1975

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Will Attend [] Will Not Attend []

Will Fly _____ Yes _____ No

Time of Arrival _____

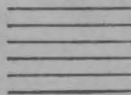
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BBQ Dinner - No. of Tickets Needed []

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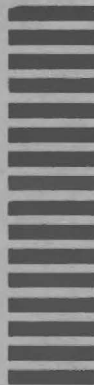
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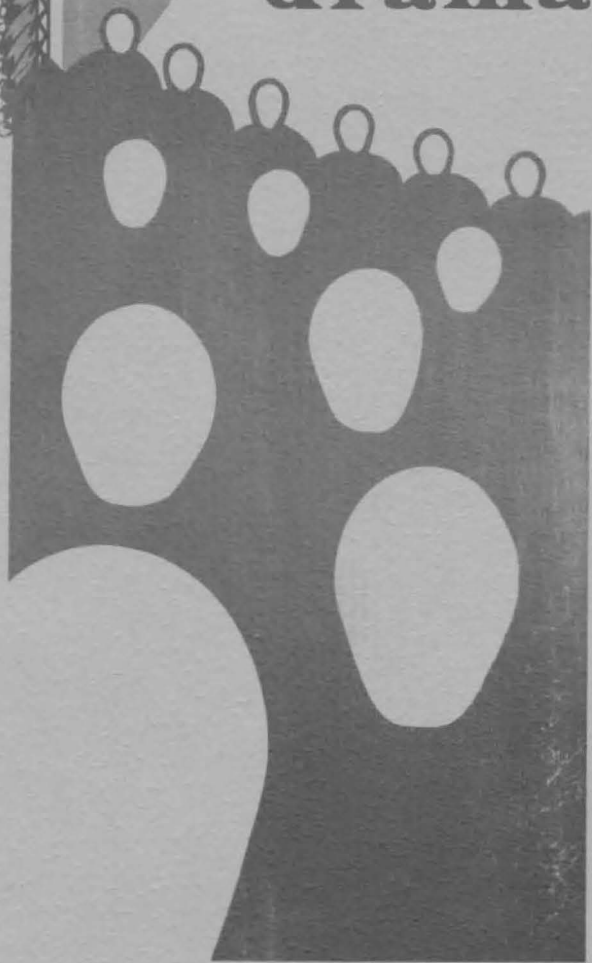
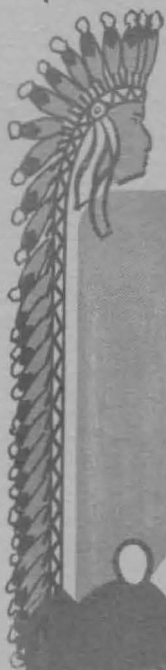
Livingston, Texas 77351



"BEYOND THE SUNDOWN"

East Texas Indian Reservation

**an
outdoor
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TEXAS SUMMERTIME IS OUTDOOR DRAMA TIME

On a hidden hillside deep in the Big Thicket of East Texas unfolds a saga of courage. A new tale of native American wisdom and strong purpose.

