

"White Roots of Peace", a North American Indian communications group scheduled to present a day-long series of events

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"White Roots of Peace," a North American Indian communications group mainly from the Mohawk Reserve at Akwesasne on the St. Lawrence River, is scheduled to present a day-long series of events Tuesday, February 20, on the San Diego campus of the University of California.

The scheduled events will include movies, a main meeting with communal dance and chanting, an arts and crafts display, and seminars concerning Indian cultural traditions, religion and prophecy, and reservation life. All are free and open to the public.

A display of arts, crafts, photography, and music will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Revelle Plaza. At 12:00 noon, the movie "The Blood of the Condor" will be shown in room 2100 of the Basic Science Building at the School of Medicine. "The Blood of the Condor" paints a vivid picture of the day-to-day life and customs of the Quechua Indians of Bolivia. Filmed in the Quechua dialect with English subtitles, the 68-minute film depicts the fate of the Indians who constitute an overwhelming majority (65 per cent) of the Bolivian population.

The main meeting and Indian film festival will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the UCSD Gymnasium. It will include traditional and contemporary works by Indian film makers which present both past-history and present causes. The films will be followed by a presentation of communal dance and chanting in which audience participation will be encouraged.

"White Roots of Peace" was founded in September, 1969, following the traditional Indian Unity Convention by a group of young Mohawks who set out to renew their commitment to their traditions. They took their name from an ancient Iroquois story which tells of the Tree of Great Peace with four white roots going out to the four winds in order that all peoples could find their way to peace in the shade of the tree.

Since its founding, members of the group have travelled over 200,000 miles in the United States and Canada to provide a meaningful experience through their traditional messages, dances, songs and films. They have visited over 150 colleges and universities, church groups, high schools, prisons, and Indian groups.

The group's visit to the UCSD campus is sponsored by the Campus Programming Board.

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