

**CHARRED REMAINS**—The charred living room furniture were grim reminders of a house fire at the Bishop Frank residence on Saturday, February 27. The Warm Springs Fire and Safety Department responded to the call at 2:59 p.m. to find flames shooting out of the windows. With thorough and efficient response, the Fire and Safety team managed to contain the fire within a short time. The kitchen and hallway areas were also damaged. The cause of the fire is still under investigation by the Warm Springs Police department.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Leno

## Indian advocate to speak at Longhouse in W.S.

Noted Indian advocate Charles Wilkinson is slated to speak at the Agency Longhouse on March 24 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. His talk is entitled "Federal Indian Policy, Indian Rights Yesterday and Today".

He will cover historical material highly relevant to Indian today and in the future. He will address the subject of Indian treaties and their impact in Indian country today.

Wilkinson is being sponsored by Central Oregon Community College, the Warm Springs Education Committee and the Lewis E. Pitt Sr. Memorial Fund in the Warm Springs Speaker Series. No admission will be charged due to the vital nature of the material to be presented. A special invitation is given to the elders of the Tribes. Everyone is invited to attend.

Wilkinson is currently a

Professor of Law at the University of Oregon Law School. He was staff attorney for the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, Colorado from 1971-75. He served as counsel to the Siletz and Menominee Tribes concerning the respective Restoration Acts. In addition to Indian Law, his areas of specialization are: public law, water law and are: public land law, water law and administrative law.

He co-authored a book, **Cases and Materials on Federal Indian Law**, which is presently used in law schools throughout the country. He has written articles on Indian law and listed are a few: **The Evolution of the Termination Policy, Judicial Review of Indian Treaty Abrogation and Perspective on Water and Energy in the American West and in Indian Country.**

## Atiyeh forecasts economic reversal for Oregon

By Marsha Shewczyk

"We will recover in Oregon. Today is not forever. There will be better times."

Governor Victor Atiyeh speaking to a large group of Madras citizens gathered together at Charlie's Pizza restaurant on March 11 emphasized an economic turnaround in the near future. The forecast for this reversal is late 1983, early 1984. The economy will then return to a 1979 level, Atiyeh affirmed.

Several "sources agreed that we have bottomed out. There may be some fluctuations" but we've "more or less reached a plateau."

Atiyeh began his speech at the noon luncheon sponsored by the Madras Kiwanis Club by explaining that the "only good program needed is a good economic recovery program." Monies should be coming from

those who make a profit, the working people and businesses." In defining what happened to create the need for a special legislative session Atiyeh said he made two proposals to the legislative body. With humor he interjected, "The legislature can move at lightning speed to kill my plans."

In his first proposal Atiyeh was determined not to raise taxes, cut tax relief or raise the budget. He felt that half the problems could be alleviated by making budget cuts. The only revenue raising plan was an increase in wine and beer taxes. Atiyeh maintained that he has cut the budget four times in previous years.

The second proposal came about when the deficit was found to be \$100 million higher than anticipated. Atiyeh proposed raising revenues on

tax returns. Each personal exemption is the same for everyone, he added. By taking a percentage of that, 4-10 percent, the revenue for the state would greatly be increased. However, "The legislature cancelled that," Atiyeh pointed out.

An economic recovery package was eventually passed almost entirely intact, says Atiyeh. "The legislature agreed that economic recovery was necessary."

The people themselves are seeking ways to save money. State employees have been reduced in number. Those remaining have cut energy costs 84%. The budget for Human Resources includes Adult and Family Services, Children's Services, Vocational Rehabilitation and other departments has been reduced by \$400 million. Even with these cuts, Atiyeh states, "I believe we have improved the services..."

Important to Oregon's recovery is what the federal governmental body does. Atiyeh met with President Reagan the week preceding his State of the Union message. Atiyeh says, "I was surprised at Regan's State of the Union address... The President came up with a potential deficit that was almost breathtaking."

"It is up to congress to turn that around. If they do that," Atiyeh feels we can "expect to go forward firmly with Oregon's recovery."

Governor Atiyeh concluded his opening statement with "Your state government is serving you well. It's my fault you don't know it. I've been doing the job you gave me to do."

After conclusion of Atiyeh's statement the floor was opened for questions. Atiyeh was asked if there would be another special legislative session.

He replied, "There will be no need for a special session. I will do everything in my power to prevent it. It was not productive as far as I'm

concerned."

A Madras citizen wanted Atiyeh's comment on the newly established Raj Neesh community in Antelope.

Atiyeh admitted he had "mixed emotions." He felt that the "people out there don't have a community interest for all the years of Oregon history." On the other hand, our constitution and state laws allow for such freedom. Atiyeh insisted "they will not get any special treatment." They have to meet Oregon laws and regulations.

Atiyeh says, "Personally, if I moved into an area and was not accepted, I wouldn't be there."

Another citizen asked who the 1000 Friends of Oregon are. Atiyeh commented, "This is a non-profit corporation" formed under former Oregon governor Tom McCall. Members pay dues and intercede as "land use watchdogs," Atiyeh explained. "They can intervene under Oregon law and are a recognized Oregon group."

The question of a sales tax was brought up. Atiyeh didn't like the idea of a sales tax because "you don't really ever know how much you pay."

Encouragement was given to the small business person by Atiyeh's citing the turnaround in the Oregon economy scheduled for late 1983.

Atiyeh felt it was important to pass the \$55 million bond issue for incarceration. He argued, "We really do need it." Facilities for criminals are lacking.

Asked about his belief in capital punishment, Atiyeh replied "It is a deterrent to the crime of murder."

In discussing the ownership of public lands, Atiyeh feels that Oregon should take over management of forest lands. "If anyone knows about the management of forests, we do." A plan could be designed and

BLM would have to match that plan.

There are ideas on the board, Atiyeh says. "The government should be able to look at these ideas" without everyone jumping to conclusions.

Federalism was asked about, that is the federal government's taking over some of the state's responsibilities. Atiyeh says, "I will try to make it work rather than not." He will see to it that Oregon will not have to pay penalties.

The dissolution of the parole board being talked about was then questioned. Some people are being released too soon, some Oregon citizens feel. Atiyeh stated some figures being: 8 percent of those who get out on parol are likely to commit a crime; 27-28 percent of those who serve their full time are likely to get out and commit a crime. Atiyeh says, "Hard cases make bad laws."

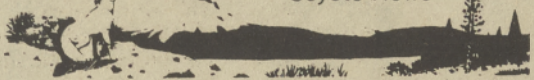
Atiyeh commented on his relationship with the Indian reservations in Oregon by saying, "I can talk with them personally." He went on to say, "I'm not always delivering good messages" but "I can speak frankly. I have a good relationship in that respect with them."

The state and the reservation clearly have some connections. He mentioned them as being such things as juvenile court and the fact that the Warm Springs reservation in particular voluntarily pays the state cigarette tax on cigarettes sold on the reservation. The EIA quarantine program was also mentioned as a cooperative program between state and reservation.

The Commission on Indian Services was established to keep communication open. In general, Atiyeh maintained that there is a feeling of "trust and confidence" between the reservations and the governor's office.

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