

Election Focuses On Primary Candidates, Local Tax Bases

Voters statewide will be asked to face a host of candidates, issues and measures when they go to the polls for the primary election May 23. In Jefferson County there will be the added items of a Central Oregon Community College budget levy and the 509-J school budget to consider.

In the primary races for Governor, U.S. Senator and Representative in Congress, voters will be balloting only within their own registered parties. However, all registered electors will vote for the non-partisan Superintendent of Public Instruction, the 509-J tax base and the statewide ballot measures.

The Warm Springs Teen Center will be open Tuesday May 23 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for voting.

509-J TAX BASE

By state law a school district without a tax base must try to establish one by elections on even-numbered years until the law expires in 1983.

If the tax base is approved, the district would not need an annual levy election and could increase the budget by 6 per cent annually without voter approval. Any more than a 6 per cent increase would have to go before the voters.

The 509-J board decided March 27 to request a \$3.5 million tax base. This is the amount needed to balance the proposed 1978-79 budget of \$5 million.

If voters turn down the tax base, the original \$3.5 million levy proposal which was defeated April 4, will be resubmitted for vote on June 27. The tax base would probably come up again in 1980 and 1982.

It is felt that the intent of the tax base law was to ensure that schools stay open, thus fulfilling

the state constitution's guarantee of a minimum education for each child.

C.O.C.C. BUDGET LEVY

COCC is presenting a similar package, requesting a \$2,088,942 tax base to match state money and student tuition receipts for a total budget of \$4.3 million.

The last levy proposal was voted down March 14 and has since been reduced by \$70,000, with the levy rate cut from \$1.43 per \$1,000 of property value to the new proposed rate of \$1.38.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Three non-partisan candidates are vying for the Superintendency of Public Instruction. They are incumbent Verne Dunca, Oregon Institute of Technology assistant professor and State Senator Fred Heard, and Mt. Hood Community College instructor Ruth McFarland.

The superintendent is an administrator responsible to the seven-member Oregon Board of Education appointed by the Governor. He/she oversees the state education department, is a chief spokesman for elementary and secondary education in the state and an advocate for education in the Legislature.

All three candidates were invited to the recent Oregon Indian Education Association Conference at Kah-Nee-Ta but only Duncan and Heard attended, with Duncan arriving after the formal question and answer period. Heard told the conference that he favored special school programs addressing cultural differences while Duncan said that in addition to his concern for basic skills, he was preparing a proposal for increased funding of programs for the educationally or economically disadvantaged, including Indians.

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National Indian News Briefs

FIRST VOLUME OF SMITHSONIAN'S MONUMENTAL INDIAN WORK IS PUBLISHED: The first of 20 encyclopedia volumes covering all aspects of American Indian life from prehistoric times to the present is now available. *Handbook of the Indians of California* contains 44 chapters written by 33 authors. It has 717 pages of text, 47 pages of bibliography, 31 index pages and 430 illustrations. The other volumes will be published over the next 10 years by the Museum of Natural History's Center for the Study of Man. The set is expected to become the standard reference work relating to Indian life and culture. A volume on Northeast Indians will be published later this year; Subarctic Indians and the first of two volumes on Southwest Indians are scheduled for 1979. The project was initiated in 1965. The California Indian study Volume 8, (though the first published) can be ordered for \$13.50 from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, 710 N. Capitol Street, Washington, D.C. 20402. Stock number is 047-000-00347-4.

MAKAHS RECEIVE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT TO PRESERVE LANGUAGE: The National Endowment of the Humanities has announced a grant of more than \$90,000 to the Makah Indian Tribe to preserve their native language. It is estimated that only 25 members of the tribe, living on the most northwestern tip of the United States, now speak the language — and the youngest of these is 60. Plans for the project call for the development of an alphabet and a dictionary, a calendar and a numerical system. An oral history will also be taped, including old tales of the elders and the legends and customs of long ago.

YAKIMAS POLL CITIZENS, LEADERS FOR VIEWS ON INDIANS, ISSUES: A professional polling of opinions about Indians and Indian issues has been completed in the State of Washington. A Yakima Nation project, done under contract by C. Montgomery Johnson Associates, the survey included a section of citizens from Yakima County, a sampling of citizens state-wide and a group of thought leaders-influentials in the state. A total of 1,812 persons' views are included in the 133-page report, "Three Surveys of the Attitudes, Perceptions and Priorities of the Citizens of Washington State Concerning the Native American Indians of Washington State." The April 5 issue of the *Yakima Nation Review* contains a summary and other information about the study. It deals with matters like treaty rights, tribal governmental powers, water rights, taxes, fishing and hunting and other issues.

