

National Indian News Briefs

TRIBAL COUNCIL STOPS PUBLICATION OF MINUTES:

A letter published in Char-Koosta, newspaper of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation in Montana, complains that the tribal council has stopped the publication of tribal council minutes in the paper. In the August 1 issue Arthur G. Barber, a tribal member, writes: "I see that our Tribal Council and Secretary have found a new approach to stopping unwanted criticism of their management decisions and abilities, they have simply stopped the publication of Council Minutes in the Char-Koosta. "At least in the past we knew which Councilman was responsible for a certain action, even though the minutes were a month late and had either been censored or items deleted. But now, we are left completely in the dark, and our Councilmen are free to act without being held liable for their actions."

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT ROLE OF TRIBAL PAPER:

The August 10 issue of the Navajo Times published a letter to the editor criticizing the paper for partial support of incumbent Tribal Chairman Peter MacDonald in a primary election campaign. The writer, Donald Benally, described as "pathetic" the paper's efforts "to maintain an image of being a free press while engaging in flagrant censorship and favoritism." Benally noted that negative letters about the Chairman were accompanied by simultaneously published rebuttals prepared by his campaign staff, that the response to one such letter did not respond to the issues brought up but simply attacked the writer and that the paper censored political ads containing untruths unfavorable to the Chairman but accepted ads containing untruths favorable to him. In reply the Times said it would stop the practice of seeking rebuttals to letters but defended its ad policy, claiming that it required changes in only one ad "because it was, in our opinion, libelous."

GERARD OPPOSED TO SUPREME COURT REVIEW OF WASHINGTON FISHING CASE:

Interior Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard has said that he is unalterably opposed to Supreme Court Review in the Indian fishing rights case, United States v. Washington. In an August 11 memorandum to the Interior Solicitor, Gerard said that the non-Indians assertion "that only Supreme Court review could settle the questions left in their minds was sometimes appealing." Gerard added, however, "both the non-Indian fishers and the State have now made it clear that, even if they obtain Supreme Court review, they will not be satisfied with anything less than a legislated abrogation of the Indian tribes treaty fishing rights . . . Since Supreme Court review would clearly not resolve the controversy, acquiescing in the State's petition would result only in further jeopardizing Indian rights, an action clearly contrary to our trust responsibility."

INDIAN REJECTION OF FISHING RECOMMENDATIONS RISKY, LAWMAKERS SAY:

Members of Washington's Congressional delegation told the Seattle Times that Indian rejection of a negotiated settlement of the Indian fishing rights controversy will only hurt the tribes. The settlement, proposed by a Federal task force in early August, was rejected by the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission representing 19 treaty tribes. Representative Don Bonker said "the Indians would be the net losers. . . they will not win in congress." Representative Joel Pritchard said, "It's a mistake on their part . . . Time is working against them." Representative Lloyd Meeds said he was disappointed in the Indians' stance on the task force proposal, which calls for the Indians to take only 40 percent of the salmon, give up most steelhead fishing and enter a joint Indian-State management system. The tribes called for full implementation of the Boldt decision and allocation of 50 percent of the harvestable fish to the tribes. Spokesmen for Senators Magnuson and Jackson said that lack of a negotiated settlement would bring congressional action and "the Indians would lose that kind of confrontation."

HOUSE COMMITTEE EXCLUDES BIA PROGRAMS FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BILL:

The House Government Operations Committee on August 15 approved President Carter's plan for a new Department of Education. Contrary to the Administration's urging, however, the Committee decided to leave out the BIA's Indian education programs and the child feeding and nutrition programs of the Agriculture Department. The exclusion of the Indian programs was supported twice by vote of the Committee — but not by wide margins. The issue is expected to be raised again next month when the proposal comes to the floor for action by the full House. The House, now in recess, will have less than five working weeks to complete action on this and other major legislation before election campaign time and the end of the Congressional session.

TRY NEW ZAP
LAUNDRY
DETERGENT

BUT, WILL IT GET HUCKLEBERRY
AND LUK-A-MEEN OFF MY
KIDS'ES CLOTHES??



