

General Support - 1990

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## BACKGROUND

The Center for World Indigenous Studies (CWIS) is an Indian controlled, non-profit research and education corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Washington in March 1984. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service recognizes CWIS as a non-profit organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

CWIS was founded as a direct result of a joint proposal by Tribal leaders at the Conference of Tribal Governments in Tukwila, Washington in 1978, and a similar call by the World Council of Indigenous Peoples in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1981. Indian leaders expressed the need for a research and documentation center which would emphasize studies which strengthen tribal governments and communities. Leaders, furthermore, sought to establish an organization which would pool and focus the intellectual energies of talented indigenous people on the resolution of pressing social, economic and political problems faced by Indigenous peoples in the United States and the Western Hemisphere, and by other indigenous peoples throughout the world.

The purpose of the Center for World Indigenous Studies is accordingly formalized as follows:

To promote, through research, study, people exchanges, education and communications:

- ◆ the preservation of indigenous peoples' national territorial rights;
- ◆ the advancement of knowledge from the perspective of indigenous peoples;
- ◆ the capacity of exceptional individuals within indigenous communities to contribute to a wider understanding of the situation of indigenous societies and nations;
- ◆ the ability of indigenous communities and nations to make informed decisions about the defense of their homelands;
- ◆ the contribution of knowledgeable indigenous views and ideas to the global dialogue for peaceful relations between peoples.

## CWIS POLICY DIRECTION

The Center for World Indigenous Studies is governed by a five member Board of Directors, three of whom must be members of indigenous nations or tribes. The Board of Directors meets once each year in January to conduct an annual meeting to review the previous year's accomplishments and approve an annual report. The Board of Directors is chaired by Rudolph C. Ryser, a member of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe with eighteen years professional experience. He was a former staff person on the American Indian Policy Review Commission, Executive Director of the Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington, Acting Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians, Advisor to the President of the Quinault Indian Nation and Special Assistant to the President of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples. Dr. Kenneth Benshoof, a Professor of Music at the University of Washington serves as Secretary. Mr. Joseph W. Ryan, an attorney and former Director of the American Friends Service Committee Indian Program, serves as

Treasurer. Mr. Russell Jim, a member of the Yakima Indian Nation and former member of the Yakima Tribal Council, and currently the Director of the Yakima Nation Nuclear Waste Program sits as a member of the Board. Mr. Ralph Eluska, a member of the Aleute Nation also sits as a member of the Board. Mr. Eluska is the President of the Koniag Native Corporation and the Director of Rural Education at the University of Alaska.

The Board of Directors depends in part upon the views and opinions of a Founding Advisory Board which includes nine members. Founding Advisory Board members include individuals actively involved in the promotion of Indian Rights or the rights of indigenous peoples generally. Advisory Board members include: Apesanakwat, Chairman of the Menominee Tribe; Rosalee Tizya, a member of the Vana Kutchin Nation in Canada, Dr. Bernard Q. Nietschmann, Professor of Geography at the University of California - Berkeley; Ms. Sharon Eluska, a member of the Navajo Nation; Mr. Lars Anders-Baer, Nordic Sami Council in Sweden; Dr. Carol J. Minugh a member of the Gros Ventre Nation, Mr. Jacob Marule, a member of the Shoa Tribe in Southern Africa; Mr. Yann Celene Uregei, a member of the Kanak Nation in New Caledonia; Mr. Joseph Tallakson, Sense, Inc.; and Dr. John H. Bodley, Professor of Anthropology at Washington State University.

## **CWIS ACTIVITIES**

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### **FOURTH WORLD PAPERS PROGRAM**

CWIS produces six publications through its Fourth World Papers Program. Publications range from periodic newsletters like the Northwest Monitor which reports on human rights issues in the Northwest part of the United States and Southwest part of Canada, the bi-monthly Fourth World Journal and Occasional Papers. Issues of interest among Indian and other indigenous peoples, and the general public are covered in articles written by indigenous men and women from throughout the world. Solicited articles are received from a network of contributors (writers, educators, indigenous leaders and activists) who sit on CWIS Working Groups and members of the CWIS Founding Advisory Board as well as members of the CWIS Staff. Unsolicited articles are also received from independent contributors. Contributors live in fourteen countries including: The United States of America, Canada, Australia, New Caledonia, Federation of Micronesia, Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru, Sweden, England, Holland, the Philippines and Japan.

