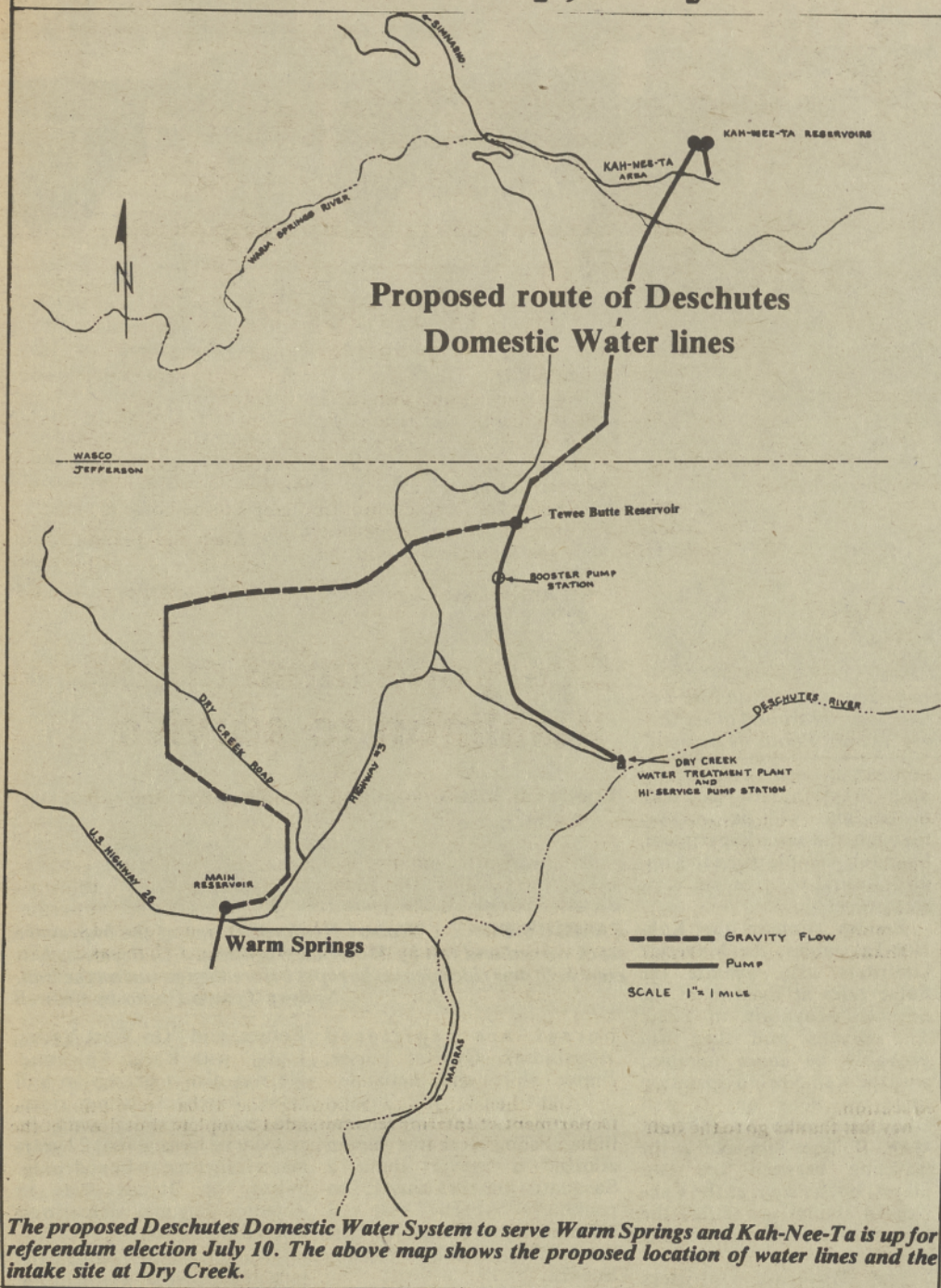


# Vote Tuesday, July 10

# Indian News Notes

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The proposed Deschutes Domestic Water System to serve Warm Springs and Kah-Nee-Ta is up for referendum election July 10. The above map shows the proposed location of water lines and the intake site at Dry Creek.

**Sioux win \$100 million compensation for Black Hills Taking:** The U.S. Court of Claims ruled June 13 that the Sioux Nation is entitled to more than \$100 million as compensation for land in the Black Hills of South Dakota confiscated by the U.S. Government more than a century ago. It is the largest court settlement ever awarded American Indians.

