

# IWGIA

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IWGIA IS A NONPOLITICAL AND NONRELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION  
CONCERNED WITH THE SUPPRESSION OF ETHNIC GROUPS  
IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES

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Seven months have gone since we started the re-organisation of IWGIA with the distribution of our Newsletter and the first two reports in the IWGIA-DOCUMENT series, in August 1971. This take-off period may seem long. But considering the fact that we have in this period organized an extensive network of contacts with colleagues in various countries, and that through these contacts we have secured 10 manuscripts for publication in the series, we can say that more has been achieved than we dared to hope at the outset. A number of additional manuscripts are likely to come in after the summer.

With the distribution of the enclosed IWGIA-DOCUMENT No. 3, A. Barrie Pittock: Aboriginal Land Rights, we can announce that the series is now a going concern. A preliminary list of the reports to appear in the near future, is given below.

In addition to the editorial work with the series, the Secretariat has been involved in many other activities. Some of these will be described below, others in the coming Newsletters.

We would like to mention especially the planning of the international pre-congress conference on oppressed ethnic groups, which the Secretariat of IWGIA has been invited to sponsor by the president of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), dr. Sol Tax. The conference will be held in Chicago in August 1973, preceding the IUAES Congress. (See below).

Despite continuing financial difficulties, we feel that we can promise a more regular distribution of IWGIA Newsletters on an average of about every other month, except for July and August.

Since August 1971 the number of members has increased greatly, and we are particularly grateful to those colleagues who have submitted cheques for the membership fee together with their Reply Letters. We urge all our members to pay their fee as soon as possible. Our special thanks are directed to those who have sent amounts exceeding that of the annual fee.

We hope to be able to keep the annual fee for personal members at US \$ 3.00, whereas institutional membership is now being increased to US \$ 6.00 for new members. Considering the number of reports presently being prepared for publication, and the great costs of distribution, we still think that our fees are very modest.

IWGIA-DOCUMENT No. 2 (Eritrea) is out of print. The other reports can be purchased separately for teaching purposes at the following prices:

No. 1 Declaration of Barbados ..... US \$ 0.15

No. 2 A. Barrie Pittock: Aboriginal Land Rights .... US \$ 0.30

Please note on your order if you want the reports sent by air mail or by surface mail. There will be an extra charge for air mail.

Since the autumn of 1971, the Secretariat of IWGIA has been enlarged from seven to eight members, with the inclusion of the Canadian social anthropologist Bernard Arcand, who has done field work among the Cuiva Indians of Colombia.

Preliminary list of the reports to appear in the IWGIA-DOCUMENT series:

W. Copens: "Invasion into the Territory of the Makiritare (Yekuana) Indians of Venezuela".

Frank Stevens: "Equal Wages for Aborigines. The Background to Industrial Discrimination in the Northern Territory of Australia".

Henning Siverts: "The Aguaruna Jívaros of the Peruvian Montana, Departamento de Amazonas, Peru".

Bernard Arcand: "On the Cuiva Indians, Colombia".

René Fuerst: "Bibliography of the Indigenous Problem of the Brazilian Amazon Region (1957-72)".

John Bodley: "Tribal Survival in the Amazon: The Campa Case".

Rupert Moser: "The Situation of the Adivasis of Chotanagpur and Santal Parganas, Bihar, India".

Nelly Arvelo de Jiménez: "The Present Situation of the Venezuelan Indian Affairs Policy".

Stefano Varese is presently concluding a manuscript on the problems of the Peruvian Indians of the Amazon area.

Conference on Genocide and Forced Acculturation

Professor Sol Tax, President of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, has asked IWGIA to sponsor a pre-congress conference at the 9th International Congress of this association, to be held in Chicago, September 1-8, 1975. The objective of this pre-congress conference is to "... in historic perspective systematically compare the varying fates of peoples engulfed by those more powerful than themselves. I should think that such a conference, bringing

into the framework the variety of cases that currently trouble us, would be a major contribution for the Congress, and result in an influential publication." (Sol Tax)

IWGIA gladly accepted this invitation as a continuation and reinforcement of some of its work and aims. IWGIA is presently planning the conference with the following goals in mind: to show the magnitude of the problem, to discuss the possibilities of different forms of help, and, as a necessary precondition for an efficient long-range strategy, to develop more specific models of the social processes involved in genocide and forced acculturation.

The conference is planned to last about 7 days. The papers presented at the conference are to be discussed in three different sections, with the following objectives:

Section 1: Genocide and forced acculturation in historical perspective.

To develop, on the basis of a historical and comparative perspective, models of the contact situation, its agents and the development in time of relations between systems with markedly different and unequally developed productive base.

Section 2: Current problems of genocide and forced acculturation.

To attempt to give an overview of current problems.

Section 3: "Solutions" - past and proposed.

