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Miss Louise Susanne Osceola, reporter for the Seminole Indian News, donned her bathing suit for a dip. Want to see if you can recognize her when she is dressed to go to town? Turn to Page 3.

— Photo by Dixie Photo

## MICCOSUKEES APPEAL TO J.F.K.

**"GIVE US PEACE ON OUR LAND — NOT TROUBLEMAKING AGENTS!"**

—Osceola

On Oct. 2, the Miccosukee Tribe of Seminoles wrote President John Kennedy a letter. "We wrote President Kennedy because our Council has never received an answer to the letter we wrote to Secretary of Interior Udall over eight months ago asking if the United States was going to

respect its commitments to our Tribe," said Howard Osceola, Co-Chairman of the Miccosukee Tribal Executive Council.

The following is the text from the letter.

October 2, 1961

Honorable John Kennedy  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Kennedy:

We write to you on behalf of our Miccosukee Tribe of Seminole Indians of Florida. During the Seminole wars our people fell back into the Ever-

glades before attacks of white soldiers. But we were not defeated. We have treaties with the United States, which are not now honored, though they were for more than a hundred years when the United States left us alone on our land. We have never surrendered.

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### U. S. To Spend \$15,000 For Painting

A picture is being painted on the wall of the Seminole Oakley arts and crafts shop at the Dania reservation by an Oklahoma Indian, named Mr. Fred Beaver.

The painting will cost \$15,000, to be paid for by the U. S. government, when it is finished.

The painting is of a Seminole Indian group around chickees and their campfires.

Two little Indian boys, who were Mike Tiger and Big Shot Jumper, stopped to see the picture. And Mike said to Big Shot, "I would rather have a swimming pool."

### TIGER ROARS PAST CYPRESS

Howard Tiger of Dania Reservation won over Jimmy Cypress of the Big Cypress Reservation in a landslide to take the post of president of the board of directors of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.

Howard Tiger was such a happy fellow that he blew the T-model horn through the Seminole estate, waking everyone up at midnight on Sept. 19. Someone yelled across the road, "How does it feel, Tiger, to win?"

His answer was, "Pretty darn good!"

His wife, Winifred, known as Hooter, said, "I can't believe it! It's too good to be true!"

Howard Tiger was the marine veteran of Iwo Jima who was fired from his job as recreation director on the Dania reservation only two months ago by Reverend Billy Osceola, head of the council.



The fired employee has in two months gained the top director (Continued on Page Three)

### U. S. PLANNING 3rd FLA. TRIBE? "TIGER TRIBE" — PERHAPS?

Is the United States trying to set up a third tribe of puppet Seminoles to wreck the unsundered Miccosukee Tribe?

That is the question being asked in the Everglades today as a result of a rife rumor that Indian Agent Reggie Miller has said that the Tiger family, a dissident minority of the Miccosukees, wants to reorganize

under the Indian Reorganization Act. These Tigers are a different family from Howard Tiger, just elected President of the Seminole Tribe at Dania.

The question being raised by the Miccosukees is, "How can they do it without going on a reservation? And if they go on the reservation, they already (Continued on Page Four)

### Building Boom At Big Cypress

A new community building and eight new modern concrete block homes are being built on the Big Cypress Indian reservation.

The community building is one big room which can be used for recreation, and to keep down juvenile delinquency.

In a month or so it will all be finished, and then no more camp fires or chickees, for those home owners.

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Prettiest little Miss America on all three reservations is eight-month-old Kathy Billie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Billie. Kathy won the title of prettiest baby at a field day at the Dania reservation this last summer.

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## EDITORIAL:

### SAVE YOUR BREATH!

The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. has disowned and censured the new newspaper Seminole Indian News. Officials of the Tribal Council on the reservation, headed by Billy Osceola, said in a formal announcement that the tribe does not "condone or agree with the editorial policies of this newspaper."

The editors of this paper think that the group headed by Billy Osceola might just as well have saved their breath.

The first issue of the Seminole Indian News said: "THE NEWSPAPER IS A PRIVATE ENTERPRISE OF MEMBERS OF BOTH THE MICCOSUKEE AND THE MUSKOGEE TRIBES OF SEMINOLES. SOME MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PAPER LIVE ON FEDERAL AND STATE RESERVATIONS. SOME LIVE ON THEIR OWN LAND IN THE EVERGLADES. SOME ARE BAPTISTS, AND SOME FOLLOW THE SEMINOLE RELIGION.

