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I N D I G E N O U S U R A N I U M F O R U M

Being Held at

First Global Radiation Victims Conference

The First Global Radiation Victims Conference will be held September 26, 1987 through October 3, 1987 at The Roosevelt Hotel, Madison Avenue at 46th Street in Manhattan. In addition, there will be related events held at various locations throughout New York City (see schedule below). Areas covered in the Conference will include special sessions for scientists and doctors exchanging papers on ionizing radiation health effects, attorneys exchanging information on compensation for radiation victims, photographers and filmmakers sharing information on their work, and radiation victims meeting with each other. Radiation victims will present their stories to the media, and a session of delegates will adopt formal conference resolutions. Japanese radiation victims who are survivors of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are known as "HIBAKUSHA" in Japan and the Conference will highlight the less known "Hidden Hibakusha" of the nuclear arms race and the nuclear chain.

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Prominent amongst these "Hidden Victims" are Native Peoples from various parts of the world, including North and South America, Australia, the Pacific, and the Sami of Northern Scandinavia. These Indigenous Nations are in such a precarious status that the impact of this contamination, whether due to uranium mining, bomb testing, etc., constitutes genocide: the total destruction of a Culture.

"INDIGENOUS URANIUM FORUM" AT CONFERENCE

Monday, September 28, 1987

- Beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Roosevelt Hotel (Madison Avenue at 46th Street) the entire evening's agenda will be devoted to an "Indigenous Uranium Forum"; focusing on these victims and those who have been documenting the impact. Many of these individuals will also be participating in other workshops and panels throughout the Conference.

SCHEDULE OF RELATED EVENTS THROUGHOUT NYC

Saturday, September 26, 1987

- 11:00 a.m. at Strawberry Fields, (72nd Street near Central Park West) inside Central Park, there will be a Tree of Peace planting ceremony conducted by Mohawk Chief, Jake Swamp. Onondaga Chief, Oren Lyons and Mr. John Mohawk will also be present.
- 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Circleworks Visions Gallery (413 East 9th Street, 212/533-0354) there will be a reception for the Indigenous participants. Donations will be requested to offset expenses of the delegates.

Sunday, September 27, 1987

- Beginning at 2:30 p.m. there will be a march led by the Radiation Victims present, from 45th Street and Madison Avenue to Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th Street and First Avenue) where there will be a Rally with speakers and music from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- At 6:30 p.m. at the Kampo Japanese Cultural Center (31 Bond Street) there will be a dinner reception with the Indigenous and Japanese delegates. Interview opportunities available at this time also. (Donations requested).

Tuesday, September 29, 1987

- Also of interest is the premiere of a film by Japanese filmmaker Kiyoshi Miyata on the Hopi Prophecy, at CUANDO Community Center, 9 Second Avenue (at Houston Street) at 7:00 p.m. (donations will be requested at the door).