NASA SATELLITE MESSAGE JOLTS CROW AGENCY AUDIENCE: To show off the wonders of its new Communication Technology Satellite, NASA hooked up the Crow Indian Agency in Montana with the All Indian Pueblo Council Office in New Mexico and an office in Washington, D.C. The idea was to demonstrate how the satellite and small, portable equipment could bring television communication anywhere. What came through to the Montana audience was an unexpected message that the President would like to take Indian education programs out of the BIA and lump them in with all other education programs in a proposed new Department of Education. BIA Area Director Jim Canan was unbelieving. "Are you sure that's what they said?" he asked. Bill Yellowtail said, "It looks like we are put in the position of reacting again. The decision has been made without our input and we are then asked what we think of it." Joe Medicine Crow commented, "This is a further erosion of the BIA's trust responsibility." Crow Agency Superintendent Bud Lozar said, "At a council of agency superintendents this proposal was unanimously opposed."

WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTS ON TRIBES' TOURISM TROUBLES: The April 21 issue of the *Wall Street Journal* says that some \$61 million of Economic Development Administration funds for tourist facilities on Indian reservations has not succeeded in generating jobs and cash for tribes. Instead, the Indians have been left holding a sackful of operating losses with deficits exceeding \$20 million. Reasons for failures include "Alice-in-Wonderland feasibility studies," under-financing, poor management and lack of training for employees. A former official of EDA, now with HEW's Administration for Native Americans, aid? "Tourism was the Government's new fad in development. Now that tourism isn't working as a developmental strategy, the Government will move on to the next fad...." He noted that EDA in the past four years has put \$3.3 million into construction of small shopping centers on 10 Indian reservations in six states.

MAINE WRITER LOOKS TOWARD LITIGATION, SEES VISION OF TRAGEDY: A heart-rending view of the future expulsion of Maine citizens from their homes, brought about by the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Indians, was published April 25 in the *Washington Post*. Written by a former executive editor in the *Post*, now the publisher of the *Ellsworth American* in Maine, the article says that litigation scheduled to begin June 15 could "evict more people from their lands and homes than were involved in North America's two most historic expulsions — that of the Acadians from Nova Scotia in 1755 and that of the Indians from Georgia in 1836". After noting that the Indians are confident of victory and that such victory will be a threat to land titles throughout New England and other parts of the nation, the author writes: ".....Perhaps the country will not awaken to the third great hegira in North America history until a melancholy train of vehicles, piled high with the possessions of the emigres, crosses the bridge at Portsmouth. Perhaps only in the distant future will literature embellish that expulsion with the drama with which it has invested the British deportation of the Acadians or the tragedy pictured in the 'Trail of Tears,' in which one-fourth of the Georgia Indians died. What a curious iron that the descendants of those who drove the Indians out of Georgia now are engaged in driving the non-Indians out of Maine...." An Indian reader of the article commented: "The tragedy is that a distinguished paper like the *Post* would print this article and not recognize how totally erroneous it was — that no one of the editorial staff knew the facts."

TOE NESS

There were these two car salesmen talking one day. One of the guys said, "I've been doing real well this year, I'm selling above average."

The other guy said, "That reminds me, I should sell my personal car, but I don't know if anyone would buy it because it has more than 130,000 miles on it." The first guy said, "I'm sure you can sell it - just turn the mileage back."

After a time had past the two were talking again and the first guy asks the other, "Well did you sell your car yet?" The second guy said, "What, give up a car with only 20,000 miles." YIKES

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There was this lady that was working for these rich people that had a big mansion and they were having guests for dinner that evening, so the lady of the house tells the maid, "When you are serving the guests tonight I'm advising you not to wear any jewelry."

The maid thought for awhile and answered, "I don't have anything of any value anyway, but thanks for the warning." YIKES

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There were these two guys talking one day and the subject was retirement. One of the guys said, "I can see retirement coming but there's just one thing I don't like about it and that's when you want to take a coffee break you have to take it on your own time." YIKES

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There were these two guys playing golf one day down at Kah-Nee-Ta, after a few holes one of the guys said, "I'm really not playing my usual game today." "Oh!" said the other, "what do you usually play." YIKES

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There was this guy that went into the restaurant and orders a meal; feeling quite sly he thought he should try to get away with whatever he could. He finishes his meal then looks for a fly but couldn't find one but he see's a spider, catches it puts it in his plate and tells the waiter he wasn't going to pay for the meal because of the spider. The waiter excuses himself and shortly returns with the manager and says, "This man refuses to pay for the meal because of the spider in his plate." The manager turns to the guy and says, "If it's a fly you want, the spider beat you to it." YIKES

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Can anyone imagine a guy's wife yelling at her husband early in the morning. "You'd better head out, your warm-up suit is out there warming up without you." YIKES

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