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AIM leaders appear at rally before trial

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP) — The two defendants in the Wounded Knee trial and their attorneys told some 2,000 listeners at the University of Minnesota Monday night that the trial is the focal point of the Indians' struggle with the federal government.

Dennis Banks and Russell Means, defendants in the trial and leaders of the American Indian Movement (AIM), two of their attorneys and other Indian leaders spoke at the rally.

"We feel that this is the most important trial of the century concerning federal treaties and Indians," Banks said. He said the importance of the trial goes far beyond the determination of the facts in the case.

"Let the public determine who is guilty at Wounded Knee," Banks said. "I am positive that when the public sees the evidence, they will have no choice but to declare that the U. S. government is guilty" of treaty violations and misconduct toward Indians.

Banks said "being born Indian makes you immediately subject to tyranny and a dual system of justice."

Jury selection was to begin today for the trial, and Banks said he hoped the persons selected "can be made to understand that the real criminals in this country . . . are those people with power."

Means told the audience that the defense intends to prove that the United States is the "illegitimate" government of the Sioux Indians who live on the Pine Ridge Reservation, where Wounded Knee is located.

He said the Treaty of 1863 gave western South Dakota to the Indians and the treaty has never been abrogated.

"When they (U. S. marshals) besieged us in 1973 (at Wounded Knee), they were violating our rights as established in the 1863 treaty," Means said.

Means also announced that he had resigned as a national AIM leader Monday so he could devote more time to his candidacy for tribal president at Pine Ridge.

Defense attorney William Kunstler said the trial represents the beginning of a "great adventure," an "enormous undertaking," and a "march of a people." He said the future of the Indian movement is at stake.

"It's one thing to stand in a bunker" against armed federal agents, Kunstler said. "But the courts are more deadly than Wounded Knee. They have a stamp of legitimacy about them and can destroy without a drop of blood being shed."

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**AIM backers
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American Indian Movement (AIM) defense attorneys William Kunstler (center) and Mark Lane (background) listen to members of AIM beat on a drum and chant as two AIM leaders, Russell Means and Dennis Banks (not shown) went on trial in federal district court in St. Paul for their part in the occupation of Wounded Knee last spring. In Rapid City, a handful of AIM sympathizers held a rally in front of the Post Office Tuesday. (UPI photo).

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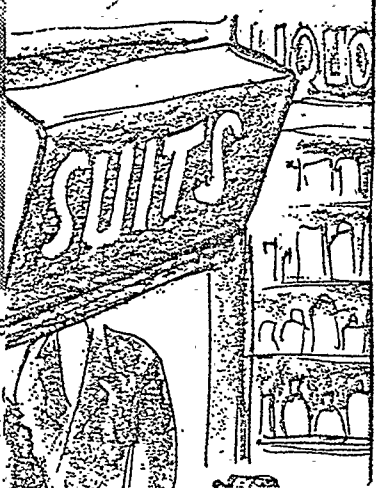


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generally. This is by no means confined to oil products and farm products, but is a general price explosion with effects which are familiar to everybody and understood by very few.

NOW THERE IS to be another complication of serious proportions growing from the common sense that personal income isn't keeping up with price increases. Labor is coming in strong this year with new wage demands supported by an ominous air of militancy which has been absent for a year or two. No wonder. According to some estimates, the real spendable earnings of a typical American worker runs three per cent below a year ago. Inflation is supposed to be running at an eight per cent annual rate.

WHATEVER the real rate, everyone knows it is too much, not the least among us George Meany of AFL-CIO who regularly erupts with imprecations on



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**Arizona trial
 for AIM leaders
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PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — The trial for Russell Means and four other members of the American Indian Movement has been postponed until May 14.

A U.S. District Court spokesman here said Tuesday the trial was delayed because Means was being tried this week in St. Paul, Minn., on other charges in connection with the occupation of Wounded Knee last year.

The trial was to begin Tuesday in Phoenix for Means, 33, Pine Ridge; Stanley Holder, 23, Lawton, Okla.; Herbert G. Powless, 35, Milwaukee, Wis.; Eugene C. Heavyrunner Jr., 23, Browning, Mont.; and Ronald D. Petite, 37, Minneapolis.

An indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Phoenix last May charged the five with planning the purchase of automatic weapons here and their transportation to Wounded Knee.

According to the indictment, Means, Holder, Heavyrunner and Petite allegedly met in Rapid City last April and arranged for the purchase and transportation of the firearms. Powless is accused of flying by commercial airline to Phoenix to buy three M1 carbines. He was arrested by FBI agents at a pawnshop and the weapons were seized.

The charges carry a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

Judge Walter E. Craig also set April 8 to hear pending motions in the case.

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On January 9 and 10, 1974, attempts were made to contact the [redacted] at their residence which is the [redacted] South Dakota, [redacted]. Several persons were noted inside the residence; however, none would answer the door.

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Attempts were made to contact ANNA HUNTS HORSE at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during November and December of 1973, and six times during the two days of January 9 and 10, 1974. All attempts to contact ANNA HUNTS HORSE met with negative results.

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[redacted] was contacted at her residence, [redacted] South Dakota. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that the interview would concern the occupation of Wounded Knee at the outset of the interview.

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[redacted] were in Wounded Knee the night of the takeover. They had had no advance warning of the takeover and knew of no person requesting the takeover.

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[redacted] left Wounded Knee, South Dakota, three or four days after the occupation. [redacted] returned to Wounded Knee when the roadblocks were reopened and remained in Wounded Knee for the duration of the occupation. [redacted] indicated she did not see or talk to any of the American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders on the night of the takeover or on the date of the assault on [redacted] or the date of the assault on CURTIS FITZGERALD or the date of the assault of United States Marshal LLOYD GRIMM.

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Losses incurred by the [redacted] were detailed in a separate interview with [redacted]

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were contacted at the OSCAR BOLLOW HOME residence, Wounded Knee, South Dakota. Both persons advised they refused to be interviewed.

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[redacted] was contacted at the OSCAR HOLLOW HORN residence, Wounded Knee, South Dakota. [redacted] was advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agent and that the interview would concern the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota by the American Indian Movement (AIM).

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[redacted] advised the following:

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He did not have any advance notice that the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, would happen and he knew of no person requesting the occupation of Wounded Knee. [redacted] advised he left Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the first week of the occupation and did not return. He did not see or talk to any of the leaders of AIM. [redacted] further advised he had no knowledge of Molotov cocktails and no one had advised him not to talk to the FBI.

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