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CONCERNED WITH THE OPPRESSION OF ETHNIC GROUPS
IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES

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This newsletter is being distributed along with IWGIA-Documents
No.9, Walter Coppens: The Anatomy of a Land Invasion Scheme in
Yekuana Territory, Venezuela, and
No.10, Henning Siverts: Tribal Survival in the Alto Marañon:
The Aquaruna Case.

We will soon be ready to distribute to you IWGIA-Document No.11,
Mark Münzel: The Aché Indians. Genocide in Paraguay. This will be
the last report to those who have not renewed their subscription
for 1973.

Increase in subscription rates for 1973.

We ask all our readers to note that the current financial
difficulties of our organization have necessitated an increase in
the subscription rates for IWGIA-Documents for 1973:

Personal membership: US \$ 5.00, or the equivalent in other
currencies,

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other currencies.

We urge the many who have not renewed their subscriptions for
1973 to do so as soon as possible. That will save us both work and
expenses.

We again ask all of you to urge your colleagues and your
institute libraries to subscribe to the IWGIA-Document series.
This will help to strengthen our economy, and by that means con-
tribute to keeping our documentation series alive.

IWGIA-Documents as teaching material.

A number of colleagues have ordered extra copies of some of our
reports for use in their anthropology courses (classes). We hope
that the IWGIA-Documents will soon be found as teaching material in
a great number of social science departments.

We are also interested in receiving detailed plans for courses dealing with the contemporary situation of indigenous groups, and in the future we may be able to circulate notes on such courses through our newsletter.

The present situation of IWGIA.

Past experience have forced us to restrict our activities for the present to the documentation program. If substantial funds become available later on, we will again consider taking up other urgent activities.

Through a number of minor grants and a constantly increasing number of subscribers - approaching 1.000 at the 1st of January 1973 - we hold a moderately optimistic view of the immediate future. Our plan is to distribute between 8 and 10 new IWGIA-Documents in 1973.

In addition to forthcoming reports from South America, we are also in contact with colleagues whom we hope will contribute a number of reports from other parts of the world. Any suggestions for themes, regions and authors you may have will be greeted with thanks by the editors of the series.

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Amazon Indian Survival Action Group

At a meeting to be held in Geneva 27 January 1973 a group of invited individuals and organizations is going to consider joint action to assist the Amazon Indians in their struggle to survive.

One of the strategies for defense to be discussed is outlined as follows: "Sustained international publicity concerning the situation of the Amazon Indians is important. Standing alone, however, it has not materially slowed shrinkage of the Indian land base, nor is it likely to do so. Land tenure is a matter of law. In Brazil today, the law is often disregarded. Yet it is conceivable that astute and dedicated lawyers, supported from abroad, could help to preserve, perhaps even regain, an adequate if modest land base for the Indians. At least it seems worth attempting".

The Action Group will need support, financial and otherwise. Individuals and organizations interested in supporting may direct their communication to George F. Duke, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 58, rue de Moillebeau, 1211 Geneva. 19, Schweiz.

Red Book of Tribal People in Danger

Survival International is going to publish a "Red Book" of catalogued information concerning tribes and other groups which are in some danger of physical and cultural extinction or other serious **threats** to their well-being.

Individuals, groups or organizations interested in providing information for this Red Book may direct themselves to Stephen Corry, Survival International, 36, Craven Street, London WC2N 5NG, Great Britain.

The Minority Rights Group's Publications

For earlier issues see IWGIA Newsletter, April 1972.

- (9) The Basques (price 30p.)
 - (10) The Chinese in Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia (price 45p.)
 - (11) The Biharis in Bangladesh (price 45p.)
 - (12) Israel's Oriental Immigrants and Druzes (price 45p.)
 - (13) The East Indians of **Guyana** and Trinidad (price 45p.)
- can be obtained at the prices indicated above plus postage (7p. in U.K., 10p. overseas) from MRG, 36 Craven Street, London WC2N 5 NG, Great Britain.

The first 8 MRG reports together with some general essays have been published in a hardback edition under the name "THE FOURTH WORLD". The book can be obtained from MRG at the price of £ 3.95.

Festival Mondial du Théâtre

"The 1973 Nancy Festival which will take place from 24th April to 6th May aims to confirm its reputation for originality, and hopes to organise a stimulating and varied programme of the most revolutionary theatrical trends in the world today.

In April 1972 we organised a programme entitled: The Theatre and National Minority groups. Troupes such as Teatro Campesino (California), le Theatre de la Carriera (France), and le Théâtre EUH (Québec) took this opportunity to inform the public of minority groups in different parts of the world which are struggling for their very existence.

The emphasis given to national or cultural minority groups will be one of the most important aspects of our Festival in 1973. We hope to bring to Nancy representatives of minority groups, many of whom are living in oppression, and to show the artistic forms of expression - films, paintings, plays, music, songs - which are the most characteristic of man's struggle for cultural or national independence."

Anyone interested in this festival should communicate to Lev Bodan, Artistic Director, 109, rue de Metz, 54 Nancy, France.

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