Johnny
Molloy

Carter Signs Indian Religious Freedom Bill

by Tommie Sue Leahy

President Carter signed into law a Senate Joint Resolution declaring it Federal policy to protect the freedom of religious belief on the part of American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, and Native Hawaiians.

The President issued the following statement on S.J. Res. 102:

"I have signed into law S.J. Res. 102, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978.

This legislation sets forth the policy of the United States to protect and preserve the inherent right of American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, and Native Hawaiian people to believe, express and exercise their traditional religions. In addition, it calls for a year's evaluation of Federal agencies' policies and procedures as they affect the religious rights and cultural integrity of Native Americans.

"It is a fundamental right of

every American, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, to worship as he or she pleases. This act is in no way intended to alter the guarantee or override existing laws, but is designed to prevent government actions that would violate these Constitutional protections. In the past government agencies and departments have on occasion denied Native Americans access to particular sites and interfered with religious practices and customs where such use conflicted with Federal regulations. In many instances, the officials responsible for the enforcement of these regulations were unaware of the nature of traditional native religious practices and, consequently, of the degree to which their agencies interfered with such practices.

"This legislation seeks to remedy this situation."

"I am hereby directing that the Secretary of the Interior establish a task force comprised of representatives of the appropriate Federal agencies. They will prepare the report to the Congress required by this Resolution, in consultation with Native leaders. Several agencies, including the Departments of Treasury and Interior, have already taken commendable steps to implement the intent of this Resolution.

"I welcome enactment of this Resolution as an important action to assure religious freedom for all Americans."

JIMMY CARTER

TOE NESS

WOULD YOU BELIEVE that the spinning wheel played an important role for the ladies in the early days of the country?

Now days when you see a lady sitting at a spinning wheel, she is in Las Vegas. YIKES

SS SS SS

When Ray returned home from the dentist he told Lea, "He's not a painless dentist like you said." His wife said, "Did he hurt you very much?" Ray, "No but he sure yelled when I bit his thumb." YIKES

SS SS SS

CONFUCIUS SAY: "Man who make love to girl on hill . . . he not on level!"

SS SS SS

The type of cake suited for various individuals depends on where they are going. "Would it be Angel Food cake or Devils Food cake."

SS SS SS

There was this guy named Art who said, "My uncle doing exceptionally well as a Southern Planter."

Dale: "You mean your Uncle owns a Southern Plantation?"

Art: "No, he's an undertaker." YIKES

SS SS SS

Fred was having a terrible time on deciding just what to do about his love life, so he called his friend Bob for advice. He said, "Bob, I'm having a hard time deciding just which of my girl friends I should marry, the one who is ten years older than me or the one who is ten years younger. What should I do?"

Bob: "Well Fred, there should be no problem in solving this, it just depends on if you want to be MOTHERED or SMOTHERED. YIKES

SS SS SS

There were these two guys and Polack who were lost in the Sahara desert. They were out there for quite some time when they came upon a disabled car. They tried every way to start the car but had no luck. Finally Ed said, "I'll take the radiator, because it has water and we can drink from it." Bob said, "I'll take the hub caps because we can use them as hats in the heat. The Polack looks around and said, "I'll take the front door." "The front door?" the other two exclaimed, what will we do with a front door?" The Polack said, "When it gets too hot we can roll down the window."

SS SS SS

There was this not so bright buy who decided to take his morning coffeebreak at home since he lived just a short distance from his office. He went home and found his wife in the family room embracing and kissing the milkman. He went to the bedroom, opened the dresser drawer, took out his automatic pistol, went walking to the room where the two lovers were. He lifted the gun and aimed it to his head. "Are you crazy," yelled the two lovers. The guy said, "You two just wait because you are next." YIKES

SS SS SS

SUBSCRIPTION TO SPILYAY TYMOO

SEND SUBSCRIPTION TO

Spilyay Tymoo P.O. Box 735 Warm Springs, Oregon 97761

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: 1 YEAR \$6.00

Enclosed is a Check Money Order

Amount of \$ _____ for _____ Year (s) Subscription.

All Tribal Enrolled Members Will Receive The Spilyay Tymoo at No Cost.

Spilyay Tymoo is Published Bi-Weekly by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.