BUT THIS NEWSPAPER WILL BE FREE FROM ALL CENSORSHIP BY STATE OR CHURCH—OR TRIBE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT."

Alice Osceola

## PERSONALS FROM GLADES

The wild boar at William McKinley Osceola's Village (and gift shop) escaped. He weighs about 350 pounds, has tusks five inches long, and is not to be trusted. All the children got up in trees and on platforms. He ran around and around in glee, and looked scary, but never did bother anybody. He was finally persuaded to go back and be penned up by food in his pen. His fence has been made stronger.

Editor Alice Joy Osceola went to the stock car races with Rainy Jim and his wife. She got to talk to her favorite driver, Rags Carter.

Linda Johnson, who was in critical condition following an automobile accident on the Tamiami Trail, has now recovered and is alright now. She was the last child saved from the water when her father's car was knocked into the canal by another car.

Mary and John McCutcheon went on a late honeymoon to the Bahama Islands. They said that every where they went in the islands a steel band went along with them and serenaded them. They enjoyed it.



— Photo by Dixie Photo  
 Russella Tiger, left, and Scarlet Marie Jumper, right, enjoyed being newsgirls for the Seminole Indian News. Those two little girls do more selling than anybody else. Russella is the daughter of Howard Tiger, president of the board of directors of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. Scarlet Marie is the daughter of Seminole Indian News editor Betty Mae Jumper.

## SALUTES FROM FRIENDS

### Letters to the Editor

I have read with much interest your valiant effort into Journalism. I have a deep interest in your problems. Will you accept me as a subscriber?

I am enclosing for your files the article that appeared in this morning's Los Angeles Times.

Congratulations,  
 Mrs. Alyce Sinn Fechter  
 3327 Rancho Santoro Dr.  
 Covina, California.

While I was in the Grand Way Store in West Hollywood, a little Indian girl came up to me and had a copy of your Seminole Indian News. She was selling them and I bought one. I wish there was some way I could tell her thank you and how much I appreciate getting the paper. I wish to subscribe to your paper if it is permissible since I am not an Indian. I first came to Florida in 1918 and some of the Indians use to camp while on hunting trips on my Grandfather's farm. I use to consider them some of my best friends. One very aged Indian man use to tell me about Florida when he was young. I have long since lost track of all of them and maybe by your paper I could read about some of them. If I may subscribe, can you get me the paper printed for August too. I want to keep all editions from the first one.

The last real contact I had with any of them was when I helped take care of little Billy Osceola while he was sick with Pneumonia and in Jackson Memorial Hospital in 1924 in the spring. I lost track of Billy and Mary too.

Mrs. Rose Lee Corbyn  
 Ojus, Fla.

I am an 8th grade student of Pier Avenue Junior High School of Hermosa Beach, California. Will you please forward me a copy of Seminole Indian News newspaper. Please tell the cost of it so I can forward the money to you.

Thank you,  
 Bonnie Beaver  
 Hermosa Beach, Calif.

(Ed. Note: Bonnie, the cost of back issues is 20 cents an issue, and a year's subscription cost \$2.00 per year.)

Sept. 22-61

Editor:

Please enter my name as subscriber to your newspaper and bill me. I shall be grateful to receive your first issue. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
 Father Jerome  
 Saint Leo Abby  
 Saint Leo, Florida

Dear Friends:

... My best wishes for a big success in the publication of this newspaper. If at anytime I can be of assistance to you, do not hesitate to call upon me.

Yours sincerely,  
 J. EDWIN LARSON  
 State Treasurer, Florida

Oct. 4, 1961

... Today I am writing Moses Owl of Cherokee, N. C. to see if he or the Cherokee Council would like to receive your paper. It is a wonderful undertaking, a good example, and would be nice for the Cherokees to know of the events of the Seminoles.

Yours truly,  
 Hal Euchenhofer

## PERSONALS FROM RESERVATIONS

Bobo and Peggy Jim had a baby girl. Congratulations!

Bobby Tiger and his family returned to Dania from Michigan, where they spent all summer. Bobby Tiger was wrestling alligators for tourists. They have moved into their new \$8,000 home on the reservation.