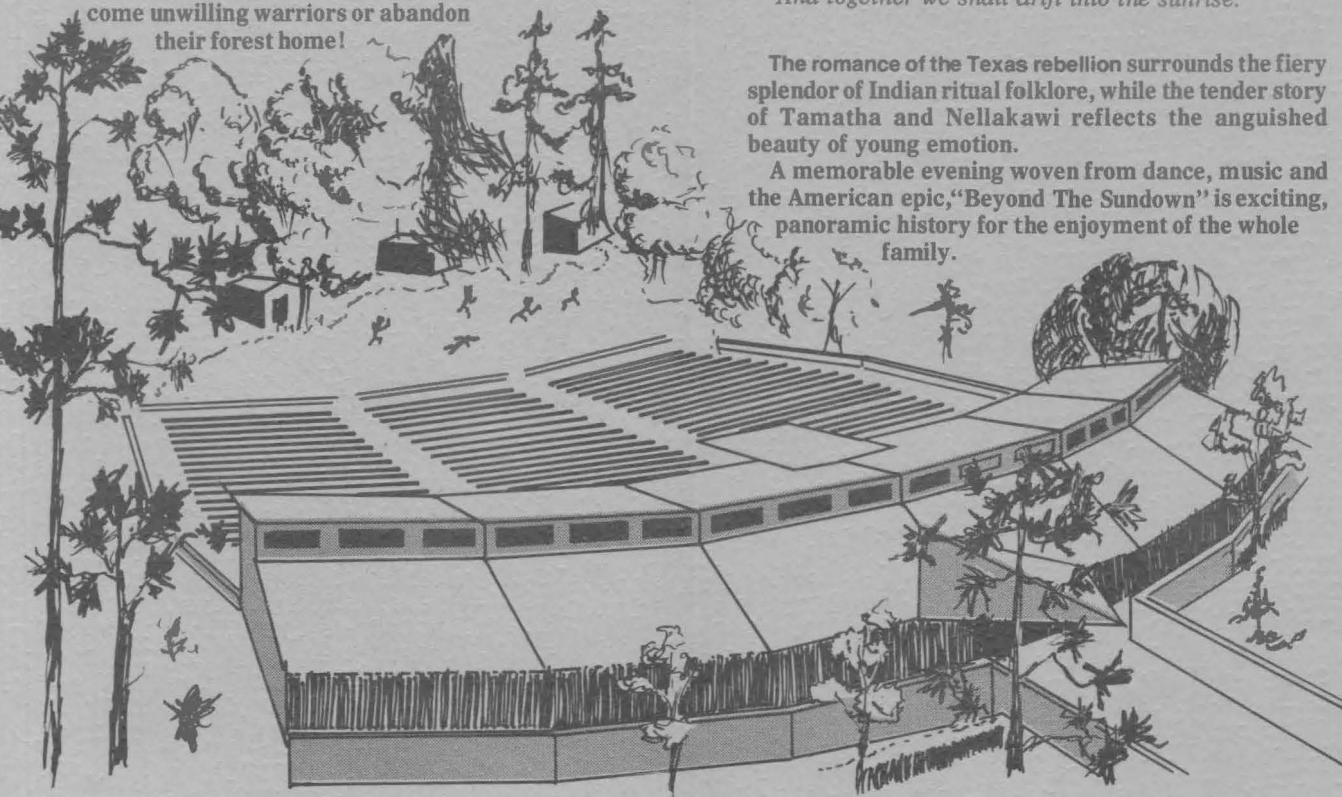
Beyond the Sundown!

An outdoor drama by Kermit Hunter, with music by Frank Lewin.

Here in a unique amphitheatre—built especially for this great drama of the Alabama and Couthatta Indians—the finest moments of Indian history, dramatic inspiration and architectural mastery combine for a splendid summer evening's entertainment.

War in the Woodlands Generations of wandering brought the Woodland Indians of the Alabama and the Couthatta to the peace of dense, lush forests in Mexico's province of Texas. By 1836, eastern settlers rebelled against Mexican rule. Open warfare came nearer and nearer to the Indians' pine-boughed Eden.

At last confronted by the armies of Sam Houston and Santa Anna who insist they fight or be destroyed, the Indian chiefs, Antone and Long King must choose: Become unwilling warriors or abandon their forest home!



You'll be glad your family saw it!! Here is spectacle on a unique Big Thicket stage, a strong and intriguing Indian story highlighted, with colorful lighting and beautiful music to bring out exciting entertainment such as the memorable scenes of a visit by the Indians to the underworld gods.



*Let the bald eagle cry, let the white wolf mourn,
Down the long caverns of the night-time;
Nothing shall disturb our sleeping.
My love shall sleep here beside me forever,
And together we shall drift into the sunrise.*

The romance of the Texas rebellion surrounds the fiery splendor of Indian ritual folklore, while the tender story of Tamatha and Nellakawi reflects the anguished beauty of young emotion.

