

Editorial E COOSH EEWA:

(The way it is)



Editor's Note

Budget Meetings Handled Well

There have been two general council meetings this month on the subject of the '79 working budget.

The main concerns at each meeting focused on the Health Branch, the Police department and management. A hand out of 67 pages 8x11 described the purpose for all the requests on the funding for all the different programs within the organization.

There are programs set up here to benefit the local residents in one way or another and to justify these, all the supervisors were present to answer all questions posed by the local

residents.

The Tribal Council members that were present should be commended for their performance in conducting the meeting. This year's budgets have increased considerably and this seemed to be the main question on all budgets, and this is true because of the present economy.

It appeared that there were many who were trying to re-live the days when a person could go into a store with a dollar and come out with a bag full of groceries. Times have changed and will continue to change and the dollar value is not as it was in dad's or grand-dad's era.

On the other hand it was pointed out by the General Manager how successful the Tribes were this past year and as a result all Tribal members are receiving a better bonus. Keep in mind that this will change from year to year depending on the income for the Tribes each year.

There were some good questions posed from those that are interested in the Tribes' future. And there were those that were taking this important time on voicing things that should be discussed at district meetings, mainly personal problems and for personal gain.

Law and Order Code Being Drafted For Columbia River

Dissatisfaction with state patrols and enforcement of laws and regulations on the Columbia River have prompted the drafting of an Inter-Tribal Law and Order Code by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. The Code, if adopted by the four Treaty Tribes, will govern fishing and fishing-related activity in the Treaty Indian Fishery on the mainstem Columbia River. The Code will be effective only if it is approved and adopted by all four Treaty Tribes.

The Code deals with four major areas - the jurisdiction of the Court, the creation and operations of the Court, the enforcement officers, and the substantive offenses defining unlawful fishing activity.

The Code begins with the general provision setting out the scope and purpose of the Code as well as the requirement that in order to go in effect, the Code must be approved by all four Treaty Tribes.

Next the Code establishes the Inter-Tribal Court which will try all violations of the Code. It is expected that the Court will be situated along the River somewhere to make it easily accessible to all. The appointment of judges (one from each Treaty Tribe) and sections governing judicial activity are provided for. The Indian Civil Rights Act is incorporated into the Code. In addition, the Court procedure which each case will follow is outlined, and an appellate pro-

cess is provided for in the form of an appellate division of the Inter-Tribal Court.

In order that the Code provisions can be enforced, the Code also sets out the creation and functions of the law enforcement officers on the River. The Code provides that each Treaty Tribe shall provide at least two enforcement officers to patrol the River.

The last portion of the Code sets out a list of activities which, upon the adoption of the Code by the four Treaty Tribes, will be illegal and also describes what type of penalties the Court can impose upon a conviction. The Code regulates subsistence, ceremonial, and commercial fishing activity as well as activity related to fishing. For instance the Code as drafted makes it illegal to steal the fishing gear of another or to resist or obstruct duly authorized enforcement officer. In addition, a method for resolving fishing site disputes is suggested.

The Code is intended to provide a set of uniform regulations for use by the Treaty Tribes in the enforcement and protection of treaty fishing privileges on the Columbia River, to provide a forum for disputes arising in connection with treaty fishing activity, and to further a policy of fish resource management and conservation.

For more information get in touch with the local Fish and Wildlife Committee which has a copy of the complete code.

Letters to the Editor

Stories from Elders

Dear Mr. Miller,

I am an enrolled tribal member of Warm Springs. I attend Portland State University as a full-time student. I try hard in my goals and rarely visit Warm Springs, or have time to see my mom and brothers and sisters.

I met a fantastic woman who had so much stories of how Indian life used to be. She could go on and on, and I felt so lucky to know her. This woman is from the Klamath Falls tribe and Siletz tribe. She knew all about her Indian history, of relatives and family, and was able to remember many things. She spoke of her relatives having an authentic treaty that they had in a safe place. Two magazines were contemplating of making a story of their family, as there are many in her family with much memories.

After a few hours of listening to her, she left. I felt sad and lonely, and hurt. I was sad because I have nobody to tell me stories. I am an Indian, but I have always lived in Portland. I've lived and went to school with whites, but I resent my lifestyle. But I go to school because there is nowhere else for me to go to get a job.

My mom had a rough life and she picked Portland because there were more job opportunities.