The Seminole village for tourists in the back part of the Oakley Village on the Dania reservation has closed until the tourist season opens, about the last of November or the first of December, but the souvenir shop is still open for the public.

Jimmy Scott Osceola went off to school in Oklahoma, and he brought back an Indian girl whom he is going to marry. Who is the girl, Jimmy?

This week Reverend Crenshaw came back from Oklahoma, where he took a group of Christian men and women from the Big Cypress and Brighton reservations to a church conference for a week. Reverend Billy Osceola also went along from Dania. Mike Osceola took over the tribal council while Billy Osceola was gone. They left October 1 and came back October 8.

Many boys from the Dania Indian reservation have gone out to play football in the Little League for the Optimists Club. The names of the boys from the reservation who are playing on the team are Ted Nelson, son of Henry Nelson; Mike Tiger, son of Howard Tiger; Max Osceola, Jr., son of Maxie Osceola; Jackie Willie, Jr., son of sheriff Jackie Willie; Moses Jumper, Jr., (Big Shot), son of Moses Jumper; Steven Bowers, son Casey Bowers; David Bowers, son of Joe Bowers; Joe Osceola, Jr., son of Joe Osceola; Reuben Billie, son of Henry John Billie, and Mike Clay, son of Henry Clay. Teddy and Big Shot are on the first string. They have won three games and lost none. They beat Civitan, Hallandale and Ojus. Next week they play Lake Forrest. Go, boys, go!

Some of the old Seminole agency buildings are being torn down after 25 years. They were landmarks on Sterling road. Two garages are already gone. Only the big government office building, two-story, is left, but that will be torn down, too. They have built concrete block office buildings, a good while ago. The material being taken from the buildings is being taken to Big Cypress reservation to build garages.

Dear Miss Osceola:

It was with a great deal of pleasure that I received the first copies of your unique Seminole Indian News. Our Indian pupils came to school bearing them proudly as gifts for us all.

You and your co-editor, Mrs. Jumper, are to be highly commended for your efforts to share the thoughts and feelings of your people through your English newspaper. A spoken language, of course, is a beautiful thing, but for posterity, printed words are invaluable. I shall keep my copies among other works I consider noteworthy.

My own third graders who are just learning to read their own little children's weekly will be enthusiastically scanning your monthlies as they are brought to us!

The eyes of all who are interested in learning more about our Indian neighbors are upon your venture. You can count on the bright eyes of our young here at Seminole to be among the most eager!

Dorothea Dubler  
 3rd Grade Teacher  
 Seminole Elementary School  
 Miami, Florida.

## THANKS TO FRIENDS

The Staff of this newspaper wants to thank their friends from all over the United States who have written so many nice letters of encouragement. We were particularly happy to get so many letters from the State of California and a copy of the fine news story in the Los Angeles Times.

## Florida Miccosukees Appoint Ambassador To California

Howard, Louise and Ruth Osceola were invited by National Airlines, as representatives of Florida's unsundered Miccosukee Seminole Indians, to help inaugurate the airline's new jet flight to San Francisco, on September 24.

They went out to the airport to tell the plane good-bye, and they took that opportunity to send a scroll to James Loo, president of the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, making him honorary ambassador of the Miccosukees in California. They also sent him a bright Indian shirt.

Afterward, the Osceolas were guests, along with Miami vice mayor Henry Balaban, at a champagne breakfast in the restaurant on top of the airport hotel. They enjoyed the corned beef hash more than the champagne.

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**"TIGER TRIBE"**

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have got a tribe up there, with a council, and a board of directors."

Miller is reported to be offering many benefits to the splinter group of Miccosukees.

"For about ten years the U.S. government representatives have been telling the Miccosukee Tribe on the Tamiami Trail that we could not organize under the Indian Reorganization Act because we do live on a federal reservation," Howard Osceola, co-chairman of the Miccosukee Tribe said.

"And, while we never wanted to live on the reservation, the U. S. government always took the stand that even if we did, there was already an organized tribe there," he said. "If this maneuver of the Indian bureau turns out to be fact, it contradicts what the bureau representatives have been telling us for almost ten years, while we were negotiating in good faith." The reservation tribe is suing the U. S. government for money. The Miccosukee tribe wants land. The reservation tribe is being promised benefits by the government.