A memorable evening woven from dance, music and the American epic, "Beyond The Sundown" is exciting, panoramic history for the enjoyment of the whole family.

A HISTORY OF PEACE

Nestled deep in the Big Thicket area of East Texas lies Texas' oldest Indian Reservation, home of the Alabama and Couthatta Indian tribes. The reservation is located on 4,600 acres of verdant virgin timber land, and is 90 miles north of Houston and 17 miles east of Livingston, Texas on U.S. Highway 190.

The Reservation is called home by some 500 members of the two tribes. Both the Alabama and Couthatta tribes are members of the Creek Confederacy of Indians and both are of Muskogean stock. Both tribes came from the state of Alabama, and were closely related before they came to Texas.

The two tribes still speak their native tongues, a language which has never been written. Many Indian children learn English as a second language, and, therefore, have to learn to communicate with the people outside the tribes in a language which is not their first. Great strides in acquiring skills has been made in the past few years, and many Indians are now receiving on-the-job training. Some of the tribal members have excelled as workers in the timber industry. A good example would be the chief of the tribes, Robert Fulton Battise.

Chief Battise started working in the timber industry when he was only 13 years old, and by the time he stepped out of the woods as a worker in 1970, he was known as one of the best. He could fell a tree with an axe as fast as most men could with a sharp saw, and then drive a stake with the trunk of the falling tree.

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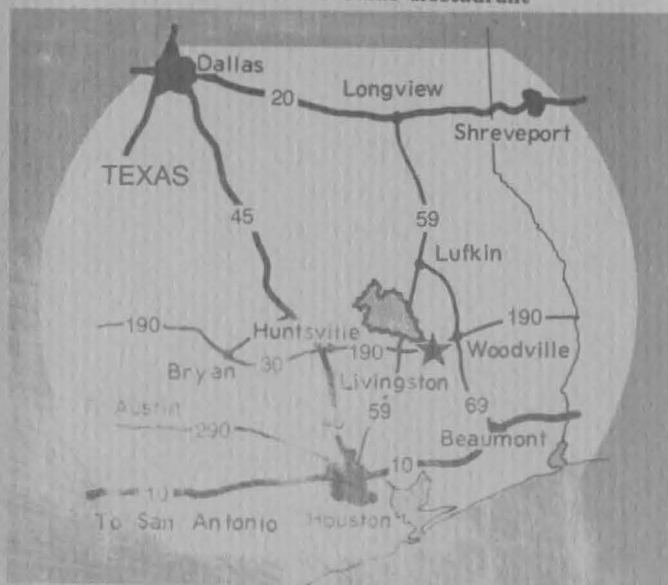
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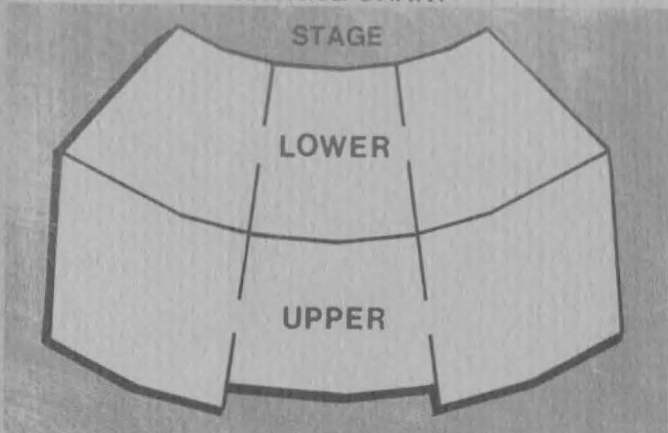
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Majestic virgin pine forest and swampy bottomlands provide unique plant community contrasts and Indian guides will point out state champion trees and other plant species.



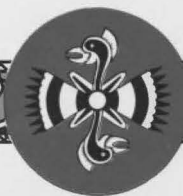
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Na Ski La Dancers in their colorful feathered and beadwork costumes perform daily during the summer season and weekends the rest of the year.



