



Work began on the Simnasho-Schoolie Flat water project October 17. Workers have laid several miles of 6 inch pipe from Beaver Creek to Simnasho where one of the 100,000 gallon reservoirs will be constructed. (Sandy Rangila Photo.)

Seattle Hearing Civil Rights Commissions Gets Earful

Treaty rights were a main concern at the public hearing held by the U.S. Civil Rights Commission in Seattle October 19 and 20, according to Delbert Frank, Sr. Over 70 witnesses, Indian and non-Indian, testified on a wide range of issues affecting people in the state of Washington.

Councilmen Delbert Frank, Sr. and Nelson Wallulatam attended the hearing but since they were from Oregon they participated as observers only. They reported that many of the topics covered were of interest to this and other reservations throughout the northwest.

The hearing was called by the Civil Rights Commission as part of their effort to understand the growing conflict between Indians and non-Indians that is especially serious in the northwest. Witnesses were subpoenaed from all over the state although western Washington was best represented.

Leaders from such reservations as Lummi, Quinalt, Makah, Colville and Yakima and

from urban areas provided testimony. Also there to testify were non-Indian experts and officials from many spheres, including the state department, federal agencies, fisheries management, education and social services and a host of other areas of interest.

The full staff of the Civil Rights Commission including their attorneys and solicitor, were there to pose questions and listen to the witnesses.

Fishing rights were naturally on many people's minds because of the recent challenge of the Boldt Decision by the state of Washington.

Also of concern were Indian water rights as spelled out under the Winters Doctrine, and the possible violation of those rights.

Taxation of non-Indians on the reservation was brought up by the Quinalts. Is it legal for a Tribe to tax owners of fee patent lands on the reservation?

Many of these issues pointed up the conflict between federal and state courts which often

leaves Indians torn between jurisdictions.

Health and social welfare concerns were many, the most sensitive being adoption and foster care for Indian children.

The need for training was another subject often addressed. Education and social service professionals working with Indian people were said to be in need of training in Indian culture so that they might better serve their clientele.

Delbert Frank said that the Civil Rights Commission seemed to be concerned with the lack of communication among the various parties facing mutual problems. It was suggested that in order to stop banging heads, the parties should share the information they have.

The Commission intends to write a report based on the issues raised at the Seattle hearing. More hearings will be scheduled for other areas in the U.S. where Indians and non-Indians are experiencing misunderstanding.

Frank and Wallulatam will be reporting to Council on the hearing soon, at which time more details may be available.

Budget '78

District Meetings Drew Few

The District budget preview meetings conducted on October 20 did not generate the interest that Council members had anticipated. The meetings were called as a result of complaints voiced at last year's General Council Meeting regarding the 1977 tribal budget. People indicated that there should have been district meetings prior to the General Council meeting so the budget could be better understood by the people.

Although Council representatives attempted to explain various aspects of the budget, no real presentation was made because so few people showed up for the meetings. Management personnel was not present since this was to be simply Council Representatives meeting with their district constituency.

Only two people showed up for the Seekseequa District Meeting at the Community Cen-

ter, about a dozen turned out at the Simnasho gathering, and at the last count, seven individuals finally dribbled in to the Agency Longhouse for the Agency District Meeting.

AGENCY DISTRICT MEETING
Copies of the budget resolution were handed out to the few in attendance and Zane Jackson, Gene Greene, and Rita Squiempfen led an informal discussion of major budget increases and changes for 1978.

They also explained that the Tribal Council had requested evaluations of all tribal positions by December of this year and read off a list of key positions they felt should be held by tribal members.

Some concern was expressed by one individual regarding employment problems among tribal members, particularly merit increases in salary.

Other topics covered in the

informal discussion included Kah-Nee-Ta Resort problems, the foster care program, the juvenile detention building site, and the livestock ordinance.

SIMNASHO DISTRICT MEETING

The Simnasho Longhouse had the largest turn-out of the three districts but the dozen or so people who showed up decided there weren't enough to make a full fledged meeting worthwhile. They rescheduled for the following Thursday, October 27, which was too late for press coverage.

Although Councilman Larry Calica chose not to present the budget formally, copies of the budget resolution were handed out and informal discussion followed.

The primary concern seemed to be Kah-Nee-Ta, specifically the "unreasonable termination" of Indian employees and the need for more security guards (which are provided for in the budget). One person suggested that a separate general council meeting be held for Kah-Nee-Ta's budget, as is done with Warm Springs Forest Products.

The maintenance of senior citizens homes was another concern. If the expense budget provides for this, where is the money being spent?

There was also a question about the status of the Burns-Paiute land claims that had caused so much controversy since 1976. "We don't want to have to buy the old folks monuments with the money," said one individual.

Calica responded that he thought the money was in an account gathering interest pending the court case.

Questions and comments tapered off and the Simnasho folks went home planning to return in a week for more thorough discussion.

Mobile Motor Vehicle Office

The Oregon Motor Vehicle Division sends a mobile office to Warm Springs for the convenience of reservation residents. The mobile office is parked in front of the police station on specified days and is open for business from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows: In November the mobile office will be here on the 1st, 15th, 22nd, and the 29th. During the month of December the office will be here on the

13th, 20th, and 27th.

All services available at a regular Oregon Motor Vehicles Office are offered at the mobile office with the exception of PUC permits or applications.

Written test are given and photo licensing is available. They also have license plates in stock.

A four-year drivers license with photo costs \$9 and a two-year drivers license with photo is \$4. Learners permits are \$3 and a motorcycle permit is \$3.50.

Yeast Breads Class for Beginners

by Roger Stwyer

A yeast breads class will be offered to anybody 16 years and older at the Community Center kitchen starting November 1 and will continue for three consecutive Tuesdays after that (November 8, 15, 22) from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. The class is being sponsored by Central Oregon Community College and Community Education.

Registration will be on the first meeting (Nov. 1) and also at this time the registration and lab fees must be paid which will be \$11.00. Sue Gangler, who will be teaching the class, said, "Students might take home part of their lab fee by taking home the bread they make."

On the first night participants will cover the basic techniques of baking bread. The other sessions will revolve around what people are interested in making. According to Sue Gangler, they will very likely be making batter breads, rolls, holiday braided bread, and Sue hopes to include cool rise or refrigerated

dough breads.

Seven must be enrolled for the class to be held.

Bus Runs Cut

As of Monday October 24, 1977 two bus runs between Portland and Madras were cancelled, according to Pacific Trailways.


The 11:20 a.m. bus out of Madras will not run on weekdays but will continue on weekends.

Likewise the 7:15 bus out of Portland has been cancelled on weekdays, although it will run on weekends.

The scheduled runs that remain are as follows:

Portland to Madras
12 Noon
6:30 p.m.
10:45 p.m.
Madras to Portland
8:40 a.m.
2:00 p.m.
6:25 p.m.
2:00 a.m.

All buses leaving Madras stop in Warm Springs (if the flag at the Chevron Station is up) about 20 minutes later.



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