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Delegates to the ATNI conference looked beyond the northwest, however, and acknowledged the need for a nationwide lobbying, education and communication effort.

Said Tonasket, "We want to try to develop some sort of mechanism by which we'll be damn sure that certain individuals and organizations will coordinate their efforts to oppose anti-Indian legislation."

The Indian press was given an opportunity to assist in this effort by receiving an endorsement from the ATNI Executive Council. A resolution was passed to support the newly formed Northwest Indian News Association in its attempts to seek funding. In a morning caucus, representatives of the press discussed the acquisition of equipment that would speed the travel of news and information.

**Education another concern**

In other Affiliated Tribes action, the Executive Council voted to support with modification H.R. 9810, the Indian Basic Education Act which amends P.L. 874 and "provides improvements in the delivery of ...educational services for Indians."

The bill was regarded by the Advocates of Indian Education, an arm of ATNI, as worthwhile with certain modifications. It was felt that the recommended local control of 874 monies (federal funds provided to school districts for students living on federal property) should include tribal control and input.

It was also felt that placing BIA schools under direct line authority of the BIA Director of Indian Education, as is suggested in H.R. 9810, would preclude local input.

Rudy Clements reported after meeting with the bill's sponsors that they are receiving reactions from Indian groups and continually redrafting the bill.

Another resolution was passed at the conference providing for the Executive Council and two members of the assembly to work with the controversial Advocates for Indian Education in redrafting their constitution and by-laws. Accountability has been a problem with the Advocates, said the Council. Larry Calica was selected to aid in this task which should be completed by the spring conference.

**Children, too**

On the bright side of Congressional affairs is the Indian Child Welfare Act, which the Affiliated Tribes supported in one of their eighteen resolutions at the winter conference. S.B. 1214 has passed the Senate and is now in House committee. The bill establishes standards for the placement of Indian children in foster or adoptive homes to prevent the break-up of Indian families.

Delegate Larry Calica explained at the General Council meeting Tuesday night that those reservations under P.L. 280 would most benefit from this legislation. Warm Springs is already guaranteed of many safeguards, he said.

**The spectrum of concerns**

The banquet held on the second night of the three-day winter conference reflected the spectrum of concerns in Indian country.

Honored guests were members of the Siletz Tribe which recently won back its tribal status after being terminated in 1954. The Siletz were a cause for celebration among the tribes present, all of whom were acutely aware of their own threatened treaty rights.

Cheers turned to tears, however, when a film was shown documenting the building of the Grand Coulee Dam on the Colville Reservation. Produced by the Yakimas, the film poignantly describes the destruction of a river, a tract of land and a way of life for which the Colvilles received no compensation.

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The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is composed of 38 tribes from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. It is a forum for Indian ideas and concerns in the northwest, but goes beyond the four states to recommend policy nationwide.

The Executive Director of ATNI is Skip Skanen from Coeur d' Alene. President is Roger Jim for the Yakima Nation. Other officers are First Vice President Ray Spang (Northern Cheyenne), Second Vice President Lionel Boyer (Shoshone-Bannock), Third Vice President Amos Simfustus (Warm Springs), Recording Secretary Joe Cloquet (Cowlitz), Assistant Recording Secretary Joanna Bear (Choshone - Bannock), and Treasurer Walter Moffet (Nez Perce).



Flooding has caused one family to lose their home and another to be evacuated from their Greenville residence. Tribal management was worried that this house would break loose and damage the mill bridge just downstream. Here a member of the mill crew inspects a tree about to be claimed by the violent waters. Sandy Rangila Photo

**Shitike & Warm Springs on Rampage**

Weird weather continues to play havoc here on the reservation. Record amounts of rainfall coupled with rapid snowmelt have created what some believe to be the highest water situation since the flood of '64.

The swollen and debris-filled Shitike Creek and Warm Springs River have been on the rampage since last Tuesday, posing some serious threats and creating a fair bit of damage.

Mill crews were alerted Wednesday when Josie and Julia Wolfe's vacated house in Greenville slid completely into Shitike Creek. The worry was that the house would break loose and wipe out the mill bridge just downstream.

The violent waters had eroded the bank and undercut one of the anchor trees to which the house had been cabled. More cable was attached to other trees, but by Thursday morning, all but one had succumbed to the torrent.

Rose and Pierson Mitchell were evacuated Wednesday from their home in Greenville as the rapidly eroding bank crept dangerously close to their house.

A very visible result of the flooding has been the murky-looking water running out of our taps at home. According to facilities manager Jack Fiala, there is an obstruction and partial loss of the intake gallery four miles up Shitike Creek.

Consequently, until the flood conditions ease, the community is forced to use raw water out of the creek which is being run through the emergency intake. The water is treated with chlorine and put into the main water system. (That's the reason for the color.)

There is also possible damage to the sewer main. Fiala said any damage will be repaired when the flood water recedes.

At 10 a.m. Wednesday, tribal management closed both Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge and the Village due to lack of domestic water. Ten reservations for rooms were cancelled for the weekend. Enterprise manager Ed Manion expects that, weather permitting, the domestic water will be restored and Kah-Nee-Ta will re-open the first part of the week.

The footbridge leading to the

Village has been washed out as has a bridge on the golf course. Another is in peril.

Bob Bolton of the Branch of Forestry reported that the hauling of logs was stopped Wednesday due to mud conditions in the woods.

The road beds are soft, and travel causes deep ruts which creates further water damage to the roads. People are advised not to use the back roads.

Some wash erosion has occurred on a few roads, and some have been blocked by blow-downs.

By Thursday night, it appeared that the water was receding and that the immediate danger had passed.

**NOTICE**

Due to the flood we are encountering difficulties with our domestic water supply. Problems have developed with the chlorination process. To be completely on the safe side, it is recommended that drinking water be boiled until the high waters subside and the water clears up. Water should be boiled 10 minutes.


FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

**Notice To Agency District**

There will be a District meeting around the first part of January to report to the district the past accomplishments of the Tribal Council and to report on

goals for the coming year. The date for the meeting will be posted.

Chief Nelson Wallulatum  
Agency District



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"We weren't surprised," said Stacey Leonard, Donetta Burns and Veronica Smith after receiving letters from Amy Carter, daughter of the President. The students in Mrs. Sample's fourth grade class had written to Amy to wish her a happy birthday (October 19) and a happy Halloween. In return Amy sent them autographed pictures and illustrated books about the White House along with her letter. The girls plan to send Amy a picture of their class. CDS Photo