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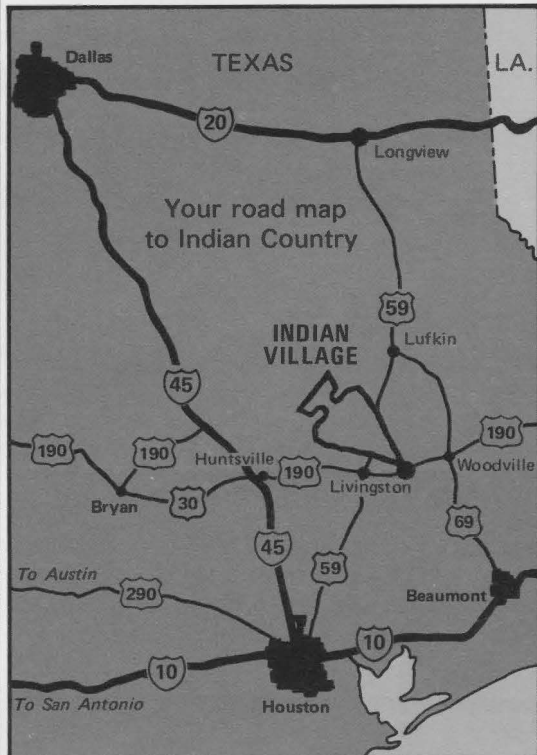
Historical trek through old Indian Village replicas in area where Sam Houston met with Tribal Council aboard the

INDIAN COUNTRY TOUR

Tribal members cooking food, making pottery, beadwork, basketry and arrowheads. These crafts are explained by Indian guides on the tour through the 1805 replica of the

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A HISTORY OF PEACE

Nestled deep in the Big Thicket area of East Texas lies Texas' oldest Indian Reservation, home of the Alabama and Coushatta Indian tribes. The Reservation is located on 4,600 acres of verdant virgin timber land, and is 90 miles north of Houston and 17 miles east of Livingston, Texas on U.S. Highway 190.

The Reservation is called home by some 500 members of the two tribes. Both the Alabama and Coushatta tribes are members of the Creek Confederacy of Indians and both are of Muskogean stock. Both tribes came from the state of Alabama, and were closely related before they came to Texas.

Approximately one thousand Alabama Indians came to Tyler County's Peach Tree Village in 1805. The Coushatta Tribe was already in East Texas, having arrived in the Big Thicket area sometime after 1795. Inter-tribal friendship between the Alabama and Coushattas became even stronger as they roamed and hunted this new land together. Housing for the Indians, when they first formed villages, was typical for woodlands Indians, with log cabins for families and outbuildings with palmetto roofs fashioned out of the abundant East Texas timber with crude instruments.

In the early 1800's the Texas Congress granted each tribe two leagues of land on the Trinity River. This land, however, was soon taken by white settlers leaving the Indians homeless. Sam Houston recommended that the State purchase 1,280 acres of land for the Alabama Tribe and set aside an additional 640 acres for the Coushattas. The Alabamas were granted 1,280 acres in 1854, but no provision was ever made for the Coushatta Tribe. Some Coushattas, through marriage or by special permission from the Alabama Tribe, came to live on the original land grant. Many others moved to an area near Kinder, Louisiana, where some are still living today.

The Tribes lived for 74 years without assistance. Because their land was unsuitable for raising crops or grazing cattle, they were forced to roam the Big Thicket area in search of food. When hunting became prohibited, malnutrition and disease struck hard, reducing tribal population to less than 200.

During the 1920's the poor living conditions of the Indian people brought to the attention of the State and Federal Governments. Beginning in 1928, both bodies appropriated funds to help improve these conditions. The Federal Government purchased 3,071 acres of land adjoining the original Reservation to be held in trust for the Indians. Two and four room houses were built to replace meager log cabins. Shallow water wells eliminated long treks to local springs for water. Medical and educational needs were at last recognized.

