

# National Indian News Briefs

## WASHINGTON GOVERNOR CALLS INDIAN DEMAND 'IMPOSSIBLE':

Governor Dixy Lee Ray of Washington says some Indian tribes are making "impossible" demands when it comes to fishing and water rights in the Pacific Northwest. "They want control of everything affecting the environment of fish," she told the United Press International in Spokane.

The Governor said she is having a difficult time finding out what treaty Indian tribes are asking, but that tribal demands are "extensive." She defended her recent statement that Congress should renegotiate century-old treaties with Indian tribes by declaring that "times have changed."

## SCHOLAR INTERPRETS 'Walk' AS ASSAULT ON TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS:

A commentary on "The Longest Walk," written by Wilcomb E. Washburn, author of *The Indian in America* and director of the Office of American Studies at the Smithsonian Institution, was published in the *New York Times* on July 20.

Washburn asserted that "Walk" leaders used Indian opposition to the anti-Indian legislation "to promote the cause of one element of Indian people, those opposed to established tribal government, against another, those elected to represent Indian people through such governments."

Washburn attributed the "carefully constructed spiritual, religious, educational, and non-violent character" of the "Walk" to the "increased sophistication of AIM leaders, particularly of Dennis Banks who conceived the idea." Washburn, referring to the elevation of Russell Means and other AIM leaders "to the status of statesmen dealing directly with the President and his top advisers" said that the "Federal Government has once more demonstrated that it is more concerned with the feelings of its enemies than of its friends."

Washburn concluded: While asserting the needs for Indian people to control their own destiny, the radicals have undermined Indian sovereignty as it had been shaped and expanded in recent decades by the Supreme Court, and by the Executive and Legislative branches of government. That churches, well-wishers, and the Federal Government have allowed themselves to share in this assault demonstrates not only a failure of will, but an absence of intelligence.

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THERE WAS THIS POLLOCK who really wanted to go back to his home country of Poland, but he just didn't have the money. One day he saw this ad in the paper which read, "Crews for Poland, \$35. Departs tomorrow."

He packs some clothes the next morning and rushes down to the dock. The Captain asks him aboard and said, "You are the first to come." The Captain gives him \$35. and takes him below. There was this long row of seats on each side of the boat. The Captain seats him and shackles his feet to the floor and his hands to an oar. Finally all the seats were filled and a guy starts to beat a drum and yells at all the guys to keep in rhythm with the beat.

Finally they reach Poland where they were unshackled and set free. As they were leaving, the Captain was standing by the plank. The first Pollock asked the second, "Are we supposed to tip the Captain?" The second said, "I don't know, I've never been on a cruise before." YIKES

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HERB DECIDED TO PLANT some shade trees in front of his house. He goes to the store and buys some trees, reads the directions carefully and digs a hole in his yard, puts in a tree, packs some dirt around it, sprinkles fertilizer around it and waters it.

Herb then goes to his neighbor Larry's yard, digs a hole, starts to put a tree in when Larry peeks out of the window and sees what Herb is doing. Larry runs out and asks Herb, "What the heck you doing?" Herb said, "I'm planting trees, the instruction say to plant the trees one yard apart." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS AGING beauty who asked her old boy friend, "Do you think I look younger when I don't wear my BRA?" Her boy friend looked at her for a while and said, "I'll have to agree with you, it's drawn all the wrinkles out of your face." YIKES

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A DRUNK WAS HECKLING a Minister by saying, "Do you believe that St. Peter heard the rooster crow three times?" The minister said, "I'll ask him when I go to heaven." Ah! said, the drunk, "What if he is not there?" "Well, if he is not there, you can ask him." YIKES

