

## How You Can Participate

There is much to be done between now and October. Initially and primarily, funds must be raised. If you have fund-raising skills, or feel you can contribute in some other way, please fill out the coupon below and return it to the Treaty Council. Of course any individual donation you can make will be greatly appreciated as funds are needed immediately. Make your tax deductible donation to the International Indian Treaty Council and earmark your check "500 years." Return your coupon and donation to:

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The events marking 500 years of resistance are being organized by the International Indian Treaty Council, ("IITC"). At the First International Indian Treaty Conference on the Standing Rock Reservation in June, 1974, IITC was originally named the American Indian Treaty Council. It was then founded by 4000 delegates from 97 nations to strive for international recognition of the sovereignty of Indian Nations and violations of 371 Treaties. It was agreed that the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty would be used to enter the international arena. Three years later in 1977, IITC gained NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (NGO) status, and was given the voice to speak internationally to other nations and organizations within the U.N.

*Co-sponsors of these events include All Peoples Congress and the Freedom Now! Network of the Bay Area: [Black Panther News Service Committee, Committee To Free Geronimo Pratt, Movimiento de Liberación Nacional Puertorriqueño, National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War, Out Of Control - Lesbian Committee in Support of Women Political Prisoners, Prairie Fire Organizing Committee and the Prisoners Union.]*

## International Indian Treaty Council



**Continuing  
500 Years of  
Indigenous  
Resistance**

**Exposing Columbus  
and 500 Years  
of Genocide**

**October 1, 1992  
through  
October 12, 1992**

Columbus.

## The True Story

When Columbus and his crew arrived on shore in the Americas, Arawak men and women, (the native inhabitants of the islands), greeted them with food and gifts. Columbus later wrote of his first encounter with the Arawaks:

"They willingly traded everything they owned... They were well-built with good bodies and handsome features... They do not bear arms and do not know them, for I showed them a sword, they took it by the edge and cut themselves out of ignorance... They would make fine servants... with 50 men we could subjugate them all and make them do whatever we want."

Columbus and other European invaders did ultimately bring slavery as well as disease, murder, and the destruction of many Indian lands, peoples and cultures; a practice carried on today by the U.S. government.

October 12, 1992, marks the 500th anniversary of Columbus' invasion of the Americas. San Francisco has been chosen by the U.S. government as the host city for the official "Quincentenary Jubilee" to celebrate this event. This occasion marks not only 500 years of broken treaties, and genocide, but 500 years of continuous resistance. In this spirit of resistance, Native peoples of the world have joined together with their supporters to oppose this "celebration" with protests, demonstrations and cultural and educational events.

A series of events sponsored by the International Indian Treaty Council and other organizations will give people in the Bay Area the opportunity to reject the official account of Columbus' conquest and celebrate 500 years of resistance instead.

## October 1-4, 1992: International Tribunal

An international tribunal (trial) will be held in accord with internationally recognized principles of law, bringing charges by the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas vs. the nations of Europe and the U.S. government. The real history of the United States will be exposed through the testimony of Indians, African Americans/New Afrikans/Blacks, Chicanos/Mexicanos, Puerto Ricans and representatives of other communities who were and still are subjugated by European and U.S. colonialism. Columbus, Cortez, George Washington, George Bush and a host of others will be placed on trial for broken treaties, land theft, slavery and genocide. There will be an international panel of distinguished jurists presiding over the four-day tribunal.

*AND  
Political  
Prisoners*

## October 5 - 9, 1992: 14th Annual International Indian Treaty Conference

Following in the spirit of the 13 previous International Indian Treaty Conferences, hosted on various Indian Reservations throughout the U.S., the 14th International Indian Treaty Conference, co-sponsored by the International Indian Treaty Council & the Muwekina Ohlone Indians of the Bay Area, will be held in San Francisco. Indigenous peoples from around the world will address issues that are currently affecting their communities.

## International Indigenous Dance & Music Festival

This will be an educational and cultural event for people of all ages featuring musicians and dancers from the Americas, the Pacific Islands, New Zealand and Australia. Native Arts and Crafts and ethnic food will be available for purchase. Educational discussions on the environment and native life-styles will also take place. Everyone is welcome.

## October 11, 1992: Demonstration and Parade:

11:00 A.M.: Demonstration at Aquatic Park to protest the shameful reenactment of the landing of Columbus. The First Annual International Day of Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Parade will follow.

## October 12, 1992:

### Sunrise Ceremony

A multi-faith prayer ceremony at dawn on Alcatraz Island.

## Concert: "Give Truth A Chance In '92"

A day of music by Native performers and other popular musicians, including Carlos Santana, Chris Williamson, Buffy Sainte-Marie. Nelson Mandela has been personally invited to attend as guest speaker.