

"COYOTE WAS GOING THERE"

Jarold W. Ramsey, who compiled and edited *Coyote Was Going There* will be honored with an autograph party in the Jefferson County Library August 3 from noon until 3 p.m.

The author of several books, Ramsey is a Jefferson County native and will autograph copies of his latest book *Coyote Was Going There*, a collection of "Indian Literature of the Oregon Country".

The book includes photographs and drawings of Indian artifacts, people, historical sites, and maps, as well as information related to the Indian groups

from which the legends are selected.

"It was from my grandfather, the late J.R. Mendenhall, my father, the late A.S. Ramsey, and Mr. John Cambell of Madras . . . that I first heard fragments of the kinds of mythic narratives that make up this book," Ramsey wrote in the early pages of his book.

The author also acknowledges the assistance and encouragement of a number of Oregonians including some who asked to remain anonymous. Warm Springs tribal member Alice Florendo is thanked for her help and encouragement,

including the time she spent relating "two fine Wasco stories from her childhood . . ." and for the "gaiety, good sense and vitality of her people" which she typifies.

The book is divided into six parts and includes information and legends of Indians of Northeastern Oregon, the Columbia River groups, the Willamette Valley, The coast, Southwestern Oregon and the Great Basin.

The Autograph party in honor of Ramsey is sponsored by the Jefferson County Library Association which hopes to have copies of the book available for sale.

National Indian News Briefs

FROM THE B.I.A. OFFICE OF INFORMATION

CUNNINGHAM MODIFIES, REITERATES TREATY ABROGATION BILL:

With the "longest walk" marchers sitting on Washington's door step, outside of Baltimore, Congressman Jack Cunningham from Washington State held a press conference July 12 to announce that he is modifying his treaty abrogation bill by introducing a 20-year phase-in period and a 5-year implementation funding plan.

Under the modified bill, trust lands turned over to Indian individuals or corporations would not be subject of full local taxation for the first 20 years. Cunningham said: "My bill will restore the independence and dignity of the Native American by freeing him from the socially destructive paternalism of the Federal Government."

In addition, it will eliminate two classes of citizens and will restore the several states their rights to manage fish and game resources and water rights and resolve land title disputes."

CARTER INDIAN POLICIES CONDEMNED BY SCHOLARS, ACTIVISTS:

At a conference on Western culture in Sun Valley, Idaho, following the July 4 holiday, the Carter Administration's handling of Indian affairs was severely criticized by Indian scholars and activists.

Alvin M. Josephy, Jr., editor of *American Heritage*, said that Carter quietly was favoring a policy of termination and said that the Administration was "on its way to being the worst Administration for American Indians since the Eisenhower Administration."

Shirley Hill Witt, author and regional director of the United States Commission on Civil Rights said: "We are being subjected to termination under the rubric of reorganization...The Office of Management and Budget is making Indian policy and the Office...doesn't know anything about us."

John E. Echohawk, Director of the Native American Rights Fund, said that Carter had started out by making good appointments in Interior and by helping Maine Indians in their treaty claims, but added that Interior Department officials have little authority and the policies are being made of OMB.

The speakers, in the two days devoted to issues on Indians, whites and Western lands, seemed in agreement that Carter's lack of a forceful policy statement supporting the observance of Indian treaties was encouraging the anti-Indian backlash.

Josephy summed up another common complaint about the Administration's ignorance of Indian affairs. He said: "The Carter Administration has no understanding of American Indians, of Indian history or Indian policies. It has nothing to do with sympathy. The Carter Administration is full of people who think they're warm and sympathetic. But if they can't even understand why Indians want reservations, they're going to continue to move in an ignorant way."

POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE INDIAN PLANKS:

In Washington State both the Republican and Democratic parties have included Indian planks in political platforms announced July 1. The Democrats are for and the Republicans against supporting Indian treaty rights.

The Democrats said: "We demand that our country honor the treaties it has established with Native Americans and their rights to redress of grievances. We endorse the Native Americans' struggle for self-determination.

The Republican plank was: "We believe they (Indians), and the rest of society, will be best served by elimination of special benefits and burdens which are the legacy of the 19th Century. We favor extinguishing of special Indian treaty rights by purchase or negotiation for fair compensation and an end to the BIA.....These steps.....will end special treatment of Indians and bring them to full equality under the law."

COLVILLES ASK COMPENSATION FOR COLUMBIA RIVERBED:

The Coulee Dam and Chief Joseph Dam are sitting on property in the Columbia River still owned by the Colville Indian Tribe, tribal vice chairman Mel Tonasket told the *Tacoma New Tribune* recently. Tonasket said the tribe has been negotiating with the Interior Department for compensation in the form of money payments or allotments of hydroelectric power or both.

Declining to say how much the tribe was asking, Tonasket said that a settlement appeared to be getting closer. Tonasket said the Federal Government either overlooked or ignored the fact that the tribe owned the bed of the river and condemned land for the dams from the shoreline only.

Tonasket concluded his remarks on a discouraging note: "With the attitude the entire Washington delegation has, it's going to be tough to get a piece of legislation through authorizing (a settlement) to be paid."



SUN WORSHIPPERS - Kah-Nee-Ta's lower pool was full of swimmers and sun-bathers Tuesday trying to keep cool. The temperature that day rose to 109 degrees, but the water was kept at a temperature lower than normal. **DLP Photo**

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THERE WAS THIS study made recently and the results showed that if we would cut one trip per month we would reduce the country's gas bill nearly seven per cent. They don't realize a lot of people have already cut out going to the bank — except to reminisce. **YIKES**

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THERE WAS THIS new diamond shop that just opened. A friend stopped by and asked the new owner, "I saw your ad in the paper for a nightwatchman, did it work?" Yeah! "Last night we got robbed." **YIKES**

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THIS GUY LOOKING for a good haircut goes into the barber shop, looks at all the barbers' haircuts, sees the one that looked the worst of all of them, and gets into his chair. The others were curious to know why he chose that particular one. The guy sitting in the chair said, "All barbers cut each others hair and the one with the worst haircut usually is the best barber." **YIKES**

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THERE WAS THIS guy who went rushing into the bar and in a hurry he orders a double bourban and siad to the bartender, "It's time for my liver pills." **YIKES**

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THERE WAS THIS landlord who came home disgusted one evening and said to his wife, "Why do they all have to ask the same question?"

Wife, "What is that, dear?"

They all ask, "Does the roof always leak?" and I have to tell them, "Only when it rains." **YIKES**

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THERE WAS THIS guy who was passing through this town, he was out of money and hungry. He goes to this house, knocks on the door, and asks the lady if she could give him something to eat. The lady said, "Do you mind day-old-food?" "No, replied the guy." "Well, come back tomorrow." **YIKES**

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Doctor C. was sitting at home one Saturday afternoon watching T.V. when the phone rings. "Can you come over and make it a foursome at golf?" asked Dr. F. "Yes, by all means. I'll rush right over." His wife said, "It must be important." "I'm afraid it is my dear," he said. "There are three doctors there already." **YIKES**

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QUIZ

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

- (1) What year did Lewis and Clark travel down the Columbia River?
- (2) What were the Tribes living near Celilo Falls called by the early settlers?
- (3) How large is the Warm Springs Reservation?
- (4) What was the Warm Springs Tribe known as before they were called Warm Springs?
- (5) In the treaty it said the Indians had exclusive rights to do; "What?"
- (6) In what year did the U.S. destroy the ancient Columbia River fishing grounds at Celilo Falls?

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