

A Report From Your Congressman Al Ullman

Drought Problems Get Quick Action From Congress — Several emergency steps have been taken by the Congress toward providing federal help for Oregon and other Western states hit by severe drought conditions. One emergency measure, which received expedited handling in the Congress, provides temporary authority for:

— Construction of facilities to conserve or more efficiently use water on federal reclamation projects and interest-free loans to irrigators outside federal projects to encourage similar conservation;

— Purchase of water supplies from willing sellers and redistribution to fight drought where it can have the greatest long-term impact — on perennial crops; and

— Deferring without penalty the 1977 and 1978 installment payments due on federal reclamation projects.

As noted in testimony supporting this legislation, quick action should help to significantly reduce the amount of disaster relief required later in the year. Several other drought relief measures seeking some \$1 billion are being considered by the Congress. Some \$1 billion in loans and cost-sharing programs already has been made available by the federal government.

A supplemental appropriations budget recently approved by Congress also contained specific help for the drought,

including \$248 million in additional funds for forest fire-fighting; \$710 million to restore all recent losses of the Commodity Credit Corporation and

\$60 million to assure that the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation can meet obligations to insured farmers who suffer losses.

Pay Raise Subject To Vote — The House and Senate will be required to take a recorded vote on any future pay raise proposed for Members of Congress and other federal officials. This provision was included as an amendment to a Ways and Means Committee bill which was managed by Mr. Ullman on the House floor in April. The bill has been signed into law and now all future federal pay raises will be subject to vote in Congress.

Federal Water Projects Reviewed — The review of federal water projects ordered by President Carter resulted in the go-ahead for all projects now underway in the 2nd District. The Criteria for approval was that the projects be environmentally sound, economical and safe. The review cleared Corps of Engineer and Bureau of Reclamation projects.

Hearings On Proposed Wilderness Area — Hearings care continuing in the House on the American Endangered Wilderness bill, which includes the proposed Wenaha-Tucan wilderness area in northeastern Oregon. The bill, H.R. 3454, proposes expanding the 115,000-acre Wenaha Backcountry to a 205,000-acre wilderness area. In contrast, a draft management plan of the Forest Service proposes to create a 171,000-acre backcountry. It is too early to predict which of these or other alternatives the House Interior subcommittee on Indian Affairs and Public lands will adopt. None of the areas under consideration have been logged, but some of the timber resources have been calculated in determining the past level of harvesting. Considerable attention is being focused on this question to determine what the impact will be on the availability of logs for local mills. Another question is the potential loss of timber receipts to county governments. There also is concern about the consequences logging or the wilderness designation will have on traditional recreational uses and the habitat of elk, salmon, steelhead and others in the roadless area. Forest Service officials are now scheduled to testify before the Subcommittee on May 2. Their review of the bill and possible alternatives will be valuable in answering these important questions.

OFFICE MOVE: The 2nd District office in Salem has moved to the Equitable Center, 530 Center Street NE, Room 330. Mail should continue to go to the same address, P.O. Box 247, Salem, Oregon 97308.

To The Editor

DEAR PEOPLE:

We would like to thank all those who came to the Appreciation Dinner April 16, 1977 on behalf of the new members of the Warm Springs Tribe (adoptees).

A special thanks to Lucinda Smith with her wisdom and time informing the young people of traditional ways, about which we know we have much to learn and understand.

Most of all we are very happy for our daughter Merle Anne Kirk for becoming an enrolled member with your support. It will always be a highlight of her life.

Again thank you,
Oliver and Mildred Kirk

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my utmost appreciation to all the wonderful, thoughtful people who helped make the Eskimo students comfortable in their homes and welcome in our community.

With the volunteered help of the two drumming groups, dancers, cooks and all the other help the dinner and program was a big success.

Special thanks to the Tribal Council for the donation to purchase the food.

Again, thank you, and may God bless each of you.