Writers are encouraged to examine topics by comparing situations of indigenous peoples in various parts of the world or indicating the wider implications of their analysis for indigenous peoples elsewhere in the world. Innovations in thinking and analysis are frequently the product of contributors to CWIS publications.

### **FOURTH WORLD DOCUMENTATION CENTER**

The Fourth World Documentation Center was established under the Center for World Indigenous Studies in response to growing requests from Indian governments, organizations and individuals in the United States of America, Canada, South Pacific, Melanesia, Central America, Southern Asia, Eastern Europe and South America for current and reliable information about the situation of indigenous nations. Its goal is to establish a computerized library of reports, records, documents and specific information concerning the human rights violations against

Indigenous nations world-wide. Such information is gathered by individuals and organizations linked through a network which generates paper documentations and reports which are interpreted into a computerized database. The database contains references by Indigenous nation, State, and region. It is cross-referenced by topical categories including: Strategic, Economic, Political, Social, Human Rights, Laws & Treaties, and Geography.

The Documentation Center sponsors specific research projects which augment information gathered through the documentation network. It is also responsible for conducting the *Right-Wing Extremism and Anti-Indian Network Study* which documents incidents of racial violence and harassment in North America with an emphasis on the Northwest United States and Southwest Canada.

### INDIAN BOOK CENTER

An important function of the Center for World Indigenous Studies is to expand educational and informational options to Indian and other indigenous peoples to maximize informed decision-making and enhance their creative contribution to human knowledge. The CWIS operated Indian Book Center, located in South Seattle at the Seattle Indian Heritage High School, is an important instrument for achieving this objective in Seattle and the Metropolitan Area, and on Indian Reservations and in native communities in Alaska and the U.S. west coast.

The Indian Book Center was established in 1985 with the cooperation of mainline publishers in the United States and a publisher consultant who assisted in the selection of books. The Book Center distributes new fiction and non-fiction books, booklets, text books, work books and reference works to individual Indian families and Indian programs as well as other minorities, handicapped persons and the elderly through its 12,000 square foot facility donated by the Seattle Indian Heritage High School. Books are distributed at the small handling fee of fifteen cents per book. This fee, combined with small grants renders the CWIS Indian Book Center virtually self-sustaining. Indian students attending the Seattle Indian Heritage High School work with the Book Center's Manager, James Ennis, for small stipends and the opportunity to gain valuable work experience.

### GLOBAL EXCHANGE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAM

CWIS strongly emphasizes self-help and mutual assistance in relations between Indigenous peoples. A key element of this strategy is promotion of direct contacts between Indigenous nations and the discovery of innovative approaches to the resolution of conflicts. The Global Exchange & Conflict Resolution Program is the rubric through which CWIS research and education assumes an active role. Through this program, CWIS promotes direct application of ideas advanced for the strengthening of indigenous communities and governments. Concepts for the resolution of conflicts involving indigenous peoples are also tested through projects of specific application. Projects concern or directly affect the situation of Indigenous peoples or nations in Canada, United States of America, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Indonesia, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Australia, Eastern Europe, Africa, Brazil, Peru and Chile. The Fourth World Mitigation Project, Puget Sound Task Force on Human Rights, two international Working Groups, and the Pana Pana International Support Group are among projects which operate under this program.

## CHIEF GEORGE MANUEL CHAIR FOR FOURTH WORLD POLITICS

In accord with the wishes of C.W.I.S. Co-Founder Chief George Manuel (1921 - 1989), the Board of Directors met following his death to formally establish a Chair within C.W.I.S. which is to be occupied by an Indian or other indigenous person. The purpose of the Chair is to continue Chief George Manuel's work in the cultural and political development of Fourth World nations. A selection committee will be established including individuals in who Chief Manuel expressed great confidence. The selection committee will set the selection criteria, conduct the search and formally appoint the person to assume the Chair. This program relies on funds from the C.W.I.S. general fund and support from other programs.

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### PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL SUPPORT

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#### 1. Conditions giving rise to project

Indian Nations in the United States and indigenous peoples around the world generally lack a reliable source of social, economic and political analysis suitable for their development. Furthermore, there are no organized instruments which focus on conflict resolution in a way that promotes the continuity of indigenous communities. C.W.I.S. was formed in direct response to these needs.

#### 2. General Objectives

C.W.I.S. seeks to promote the direct participation of Indian people and other indigenous peoples in their social, economic and political development; and an equal role for Indian and other indigenous peoples in the resolution of conflicts which directly effect the peace and security of their communities.