A 1948 ruling by the Texas Attorney General made the Indians eligible to vote. In 1954 the Federal Government relinquished its trusteeship of all lands and other assets pertaining to the Tribes. The State of Texas assumed full responsibility, and management of the Reservation was vested jointly in the Board of Texas Hospitals and Special Schools and the Tribal Council. In September 1965, State management was shifted to the newly created Texas

Commission of Indian Affairs. The Commission is made up of three members appointed by the Governor.

In 1957 the Attorney General ruled the tribal council had the right to manage the timber on the reservation, and to use revenue from timber sales to finance projects which would benefit all the people. Authority was given to conduct a timber management program in cooperation with the Texas Forest Service. This was done to prevent excessive or premature cutting of timber, thereby, protecting the long range financial interest of the people. In 1971 the reservation won the state's top award for forestry conservation for their achievements in timber management.

In 1959, Texas lawmakers passed a bill enabling the Tribal Council to lease land on the reservation for mineral rights. Income from timber sales and mineral leases is used to a great degree to finance the education on young tribal members who are interested in furthering their education.

Some 500 Indians from the two tribes live on the reservation today. Another large group live in the surrounding towns. While Indian families generally prefer to live on the Reservation, many are forced to leave because of job opportunities. Although the expanding tourism program is creating new jobs every year, the reservation offers employment only to a small number on a permanent basis. Those who do not leave the reservation or work on it, usually have to commute to jobs as far as 60 miles away. Although the state appropriates funds for medical care, maintenance of homes and educational help, Indians must provide for their own food, clothing and other necessities.

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In addition to the timber industry, tribal members are finding jobs in industrial plants or in service vocations. A few are school teachers, and one is a lawyer in Dallas.

While the residents of Texas' only Indian Reservation face many problems, their outlook for the future is far from bleak. Many progressive changes have come about during the past decade. Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, home economics and personal programs and vocational training have done much

to prepare the Indian for better citizenship.

The kindergarten, established in 1957, prepares the Indian child for entrance to public schools by teaching him to speak English and function in group situations. A two-year federal Head Start program now enables the kindergarten to remain open twelve months each year. Older students attend schools at Big Sandy, Livingston or Woodville. Many go to the Indian vocational schools in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas after completing high school.

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Improvements in medical care have kept pace with advances in education. At one time the Reservation maintained a small hospital which was supervised by a physician only on a part-time basis. Today, tribal members select their own physicians and use the more up-to-date facilities of the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. Two nurses live on the Reservation and provide for day-to-day medical needs. They also maintain health records, conduct classes in home nursing and first aid, and provide general health guidance to Indian families.

Religious influence, a mainstay in times of great need, is still strong today. Presbyterian Missionaries came first and still have the largest following. Indian people also attend Baptist and Assembly of God churches located just off the Reservation.

Tribal leadership has also improved over the years. Throughout their history, the tribes have been ruled by a Chief, who is elected for life. Bronson Cooper Sylestine was chosen Chief in 1936; Fulton Battise was elected Second Chief at that time. Chief Sylestine, born in 1879, served his people until his death in February 1969. He was succeeded by Fulton Battise, whose colorful inauguration was witnessed by thousands of Texans on January 1, 1970. His cousin, Emmett Battise, was selected as the new Second Chief.

An Indian Tribal Council was first elected by popular vote in 1957. While the Chief is still highly respected, the Tribal Council is now recognized as the governing body. The Chief and Second Chief serve as life-time voting members of the Council. The remaining seven seats are filled by popular elections held every three years. The Tribal Council and the Texas Commission of Indian Affairs work closely together. The Council meets twice each month to conduct the business of the Tribes.

During the early 1960's tribal leaders began to look for a solution to the problems of limited job opportunities. Poor soil, the high cost of farm implements and the lack of modern farming know-how ruled out farming as a source of family income. The outlook for industrial development was discouraging because of the large investment required and, again, the lack of technological knowledge.

