

AMERINDIAN NEWS (continued)

The citation accompanying the award says Young 70, "has lived a life of unstinting devotion to her Church and community. ...Since 1936, she has served the mission (at the Bloodvein Reserve) as a lay volunteer but her work extends far beyond the usual definition of the term. She prepares children in religious instruction, leads Bible-study groups and the liturgy, brings sacraments to the sick and shut-in, and is the principal pastoral visitor in this community of 500." Young is the mother of 23 and is grandmother and great-grandmother to 100 more.

Traditional foods promoted

Nutritionists and health workers in the Northwest Territories are encouraging people to return to their traditional ways of eating and cooking. An eating plan based on foodstuffs found in the North notes that traditional northern diets provide all the necessary vitamins and minerals that southerners get from fruit and vegetables. Among the foods recommended are fish-head soup, cranberries, seal-blood broth, cooked sea urchins, caribou kidneys and seaweed.

Safeguarding the languages and cultures of the Aborigines

The missionaries who worked and still are working amongst the Aborigines of Canada, made great efforts to learn the local languages, to discover their inner laws, producing tools to know them and teach them better. The

missionaries have founded many magazines in Indian languages and Inuktitut, of which the first dates back to 1905.

There are at least 300 original manuscripts in Indian as well as in Inuktitut, of which 141 are dictionaries in 27 Indian languages, 74 grammars in 19 different languages.

These manuscripts also contain stories, legends, compilation of instructions, hymns, prayers, catechisms, translations of biblical texts, etc. It must be added to this 226 works printed in one or other of these languages. To have a better idea of the contribution of the missionaries, a research should be made in the archives of all religious congregations, of all the churches and of a variety of organisms, working with the Natives.

Bishop Henri Goudreault O.M.I.

Annual Pow-Pow in Kahnawake (July 10-11)

While Kateri was being celebrated in Auriesville, Kahnawake was holding its annual colorful show of Indian traditions and arts, especially dancing. Many Indian groups from Canada and the U.S. participated: Sioux, Crees, Mohawks, Algonquins... The dancing competition attracted crowds estimated at 35,000. For a while every one seemed to be dancing.

The Pow-Pow is in remembrance of the 1990 conflict and plays an essential part in the reconciliation with the neighboring towns. A sense of real brotherhood was felt during these two days. Every face wore a smile.

BLESSED KATERI makes a trip to Asia

Many a people dream of travelling when they'll get up there, with their angel wings. I love to think that Blessed Kateri, who is a saint for the whole world, loves to roam around and visit all the first nations, wherever they may be.

As you may know, there are a lot of indigenous people in Asia: 102 groups in China, 8 in Taiwan, 62 in the Philippines without mentioning all the different tribes living in Japan, Thailand, Malaysia... They are often called "ethnic minority groups".

the Custom Officers at the airport just asked me who was this beautiful Indian girl on the pictures. Then Kateri accompanied me to my former parish in Taipei: Holy Family Church. During my special mass for the Taiwanese on Sunday May 25, I introduced the Lily of the Mohawks to the crowd of parishioners, many of whom still remembered me. Steele's picture of Kateri was hanging from the pulpit and when Mass ended many came up to take a closer look at Kateri, before they signed a petition for her canonization.

A few faithful from other parishes also took the sheets to their respective parish to obtain more signatures. Then I did the same in three convent of Sisters where I said Mass at their request. Many questions were asked after every celebration and every one thought she'd be a great model for the youth of today!

But the greatest welcome and success happened in the mountains of Taiwan with the Tayan tribe, where the Jesuits have built many missions outposts. Fr Keith Martinson S.J., paster of Ching Chüan was most cooperative. He had Kateri's picture exposed in the



Fr Bruyère in the former parish of Holy-Family, Taipei.

Going to the Far East at the end of April, I could not leave without taking dear Kateri with me. So when I flew off to Taipei on April 22nd, I had my suitcase stuffed with pictures, posters, medals and souvenirs of Kateri. Arriving in Taiwan,