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Federal Judge Orders Fishing Ban

U.S. District Judge Robert C. Belloni issued a new order in Portland last Friday to the State of Washington to close ocean commercial salmon fishing until July 1st. He said that he was amazed that Washington had failed to comply with regulations.

The hearing Friday the

18th followed an Emergency Court Injunction earlier in the week banning non-Indian commercial salmon fishing off the Washington coast. The emergency injunction was not obeyed by Washington State officials, however, as they said it conflicted with a Washington State Supreme Court order.

In handing down his decision, Judge Belloni said that his real concern is that he's not sure that treaty Indians can be assured their fair share. (Half of all harvestable salmon headed for upriver fishing grounds.) He said that he thought if that assurance were present that this injunction

would not have been necessary.

Regarding the Washington State failure to comply with the injunction, the judge said that treaties represent "the supreme law of the land" and that a state cannot pass a law that conflicts with a treaty.

The State of Oregon had

already closed commercial ocean trolling off its coast so was not included in the injunction.

Judge Belloni delayed the effective time of the injunction to ban commercial salmon fishing off the Washington coast until 5 p.m. Monday,

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Pi-Ume-Sha to Honor Past

The Seventh Annual Pi-Ume-Sha celebration to be held this weekend will observe the nation's bicentennial by recognizing the progress and impact of the Native American. This historical perspective is reflected in the Pi-Ume-Sha program booklet which is dedicated on the first Tribal Council.

Established on April 23, 1938, the first Council received no compensation but worked hard to lay groundwork for the remarkable progress made on the Warm Springs Reservation in the last 25 years. With great respect to the aid and wisdom of elders such as these, Pi-Ume-Sha this year will honor the past and celebrate the Tribes' continuing pride and well-being.

A most meaningful way to celebrate is to share good feelings with other people. And this is exactly what Pi-Ume-Sha means: the gathering of Indians for good times or council. In an effort to encourage good inter-tribal relations, Warm Springs welcomes people from other reservations to participate in dancing, feasting and remembering those who have left us. Warm Springs has always showed goodwill by providing food and lodging for all.

Because of the growing numbers participating in Pi-Ume-Sha the traditional big feeds will be replaced this year with food rations. This is just one of many changes that have occurred through the years.

Pi-Ume-Sha was originally held during Fun Days. But

because of the many conflicting activities on the 4th of July it was moved up to the last week of June. On these days 121 years ago, the treaty establishing the Warm Springs Reservation was drawn up and signed. This lends a sense of history to the pow-wow.

Pi-Ume-Sha is an outgrowth of the customary visiting that went on between the various tribes. Now competition dancing with cash prizes is held to attract even more people. The 300 Indians registered for dance competition at the First Annual have grown to about 600 this year. Because of this increase Pi-Ume-Sha activities are now held outdoors.

In order to get such a grand event off the ground many people must volunteer their time and skills throughout the year. In addition to honoring our forebears it would be appropriate to extend thanks to those who make Pi-Ume-Sha possible. The Tribes should be recognized for sanctioning and supporting Pi-Ume-Sha. The Community Center and Recreation Department have also cooperated with the Pi-Ume-Sha Committee by providing a site for the activities.

The Co-Chairmen of the Pi-Ume-Sha Committee Sam Colwash and Art Mitchell have done much planning and directing as well as rolling up their own sleeves. Nathan "8-ball" Jim has been responsible for assembling and printing the program booklets and serving as a public relations persons. He is also getting the PA

system together and acting as Master of Ceremonies through the weekend.

The Queen candidates — Edith Johnson, Corrina So-

happy, Diane Miller, Lois Knight, and Renita Winishut — have sold raffle tickets dili-

gently. Fund raisers have been sponsoring bingo games, entertainment, concessions and other activities to raise money. The concessions this year will be run by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. from Bend.

The many other commit-

tees which have contributed to the planning and carrying out of Pi-Ume-Sha will be recognized in the program booklet. In supporting the efforts of the Pi-Ume-Sha Committee we preserve the tradition of good will and good times established by our ancestors.



THE PI-UME-SHA QUEEN candidates have been selling raffle tickets during the last few months as part of their effort to be crowned as 1976 Queen. Shown from left to right,

Diane Miller, Edith Johnson, Corrina Sohappy, Nancy Sooksoit (who has been replaced by Lois Knight) and Renita Winishut.

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