Marie Calica

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Tribal Council Agenda

May 1977

May 2 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Oath of Office in new Tribal Council Room
2. Election of Officers
3. General Discussion and Orientation

May 3 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Education Committee Report
2. 2:00 p.m. Law & Order Workbook No. 1 (Rudy Clements, Jeff Sanders and Dick Montee)
3. Native American Indian Club COCC (Prunie Williams)
4. MHS Indian Club (Mike Clements)

May 9 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Policies & Procedures - Council and Committees

May 10 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Drought Committee Report (Rudy Clements and Clint Jacks)
2. 2:00 p.m. - Policy Manual Organization

May 16 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Realty
2. 2:00 p.m. - Bear Springs Memo of Understanding

May 17 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Committee Appointments
2. Committee Duties and Responsibilities
3. Advisory Board for Group Home (per Health & Welfare Committee memo dated 3-9-77)

May 23 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Enrollments
2. 2:00 p.m. - OEDP Update Airport Master Plan

May 24 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Minors Trust Funds
2. 2:00 p.m. - Projects and Goals for '78

May 30 - HOLIDAY

May 31 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Kah-Nee-Ta Monthly Report
2. Management Report on Judgement Monies

C.O.C.C. Budget Makes It

Warm Springs voted differently from the rest of Jefferson County on the C.O.C.C. budget, the school board and various county budget issues in the elections April 19. Voters in Warm Springs mirrored the district's sentiments when they approved the Central Oregon Community College budget 66-23, even though Jefferson County voted "no."

Warm Springs' support for School Board candidate Evadna Bartlett was not enough to give her the seat as Larry Hyder from Metolius was voted into the four-year term.

The Jefferson County Budget, the Intermediate Education District's equalization budget, a levy for matching funds for state and federal and road grants and funds for dog control were all passed by Warm Springs but went to defeat in the county wide vote.

Priscilla Macy, a member of the Election Board, reported that about 90 voters turned out for the special election which was better showing than at last month's election.

In the last election the C.O.C.C. budget was voted down as was the Jefferson County budget.

Central Oregon Community College partially funds the Adult Learning Center at Warm Springs, and the approval of the college's budget gives the Learning Center new hope for its continuation next year. C.O.C.C. also provides classes in Warm Springs as

part of its community education program.

School Board candidate Evadna Bartlett, who campaigned vigorously on issues such as special programs for high and low achievers and closer contact between the Board and each of the district's schools, received 53 Warm Springs votes. The winning candidate Larry Hyder, a Metolius farmer who advocates upholding the moral values of the Bible and strict standards of discipline throughout the schools, received 34

votes in Warm Springs.

In other election results, Dick and Eva Montee were voted onto the Mountain View Park District Board, Dwight O. Macy and Everett Van Wert are new I.E.D. directors at large, James Ramsey has two new positions on the I.E.D. Board and the C.O.C.C. Board, and the Mountain View Hospital Board has two new members, Ada Easter and Esther Zemke. The Mountain View Hospital budget was approved, the only money that Jefferson County wanted to spend.

Peoples Opinion

WHEN ASKED, "HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT the way the Tribal Council elections came out, "Pro or Con,"? Here are a few candid remarks from just a few Tribal members.

(A) I think the people done well this election, because they voted on the ones they thought would do a good job for the reservation. There was a good selection to choose from. Each District was well represented.

(A) I don't know how the new Council will be probably just as bad as the old one's were. I don't know.

(A) I think they are pretty good. Now if they will only just speak up for the people. Some of them done a lot of talking before the election, but I sup-

pose they will not do like they said before.

(A) I don't have an opinion right now, but I think some of them are alright and some ??? So-so. They might do some good.

(A) I think a change will do us some good, might have some new ideas and other things. Its good to have some younger people in there along with a few of the older ones.

(A) Well, some of our representatives don't seem to speak up on any issue on the floor. Don't know if they are doing us any good. But they are our representatives, what can some of us do?
Well that was just a few remarks picked up here and there.