



FEDERAL CITIZENSHIP GRANTS

Ottawa - The Secretary of State the Honourable Hugh Falkner, announced April 30, 1974, that 27 grants have been awarded to various citizen's groups and voluntary associations under the programme set up by the Citizenship Development Branch.

The aim of all these programmes is to strengthen Canadian unity and identity, to encourage cultural diversity in a bilingual framework, to safeguard human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to improve and increase citizenship participation.

The following are Indian organizations which will benefit their own people:

Caughnawaga Minor Lacrosse Assoc.

Leaders of this minor lacrosse club have received a grant to continue to promote among the club's 300 members a national sport whose origin can be attributed to their ancestors.

Quebec Native Women's Group

The Women's Committee, made up of representatives from all parts of Quebec, plan to organize a meeting in Montreal of Indian and Metis Women in an attempt to lay the groundwork for a provincial native women's organization.

Moravian Indian Council

London - The grant was awarded for the duplication of the book "Oklahoma Delaware Ceremonies, Feast and Dances," which will be distributed to all 448 band members.

Saskatchewan Native Women's Association

This native women's association which provides community and social services has been awarded a grant to set up area workshops to provide information and counselling centres.

Voice of Alberta Women's Society

Open to all Alberta women of native ancestry, this association has received a grant in order to hold their 17th Annual Conference which will bring together Indian women from all parts of the province for the purpose of discussing their activities for 1974-75.

AMERICAN INDIAN DEFENCE

Cardston, Alberta - A new voice of the Indian people is on the move. This relatively new organization is called American Indian Defence or A. I. D. and is non-militant and non-violent.

The members of AID is to promote better community relations with other tribes and non-Indians; to safeguard and protect the rights, privileges and interests of all Indians; to improve the social and economic status of the Native Americans; to AID in securing better educational, medical and other advantages for members; to AID in helping the prisoner; to AID in alcohol and drug abuse education, and to become active in voter registration.

Extensive work is being done in the area of counselling inmates and their families and rehabilitation of ex-inmates.

Members of AID are making every effort to show that the needs of the Indian people can be met through unity and brotherhood with all people. They realize that only more destruction and hard feelings will result if the Indian and non-Indian do not start learning to live together in peace and harmony.

They feel that only through Indians and non-Indians uniting