Those of us who have no choice where we live, like in the city of Portland, really live in a modern life with white people everywhere. We see what the earth is going through, and sometimes we cannot bear it. It is enjoyable to read the Spilyay Tymoo paper.

Because of the Spilyay Tymoo paper can be a tool that elders can reach us, this is my reason for writing. As a managing editor, couldn't you find some space in the paper for elder people to tell of their experiences? I was told that the elder people used to teach younger

ones by telling stories. I'm 24 years old, and I don't think it's too late. There will always be time for me to want to learn about my people.

Sincerely Yours,

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Miss Warm Springs

To the Editor:

On November 21st, the Tribal Council took official action and appointed a new Miss Warm Springs Committee, to be effective immediately.

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to express grateful appreciation to all my Steno Pool staff, past and present, for their many efforts toward making the Miss Warm Springs activities more and more successful with each passing year. And on behalf of myself and my staff, we would also like to thank the many, many community members who also contributed their time and talents to help us.

As our last act as a group who believed in our lovely, young ladies, we have framed the portraits of all past Miss Warm Springs and they are now hanging in the lobby of the new administration building; please drop by and see them.

The new volunteers who are taking our place are Orthelia Miller, Iris Smith, Frances Allen, Sam Colwash, Verbena Greene, Anna Clements and Nathan Jim. Welcome!

Juanita Bourland, Secretary
Tribal Council

No More Free Water

Dear Spilyay Staff:

Before it's too late, I'm hoping that some Indians read my letter, cause I have something to tell all you!

I'm learning the basics of what Indian politics is about... Did you Indians know that the U.S. government is trying to take away every known treaty with all the tribes of the U.S.?

Also big businessmen are influencing Senators to write up

bills that take away our water rights? No salmon!

And another thing, did you know that the reason for all this is because the U.S. of A. is running out of natural resources and they need our reservations? Just think, if us skins don't get in gear, they're just gonna take our reservation away!

No more free water, no more timber industry, no more Kah-Nee-Ta, no more free money. Think about it.

We'll end up like our good ole buddies, the Klamath Skins!

From a know nothing Indian
(Jackie Estimo)

P.S. You Indians may not realize the seriousness of this letter, but bills are in the Senate right this minute and your just sitting there drinking.

Thanks for Powwow

Dear Sir:

There is absolutely no way in which we at Kah-Nee-Ta can express enough thanks to all of the participants in last Friday's Mini Pow Wow. It has to be the most appreciated event that we have had and our many thanks go to all the dancers, musicians, coordinators, parents, and everyone else who came and enjoyed the Mini Pow Wow with us. It was a huge success and we are looking forward to having a Mini Pow Wow again next year.

Sincerely,

W. R. Pauli

Resort Manager

Pen Pal Wanted

Hello there!

Please send us information about the Warm Springs area. We are two Swedish girls who used to go to U.S. every summer and we would very much like to visit an Indian nation (reservation) because we are very interested in Indian culture and way of living.

Friendly greetings from

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P.S. Do you know any Indian man 25-35 who wants to write to me. I would be very happy.

Tribal Council Agenda

December, 1978

- Dec. 4 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Review General Council comments
 2. To be scheduled: Discussion on committee systems, Declaration and filling of committee vacancies, Scouting Program
 - Dec. 5 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Minors' Trust Fund Amendment
 2. 2:00 p.m. - Road Priorities, 1979 - Don Schmith
 - Dec. 6 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Unfinished Business
 2. 2:00 p.m. - Water Rights-Policy - James Sansaver, Natural Resource, Assistant to Forrest Gerard
 3. 4:00 p.m. - Joint Meeting re Water Rights-Policy - Tribal Council, James Sansaver and Alliance Representatives
 - Dec. 11 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. - Criminal Justice Facility
 2. 2:00 p.m. - IHS-Garet Soules
 - Dec. 12 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. - 509-J Report
 2. 2:00 p.m. - Range Committee
 - 2:30 p.m. - Irrigation & Agriculture
 - 3:00 p.m. - Kah-Nee-Tah Advisory
 - 3:30 p.m. - Water Board
 - Dec. 18 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. - Enrollments
 2. 2:00 p.m. - Realty, Phillip David's Right-of-way
 - Dec. 19 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. - Budget Items held in abeyance - Ken Smith, Branch Managers
 2. 2:00 p.m. - Sanders-Rickard, Roads - Progress Report
- NOTE: Special meetings will be called as required.
SIMNASHO District Meeting to be scheduled re Law and Order