The 5-2 opinion said that Indians were entitled to interest on the \$17.5 fair market value of the land taken in 1877. The interest is estimated at between \$90 and \$115 million. An attorney for the Indians said that about 60,000 Sioux would benefit from the decision, which could, however, be appealed by the Government to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1868 the Government and the Sioux signed a treaty that gave the Indians the Black Hills and other areas in South Dakota. In 1874 gold was discovered in the Black Hills and a large number of miners, prospectors and settlers entered the area without the consent of the Indians. A series of conflicts culminated in the defeat and death of Custer at the Little Bighorn in June, 1876. Later that year Congress threatened to withhold the Indians' food supply unless they ended hostilities and ceded the Black Hills to the Government. With starvation the alternative, the Sioux ceded the area.

**Sunday Supplement Says Indians Are Winning:**

The Nation's largest circulation publication, the Sunday newspaper supplement *Parade Magazine* ran a feature June 17, on Indian success in the courtroom. The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) was hero-in-chief, with even the BIA wearing a white hat.

The following is excerpted: ".....Today's new Indian warriors are law school graduates.....10 years ago, there were only about 40 Indian lawyers. Today....some 300 are helping their tribes to invoke ancient laws and treaties long ignored...On the East Coast, tribes are suing for the return of vast areas of land...In the West... expanded water rights.....elsewhere, energy-wealthy tribes are seeking to renegotiate old mineral and mining leases...The economic stakes are incalculable--billion of dollars worth of land, property, rights and resources. Not surprisingly, non-Indians affected by the tribes new assertiveness are organizing to fight back."

**Red Lake Quiet; takeovers on two other reservations:** There was quiet, if not peace, on the Red Lake Reservation. The violent weekend of political protest in late May caused property damage in excess of \$4 million according to a BIA estimate. The FBI has arrested six persons.

The BIA brought in Jim Stevens, Superintendent of the Spokane Agency in Washington, to be acting Superintendent. Tribal Chairman Roger Jourdain, however, has not yet returned to the reservation.

**Effort to Lower Public Housing costs on Reservation Fails:** An amendment to lower the costs of building public housing on reservations, introduced by Congressman George Hansen of Idaho on June 6, was voted down by the House. The amendment would have exempted Indian housing authorities from the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act which established wage standards for federally financed building projects.

Hansen's argument was that housing could be built much more cheaply on the reservations if it were not necessary to pay the high wages cheaply on the reservations if it were not necessary to pay the high wages required by Davis-Bacon. He also argued that more jobs, though lower-paying, would go to local Indians who would then not have to compete with higher-paid non-Indian tradesmen from the cities.

An organization of 24 Indian housing authorities supported Hansen's amendment. They wrote: "These artificially high (Davis-Bacon) rates increase housing costs both directly and indirectly.....There is no pool of skilled workers on most Indian reservations and contractors are understandably reluctant to hire unskilled workers at Davis-Bacon rates." Navajo Tribal Chairman Peter MacDonald wrote in opposition to the amendment, "For years we have had to contend with the situation in which a Navajo carpenter working side by side with a non-Navajo carpenter received substantially less wages for the same work. Davis-Bacon prevents that from happening on Federally funded projects." The amendment was defeated by a vote of 244 to 155.

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THERE WAS THIS BUS CO. who got this famous actor to advertise their bus line. The actor agreed to do it and while doing so he said, "I have two Cadillacs, a jet plane, sports cars, but, when I want to get from place to place, I ride the bus like the rest of you JERKS." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS GUY who was in line at this gas station. Finally he got so frustrated, he shot up the gas pumps. And when he asked why he did that he said, "I only had shoes and socks on and the station attendant kept staring at me." The attendant said, "I was just wondering if he was odd or even." YIKES

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THIS AD WHICH READ - "Come alive with Pepsi." In Arabia the ad was misunderstood and their translation read, "Pepsi will bring your ancestors back to life." YIKES

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YOU KNOW THAT IT WAS so hot in Los Angeles last week that Raquel Welch passed out. Doctors came from as far as the east coast to give her mouth to mouth resuscitation." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS LADY who took her son to bed, she had him say his prayers and at the conclusion he said, "God bless mommy, daddy, good bye Grand Pa." Next morning Grand Pa died of a heart attack. The parents agreed that it was a just a coincidence so the mother listens to his prayer again. He ended bless mommy, daddy and good by Uncle. The next morning Uncle started for work when he was hit by this truck which killed him. Once again ma listens to his prayer which ended, bless mommy, good-bye daddy. The next day as he returned from work she said, "I've been so worried about you all day, you don't know what I went through" The husband said, "You've never had half as bad a day as I have, when I left for work this morning I found the Milk Man dead at the FRONT DOOR." YIKES

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### Beauty Contest

The Fourth of July Committee has appointed Della Estimo coordinator of the "Little Indian Girls Beauty Contest".

The little beauties, ages 9-13, will be judged on completeness of outfit and beauty. Prizes have been donated for the girls.

For more information, you can contact Della at her home, number 27, in West Hills.

### Teepee found

Wilson Wewa has an extra teepee in his possession that does not belong to him. If you are missing a teepee, contact him.

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