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## Power bill signed with protection

On December 5 President Carter signed into law the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, a controversial measure that took its sponsors four and one half years to engineer through Congress. The act is primarily designed to increase electric power generation in the region, but includes firm provisions for environmental protection and fisheries improvement. These provisions represent hard-fought concessions won by the tribes and environmentalists, and can be important means for restoring and protecting tribal fishery resources affected by dam operations on the Columbia River and its tributaries.

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### NOTICE

For those people who leave cars at the Tribal Garage without making any arrangements with the manager; they will be towed away.

## ATNI supports Smith for position

by Donna Behrend

Delegates attending the most recent meeting of Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI), in Spokane, Washington, passed a resolution giving their full support of Warm Springs General Manager Ken Smith for possible appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Interior. ATNI members also gave their support to Del Lovato, chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council, as special White House Assistant on Indian Affairs.

Warm Springs councilman Olney Patt Sr. assured the ATNI delegates that Smith would accept appointment as Assistant Secretary if selected. "We don't want him to leave. He's very important to us. If he leaves, we'll give him all the support we can. I urge all tribes to give him all the support you can."

Warm Springs council chairman Delbert Frank said of Smith. "He is knowledgeable, he has a clean slate and

he's qualified at the grass roots level. We need a policy maker in D.C., not an administrator." He continued, stating, "Some existing policies are pure obstacles for us and the BIA knows that. Any change will have to come from us."

"We also have a big obstacle before us with the Reagan administration. . . we need to have a good representative. We need someone who has done something for the grass roots Indian people."

Colville Indian Mel Tonasket feels that the Reagan administration may improve reservation operations. "Reagan's administration will cause tribes to improve accountability and be better businessmen."

He also stated that the incoming administration was uninformed as far as Indian are concerned. "The new administration is full of new people who don't know much about Indians. It would be wise to have someone, or an organization, to be there to

inform them. Reagan is looking for new faces and new blood. However, old faces and old blood have been thrown around already."

In other ATNI business, delegates voted to send a night letter to the Energy and Natural Resources committee opposing the appointment of James Watt as Secretary of the Interior. NCAI Executive Director Ron Andrade said NCAI planned to present written and oral testimony during the Watt hearings last week in Washington, D.C.

Watt, 42, has drawn critical fire from Indian leaders for his legal views opposing the sovereign powers of Indian tribal governments and from environmentalists for his pro-development views concerning federal lands.

Another item brought up at the three day meeting was delegate concern of the controversial "Sagebrush Rebellion." Tribal leaders fear that if the act is put into effect, tribes will lose rights constituted by their treaties.

Our rights "will not mean a thing if states get a hold of land" through the Sagebrush Rebellion, said one delegate. "We need to plan together as reservations on the act. If we sit around and let it happen, it will be just like termination."

According to an article published in the December issue of the Columbia Inter-Tribal Fish Commission newsletter, "ownership control by the states would open up these off-reservation treaty areas to development at the expense of traditional tribal uses."

The sagebrush rebels also expressed new hope that President-elect Reagan would be an ally in their cause.

Inflation has hit ATNI just as it has many other organizations. Many felt that the \$100 annual fee per tribe was far too low and suggested it be raised. Action will be taken on the amount of that raise at the Spring meeting of ATNI in St. Ignatius, Montana, March 16-18.

## Recreation survey is important

Beware!! Survey people once again. This time it's a recreation needs assessment to be taken to all members of the community who were randomly chosen to be surveyed.

The largest percentage of people surveyed will be tribal members. Everyone over eight years of age in the chosen household will get a chance to let their recreation voices be heard.

Please understand your response is very important even if you don't use the present recreation facilities. Tell us what you do with your leisure time.

The survey may be left overnight or dropped off to you in the morning and picked up in the evening. We do need a speedy responses though.

This survey will help set the needed direction for recreation on the reservation and will be confidential. We need your input!!

## Youths charged with murder, assault

First degree murder charges were filed January 6 against two 17 year-old Yakima tribal members along with three counts of assault in connection with the apparent ax slaying of a 20 year old Nez Perce tribal member and the injury of three other persons December 29 just east of Dallesport, Washington.

The two, Arthur Cloud and Warren Cloud are being held for \$50,000 bail each and are being held in the Yakima

County Detention Center.

They are accused of slaying Gary Frank, a Yakima Tribal member, and attacking Roy George a Yakima tribal member and two Warm Springs tribal members.

Andrea and Jimmy Spino with what authorities said was "an ax or a similar cutting instrument."

Frank died of multiple wounds to the head and skull.

The other three are still hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland and are listed in "good condition and showing steady improvement." All three injured initially had surgery after admission and Miss Spino has had two subsequent surgeries on her jaw.

A declination hearing will be held January 19 in Goldendale which may remand the two juveniles to adult court.