

Ute Leaders Gain National Posts

Reginald O. Curry, Business Manager for the Ute Tribe, was elected 2nd vice president of the National Congress of American Indians at its recent convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, replacing Hiram N. Clark, Superintendent of the Standing Rock Sioux Agency in Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Justice N. B. Johnson of Oklahoma City was re-elected to his 8th term in office as President. Also re-elected was Frank George of the Colville Agency in Naspelem, Washington.

An opportunity to discuss mutual Indian problems, learn of the progress and programs being initiated among other Indian groups, and exchange of ideas and methods were the chief benefits received by the Ute delegation to the Convention of the National Congress of American Indians recently held at St. Paul, Minnesota.

The delegation was composed of Albert H. Harris, Russell Cuch, and John Wopstock, all members of the Tribal Business Committee, and they were joined in St. Paul by Francis McKinley on his return from Washington, D. C.

The Ute delegation participated very actively in this year's NCAI convention. Albert Harris participated in a panel discussion on the subject of how Indian tribes can cooperate with local and state governments in coping with their problems while Francis McKinley served as a chairman of the workshop on law and order, treaties, lands, and claims, and also as member of the nomination committee. McKinley also participated in two radio broadcasts. Russell Cuch assisted the program committee by taking

charge of making posters and signs.

Harris was elected as regional secretary of the NCAI and McKinley was appointed to a committee to study and revise the constitution and by-laws for the organization and also to the scholarship committee along with John Rainier and Darc'y McNickle.

McKinley also attended the meeting of the executive council of the Governors' Interstate Council on Indians as a special representative of the Governor of Utah.

Pat was thought to be dying. A friend at the bedside asked, "Have you made peace with God and denounced the devil?" "I've made peace with god," Pat answered, "but I'm in no position to antagonize anybody!"

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