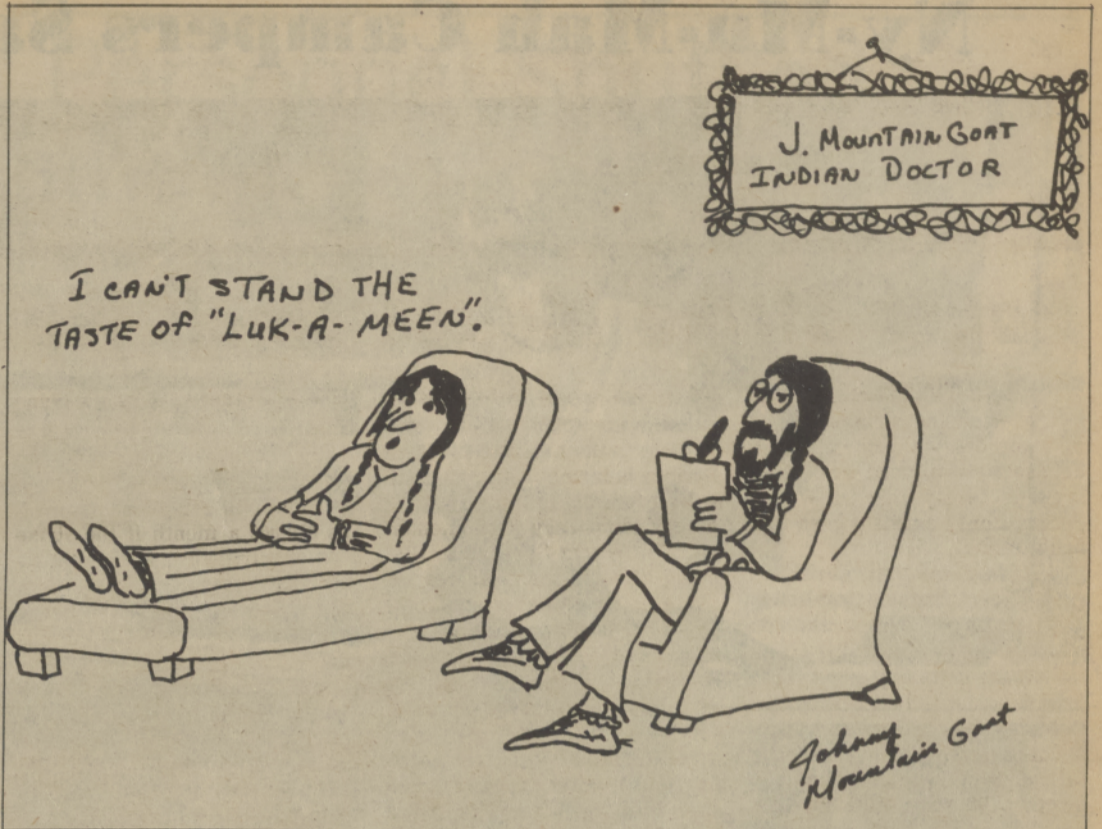
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WHEN YOU SEE a married couple out for a walk, if one is two steps ahead of the other, that's the one who is mad. YIKES

# QUIZ

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

- In what year did the Kah-Nee-Ta lodge and convention center open? Warm Springs. Was it 1874, 1866 or 1882?
- The Tribes bought a privately-owned saw mill on the reservation. What year was that? 5. There were three well known explorers who crossed the area now included in the reservation. Who crossed first, was it Nathaniel J. Wyeth, Peter Skene Ogden or John C. Fremont?
- In the 1800's the Warm Springs Scouts were organized. What year did they scout the Modoc war? Was it 1869, 1885 or 1873?
- In what year was the first boarding school established in



## Tonasket Running For U.S. Congress

(From the BIA office of Information)

Mel Tonasket, a member of the Colville Business Council and former president of the National Congress of American Indians, has announced that he plans to seek a seat in the United States House of Representatives as the member for the 5th District of the State of Washington.

Tonasket, who will run as an independent, said in a Yakima Nation Review interview, "My primary objective is to beat (Rep. Tom) Foley," the incumbent. Tonasket said Foley "has totally lost interest in Indians — he never had it. He did support six Colville termination bills. There's no doubt he doesn't like Indians."

The 5th District runs vertically along the Washington-Idaho border and embraces 13 complete counties and a portion of another. Urban areas in the district include Spokane, Walla Walla, Clarkston, and part of the Tri-Cities. The Colville, Spokane and Kalispel Reservations are within the district.

# New Forest Manager To Transfer From Hoopa

Two men who have shared the job of acting forest manager since Gunther Heeren left his B.I.A. post in April were passed up for the top spot in favor of the forest manager on the Hoopa Reservation in California.

Ken Engelbretson will start work on August 28, at the height of logging and fire seasons.

The Superintendent's office said that Bob Bolton and Bill Apgar were two of four applicants considered for the job, but that despite their familiarity with the reservation's forest, new blood might enhance the working relationship between the Bureau and the Tribes, the mill, and loggers in management of the vital resource.

Apgar also noted that the B.I.A. has a certain fondness for transfers, meaning that an employee is more likely to be promoted to another reservation

than within a particular department.

Engelbretson and his wife, who is Indian, will occupy a government home on the campus. The Superintendent's requirement that the forest manager live on the reservation for fire protection purposes was a problem for some of the applicants who had money tied up in personal homes.

As assistant manager and manager of the Hoopa forest lands since 1963, Engelbretson oversaw an annual allowable cut of 50 million board feet and about 25 permanent and temporary employees, as compared with Warm Springs' 81 million board feet and 65 employees.

A spokesman for the superintendent said that Engelbretson has the "experience and technical know-how" required but also the diplomatic skills to enforce regulations effectively.

It will not be an easy time for a new forest manager to start, noted Apgar. Not only will logging be in full swing and forest fire hazard at its peak, but most of Engelbretson's employees will be out in the field.

Bolton and Apgar held the management post in alternating months, giving each of them the opportunity to keep up with their own jobs in timber sale administration and timber management, respectively. Their agreed policy during the interim was "continuity of direction," said Bolton.

They are both philosophical about the selection of a manager. Since Apgar worked with Engelbretson at Hoopa for several years, he is optimistic about the new arrangement. He expects no major policy changes but warned, "If you're looking for another Gunther, don't."

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