To present and evaluate institutions and measures intended to change the course of either the immediate contact or the existing long-term relationship.

As we are not able to invite all the persons we would like to, we suggest to any person, group or institution concerned with these matters to forward resolutions, documents and the like, which will be distributed among the participants before the conference and be taken into consideration during the concluding sessions.

Papers submitted by persons not themselves participating in the conference, may be included in the publication which is to result from the conference.

We would like to have suggestions from our members on topics, participants, papers etc. Anyone interested in the conference can write to the Secretariat for further information.

Local work groups and AMAZIND

A list of suggestions for cooperative tasks has been sent to those persons who have shown an interest in starting local work groups or having an already existing group cooperate with IWGIA. Anyone who is interested can receive this list if he returns the enclosed Reply Letter and indicates that he will try to start a local work group

We have established cooperation with several persons and organizations for different tasks including the distribution of our Newsletters and Documents, the sale of Documents, and the exchange of information, ideas and material.

AMAZIND. On the initiative of René Fuerst, Isabelle Rüf and Arlette Détruche AMAZIND (17 rue des Sources, 1205 Geneva, Switzerland) has been started as a specialized agency of IWGLA. AMAZIND is a Documentation and Information Center for Indigenous Affairs in the Amazon Region.

We intend to collaborate with AMAZIND on research projects and publications. AMAZIND will in our IWGLA Newsletter publish reviews of recent developments in the Amazon region.

We hope that other persons or groups will be interested in starting similar special agencies in cooperation with IWGLA. If you have a special interest or specialty with regard to a certain region or a particular kind of project (e.g. medical help, production cooperatives etc.), we should like to be informed about this. This information could be of assistance in many ways. We could submit reports for your comments. You could suggest authors and subjects on which we could present reports. We could refer to you in case of questions regarding your area of interest.

#### Future tasks

Besides the continuation of the activities mentioned above we have other plans for the future, e.g. the development of a file on projects and teaching programmes relative to the problems of oppressed ethnic groups.

We will return to those and other plans in our future newsletters. Of course we welcome your suggestions as to future tasks.

#### Symposium on "Minority Group Members as Researchers"

Professor Magoroh Maruyama is organizing a symposium on "Minority Group Members as Researchers" to be held at the 9th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (Chicago, September 1973). The symposium is to be a discussion of the various aspects of "research conducted by insiders of the cultures using the insiders' epistemology" (M. Maruyama). For further details contact Professor M. Maruyama, 3403 May Road, Richmond, California 94803, U.S.A.

#### Minority Rights Group

The Minority Rights Group, based in England, is a recognized charitable organization, doing work of an essentially investigatory, informative and educational nature. The MRG has three principal aims:

1) To seek to bring about improvements in the position of persecuted or disadvantaged minorities (and of oppressed majorities), by investigating their situation and publicising the facts widely in the international press and other media of mass communication; 2) to help prevent, through such publicity, minority problems from developing into dangerous and destructive conflicts; 3) to foster international understanding of the factors which create unsatisfactory minority tensions, and so promote the growth of a world conscience with regard to the treatment of minorities.

Copies of the reports already published by the MRG, on

- (1) The Religious Minorities in the Soviet Union
- (2) The Two Irelands
- (3) The Japanese Burakumin Outcastes
- (4) The Asian Minorities of East and Central Africa
- (5) The Southern Sudan and Eritrea
- (6) The Crimean Tatars and the Volga Germans: Soviet treatment of two national minorities
- (7) The position of Blacks in Brazilian Society
- (8) The Africans' Predicament in Rhodesia

can be obtained (price 30p each plus postage) from: Minority Rights Group, Benjamin Franklin House, 36 Craven Street, London WC2N 5NG, England.

#### Groups concerned with the defense of tribal minorities

A very useful index of such groups was published in February 1972 under the title: "Opposition to Ethnocide, Index of Groups Concerned with the Defense of Tribal Minorities". This mimeographed index of 53 pages is edited by Groupe d'Etudes pour les Minorités Ethniques, Université de Haute-Bretagne, 35-Rennes, France. It consists of two parts: "Organizations and Associations outside of Tribal Minorities" and "Self-Generated Minority Organizations".

Most of the groups in the first category are described under the following headings: Name, Members, Aims, Area of interest, Activities, Programme, Contacts and Correspondents.

In the second part there is a long list of minority organizations from the following groups and regions: Hawaii, Indians and Eskimos of Canada, Indians of the U.S.A., Gypsies in France, Kurdistan, Lapps, New Caledonia, South Sudan, Tibet and West New-Guinea.

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(Scandinavians can use giro nr. 179900 .....) )

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I want:

- A personal membership .....
- An institutional membership .....
- To start a local group ..... (If yes, further information and questions will be sent to you).

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I have documentary evidence of incidents of .....  
from the following regions .....

The Secretariat is requested to send Newsletter and Documents to:

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