"If this bunch of people wants money, and benefits, I do not see why they don't go up on the reservation and join that tribe like the rest of their family did," Howard Osceola said. "That is what the U. S. told us to do for ten years if we wanted that stuff."

In addition to the Miccosukee Tribe on the Tamiami Trail, another group of Miccosukee Seminoles living on the trail and led by medicine man Ingraham Billie has also said that all they want from the U. S. government is "to be left alone on our land to roam."

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Frances Osceola's new little baby girl was less than one day old when this picture was made. The baby was born on October 7 in the camp of her mother and father, Wild Bill and Frances, on the Tamiami Trail. Mother and baby are doing fine. Congratulations! — Photo by Dixie Photo

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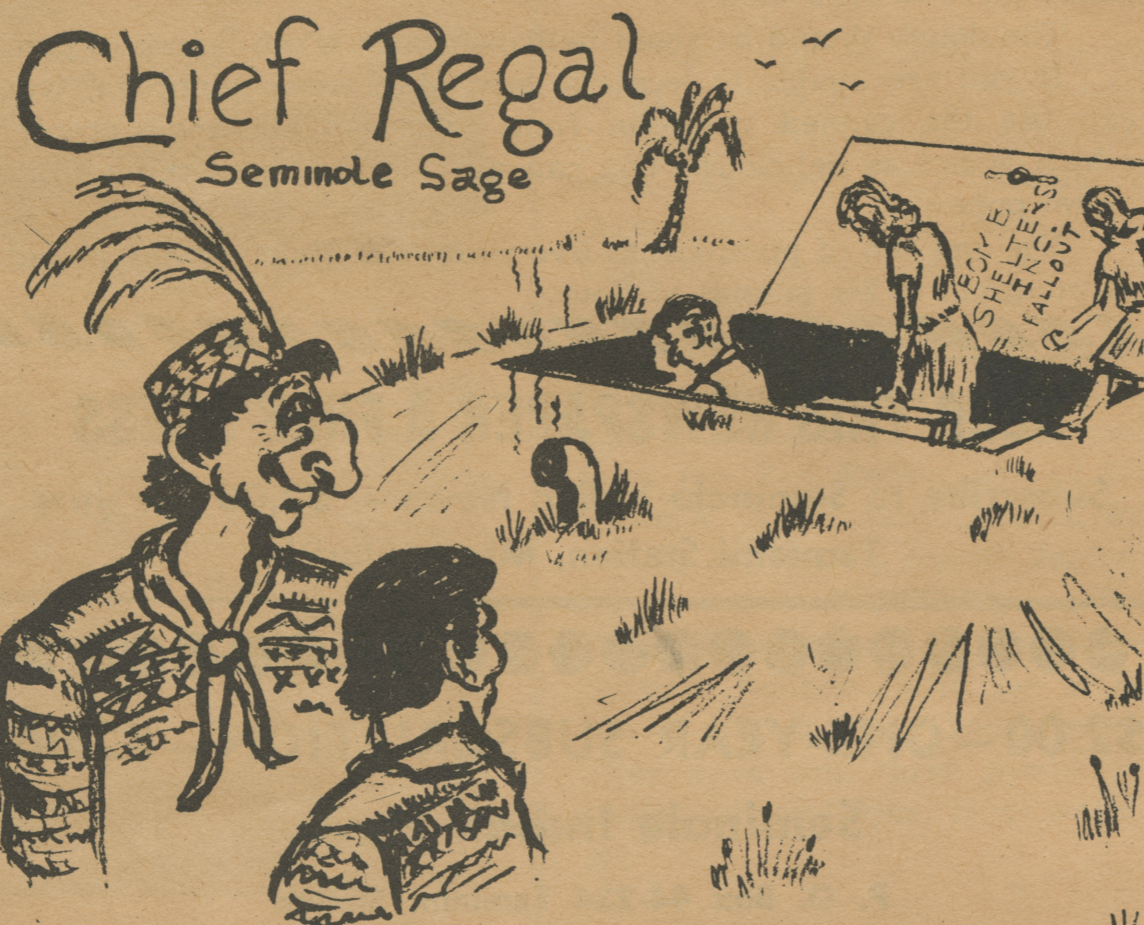
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