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to invite guests to visit Texas' only Indian Reservation to enjoy the beautiful scenery and learn of Indian customs and ways of life. Governor Price Daniel also felt that a tourist attraction would be beneficial. In 1963 the Governor allocated \$40,000 to help finance a museum, restaurant and arts and crafts shop. The tribes financed the construction of a Tribal Dance Square and developed the Big Thicket Tour Program. More than 20,000 guests visited Indian Village during its first year of operation. Now, more than ten times that number visit annually.

By 1969 the program offered each visitor a rich experience in the historical and cultural aspects of Indian life. Motorized tours took guests deep into virgin forests. A train ride through a small animal kingdom allowed many city dwellers their first glimpse of deer, buffalo and the famous Texas Longhorn cattle. Tours through the Living Indian Village provided actual demonstrations of how the Indian people create their beautiful costumes and prepare native dishes. Colorful performances by the now-famous Na-Ski-La dancers proved to be a photographer's paradise. But 1969 also brought the realization that these facilities were growing overcrowded and would no longer adequately serve the ever-growing number of visitors.

To care for the increased business, the Texas Legislature appropriated funds for additional tourist development on the Reservation. A camping area with modern restrooms, cooking grills and picnic tables was built. The spring-fed creek which ran through the new camp ground was dammed up to provide fishing and swimming facilities. Other additions included a new dressing room for dancers, an information booth, new restroom facilities and improvements to road and trails at Indian Village.

A scenic, 26-acre lake was completed late in 1971, and now affords an ideal spot for picnickers and campers. The lake features a swimming area and complete picnic areas. Lake Tombigbee, as it is called, is completely encircled by a paved park road. The lake is starting to produce a variety of fish for the amateur angler. Camping facilities include electrical and water hook-ups for trailers as well as a sewer dump station. A modern restroom with shower facilities is also located in the camping area.

The main area near the museum has been enlarged to accommodate a quarter of a million guests annually. The new Inn of 12 Clans Restaurant is of award winning design and is suitable for serving large banquets. Other attractions added include a tribal council house, a new arts and crafts sales area, the Big Thicket Reptile Garden, Po Kam Ma Petting Zoo, and a new ticket booth. Improvements and expansions have been made at the Tribal Dance Square, the Living Indian Village, and at the Tribal Administration Offices.

In addition to all of these improvements, a second train has been added on the Indian Chief Railroad, and new tour vehicles for the Indian Country and Big Thicket tours have been added. Topping all this off is expanded parking facilities, a new attractive entrance, and expansion of the Tribal Museum.

On the drawing board and soon to be constructed is a 1,500 seat amphitheater, an arts and crafts center where Indian handicraft can be performed the year-round, a grocery store and filling station, more camping and trailer facilities, an overhead water system and a sewage disposal plant.

Much of the work will be financed by State appropriations, with matching funds provided by the Economic Development Administration.

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The new jobs generated by tourism have greatly improved living conditions of the Indian people. The ultimate aim is to become completely self-sufficient by 1975. The Tribal Council will someday operate the business as a free enterprise undertaking, thereby eliminating the need for support from Texas taxpayers. Forty new brick homes have been built on the Reservation through a Mutual Help Housing Project administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This project offers home ownership to residents of the Reservation for the first time.

Help and encouragement from various State and Federal Agencies, along with the initiative and hard work of Indian people, have produced a tourist attraction that Texans can point to with pride.



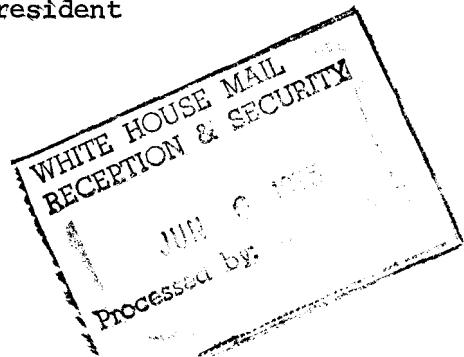
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