

UNEP launches 1995 global 500

Flora Nwapa writes 30

Flora Nwapa, the Nigerian author, publisher, teacher and administrator, died in Enugu on 16 October, 1994.

Writing in *Everywoman's* June books issue last year, Flora explained: "I had to engage myself full time, work full time, and, in doing so, create." She set up Tana Press and late Flora Nwapa Books to publish a story for children, *Mammywater*, one of the first available for Nigerian children - followed by many others. Despite enormous problems of book production and distribution, she concluded that the presses "have made a mark in publishing in Africa. They

are the work of one woman who believes in the ability of women in all spheres of human endeavour."

Flora worked closely with the African women's organisation in Britain, **Akina Mama wa Afrika**. The editor of their magazine *African Woman*, **Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi**, has written: "Though we are deeply saddened by her death, we rejoice in having known and worked with her, and we pray that her soul rests in perfect peace." Amen.

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Every year, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) selects a number of individuals or organizations for outstanding achievements in protection of the environment. Nominations for the Global 500 award - Roll of Honour for Environmental Achievement - are now open. The inaugural awards were presented in 1987. Prominent prizewinners have included the Bellerive Foundation; *Sir David Attenborough*; *Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland*; *Anil Agarwal*; the Green Belt Movement in Kenya; His Royal Highness the

Duke of Edinburgh; *Raffi Cavoukian*; and Tenglu village in the People's Republic of China.

Nomination forms and selection criteria can be obtained from *Meryem Amar*, Secretary of the Global 500 Selection Committee, UNEP P.O. Box 30552, Nairobi, Kenya.

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Indigenous Initiatives For Peace

The first assembly of **Indigenous Initiative for Peace** - a group headed by Nobel Peace Prize winner **Rigoberta Menchu Tum** - has adopted a resolution calling for the creation of a mechanism to prevent conflict and mediate and resolve disputes between indigenous peoples and nation states.

The assembly also outlined its objectives for the *International Decade of Indigenous Peoples* (1994-2004). While the main objective of the decade should be the achievement of self-determination, autonomy and self-government for indigenous people, specific objectives include a major information and education campaign about the reality in which indigenous people live; guarantee of

indigenous people's influence in decision making processes; greater funding, better communications, and more representation of indigenous women; and an improved legal framework for indigenous peoples.

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YWCA prepares for Summit

The World Young Women's Christian Association invites you to help formulate a Women's World Agenda by participating in the **International Women's Summit (IWS)** July 3-6, 1995, Seoul Education and Cultural Center, Korea. The IWS plan of action will be documented in a Women's World Agenda that will be used as a lobbying tool and reference document for the UN 4th World Conference on Women and beyond.

Some of the concerns that the IWS will address are: *Globalisation of the world economy and its impact on the lives of women; Religious and ideological intolerance; Reclaiming of cultural, economic and political rights of indigenous peoples; Education to improve women's economic status, human rights and*

women's rights, including those concerning reproduction. They will be addressed under the headings of Equality, Development and Peace, with an emphasis on developing strategies for change.

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