#### 3. Description of recent activities

C.W.I.S. co-sponsored a Symposium on Indian Self-Government and published papers from that event. In conjunction with the Puget Sound Task Force on Human Rights and the Center for Democratic Renewal, C.W.I.S. co-sponsored a Symposium on Hate Crime and the Law to increase wider understanding of Washington State's Malicious Harassment Law. Conducted a preliminary colloquy on Right-Wing extremism and Anti-Indian Activities on an near Indian Reservations involving ten Indian community leaders from the Pacific Northwest and Southwestern Canada. Prepared and distributed an analysis of Rightwing and Anti-Indian Activities to the Northwest Affiliated Tribes and Indian tribes in the Great Lakes Region and Southwestern Canada. Prepared and distributed an analysis of the implications of the World Bank's Tribal Economic Development policy. Published three issues of the Fourth World Journal and one issue of the Northwest Monitor. Published an analysis of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (US) projected budget for fiscal year 1991 for distribution to Indian tribes.

#### 4. What do you propose to do? How will your project operate?

C.W.I.S. will organize another Indian Self-Government Symposium and an international symposium on Indigenous Political Rights involving indigenous participants from Canada, United States, Australia and New Zealand. Emphasis of requested grant award will be on these symposia and: Puget Sound Task Force on Human Rights public hearings on "Hidden Hate Crimes in the Puget Sound Area," A Dialogue between Indian Community leaders on Rightwing and Anti-Indian activities

on and near Indian Reservations and continuing research on Rightwing and Anti-Indian activities on and near Indian Reservations, the Fourth World Atlas Project and publication of the Fourth World Journal.

### CWIS BUDGET SUMMARY

Virtually all CWIS administration and program implementation is supplied by volunteers; and facilities and many expenses are provided as in-kind contributions. The 1990 CWIS Budget is projected at \$42,627 with \$4,580 anticipated for administration and general fund, and \$38,047 projected for program and project costs. An estimated \$2,750 of this budget is expected to be provided through in-kind contributions. Major in-kind contributors include the Seattle Indian Heritage High School and major publishers in support of the Indian Book Center. The Quinault Indian Nation, United Native Nations, Lummi Indian Nation, Evergreen State College Indian Program, and Nordic Sami Council are among other in-kind contributors.

Subscriptions, documents and publications sales and contributions are anticipated to provide \$7,500 toward actual outlays. The Indian Book Center is projected to provide \$13,500. The remaining \$18,877 must be raised through additional contributions, and grants.

#### C.W.I.S. ANNUAL BUDGET: 1989 and 1990

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
Student Stipends	850	2,780
Support Services	13,037	16,191
Postage	1,158	2,108
Supplies	524	996
Goods & Service	459	959
Equipment	100	2,500
Printing/Copy	2,460	7,240
Telephone	1,511	1,902
Travel	3,873	4,930
Publications	50	305
Bank Services	166	166
Miscellaneous	610	2,550
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	24,798	42,627

#### 1990 Budget Total by Program:

C.W.I.S. General Fund .....	\$ 4,580
C.W.I.S. Indian Book Center .....	\$17,428
Fourth World Documents Center.....	\$ 2,858
Fourth World Papers Program.....	\$ 5,775
Global Exchange Program.....	\$ 7,378
Puget Sound Task Force on Human Rights .....	\$ 4,608

#### Projected Sources for 1990 Budget:

Contributions.....	\$ 4,000	9%
Document & Publication Sales.....	\$ 3,500	8%
Book Sales.....	\$13,500	32%
Grants.....	\$18,877	44%
Inkind.....	\$ 2,750	7%
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	\$42,627	

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9 February 1994

A Territory Trust  
603 Stewart, #221  
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Sirs or Madams:

The Center for World Indigenous Studies is a non-profit (501-[c](3)) organization established under the laws of the State of Washington since 1984. Our organization is wholly under the direction of American Indian and other indigenous people. The purpose of CWIS is to advance the knowledge of indigenous peoples in America and around the world. We are a research and education organization committed to the resolution of disputes between indigenous nations and between indigenous nations and states' governments. We were originally founded at the urging of the Conference of Tribal Governments in the State of Washington and the World Council of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. We have actively contributed to the development of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples soon to go before the United Nations General Assembly, and we have been constructive supporters of peaceful negotiations to resolve disputes in Nicaragua (Indian/Nicaragua war), Mexico, Indonesia (West Papua, East Timor, South Mollucca), Bangladesh (Chittagong Hill Tracts), Canada (Indian/Federal Constitutional negotiations) and United States of America (Indian/Federal self-government negotiations). Under our Fourth World Research Program we conduct a six year study on Rightwing and Anti-Indian groups and produced the now widely acclaimed publication: *Anti-Indian Movement on the Tribal Frontier. (1992)* Excerpts of this publication are contained in the recently published *Walleye Warriors: An Effective Alliance Against Racism and for the Earth* published by New Society Publishers in Philadelphia (1994) and frequently used by the Center for Democratic Renewal (Atlanta) in its community education programs.

CWIS needs support for the continuing development of our conflict resolution efforts, research into the Wise Use Movement as it affects Indian Country, and further development of our Fourth World Documentation Project which supports our inter-tribal communications efforts and our international human rights efforts, our information exchange publications and people exchange program. I would be deeply appreciative if you would send relevant brochures and guidelines for organizations wishing to apply for support to our address above. Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Rudolph C. Rýser  
Chairman

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Chairman

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RESOURCE: Grants to support programs advancing democracy and human rights in the United States and/or advancing peace and international human rights

RESOURCE TITLE: Boehm Foundation Grants Program

RESOURCE PROVIDER: Boehm Foundation

RESOURCE PROVIDED: Traditional or grass root tax-exempt organizations are eligible.

Amount of support: \$500 to \$15,000

RESOURCE CONTACT: Boehm Foundation  
500 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10110-0296  
(212) 354-9292

RESOURCE: Funds for an increase in the representation of American Indians, Black Americans, Mexican-Americans, and Puerto Ricans among Ph.D. recipients in the basic social science disciplines

RESOURCE TITLE: CIC Minorities Fellowships Program in the Social Sciences

RESOURCE PROVIDER: The Committee on Institutional Cooperation

RESOURCE PROVIDED: Amount of support: Full tuition plus \$10,000 stipend

Application Deadline: December 1

RESOURCE CONTACT: CIC Minorities Fellowships Program  
The Committee on Institutional Cooperation  
Kirkwood Hall 114  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, IN 47405  
(800) 457-4420

RESOURCE: Fellowships for study in research-based doctoral programs leading to the Ph.D. or Sc.D. degrees in behavioral and social sciences, humanities, engineering, mathematics, physical sciences, and biological sciences and interdisciplinary programs

RESOURCE TITLE: Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral and Dissertation Fellowships for Minorities

RESOURCE PROVIDER: Ford Foundation  
National Research Council

RESOURCE PROVIDED: Amount of support:

Predoctoral Fellowships:

\$11,500 per year to the fellow;  
\$6,000 per year to the institution  
in lieu of tuition and fees;  
\$1,000 to the undergraduate

department  
Dissertation Fellowships: \$18,000  
Application Deadline: Early November

RESOURCE CONTACT: The Fellowship Office  
National Research Council  
2101 Constitution Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20418  
(202) 334-2872

RESOURCE: Financial assistance to improve tribal government's capacity to plan, conduct, and administer Federal programs, and strengthen fiscal and managerial capabilities

RESOURCE TITLE: Self Determination Grants-Indian Tribal Governments

RESOURCE PROVIDER: Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Department of the Interior

RESOURCE PROVIDED: Grants are used to strengthen and improve administration, planning, training, evaluation, and other activities that improve the capacity of tribes to enter into contracts and acquisition of land for the purposes of planning, designing, monitoring, and evaluating Federal programs serving the Indian tribes.

RESOURCE CONTACT: D. Homer  
Division Chief  
Office of Indian Services  
Code 480  
Division of Self-Determination Services  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240  
(202) 208-5727

RESOURCE: Grants to promote respect for the rights and talents of historically disadvantaged groups and to help reduce barriers to their full participation in society

RESOURCE TITLE: Human Rights and Social Justice Program

RESOURCE PROVIDER: Ford Foundation

RESOURCE PROVIDED: Grants for the following areas:  
-civil and political liberties  
-international human rights law  
-exchange of ideas and information  
-access to social justice/legal services  
-refugees' and migrants' rights  
-intergroup relations  
-human rights, education, and scholarship

Amount of support: \$6,000 to \$1,200,000

RESOURCE CONTACT: Susan Shea

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