

Speaks visits reservation Pleas entered



Superintendent Merritt Youngdeer (left) toured new Portland Area Director Stanley Speaks through various facilities in Warm Springs on a recent visit.

by Donna Behrend

Stanley Speaks, newly appointed Portland Area Office director, visited Warm Springs last week to meet Tribal Council, management and BIA employees. His message, while not optimistic, was definite—budget cuts are inevitable.

"We're going to experience more cuts," said Speaks. "But we will take cuts at the area office level, not at the agency level. We'll cut at the agency only as a last resort." Speaks feels that the agency "is the most important office we have."

Because Congress hasn't approved the bureau's budget for 1982-83, the bureau is

operating on a continuing resolution, which "causes complications," and makes it very difficult for the superintendent, says Speaks. Also because of lack of definite funding, the proposed reorganization is "on the back burner, but not a dead issue." Continuing, he said, "I hope we can get off the continuing resolution very soon, by December 31, but don't count on it."

Thus far, Speaks has traveled to nearly all the reservations within the Portland area jurisdiction. He talked to each tribal council, finding out their concerns and issues. He said by visiting the reservations, he has become

more familiar with the people at the agencies. "I want to return to the agencies to meet with people in small groups," he said.

Also by visiting the agencies, Speaks said he could make an "assessment of the total picture, make changes and set goals and objectives for the BIA." By doing this assessment, Speaks can evaluate BIA employees and their performance. "Performance is all-inclusive and all-important. We can do more with less people. It takes one thing, people who are motivated and who know their jobs."

Speaks also said that training is important and should be done on-the-job at the agency. Speaks attributes tribal financial difficulty to "shortfalls in dollars. The economic situation is causing a lot of problems for tribes, much like the states and cities."

In talking to the different tribal council, Speaks discovered that Warm Springs has more questions and issues. "Warm Springs is concerned with cuts, BIA reorganization, better services and loss of programs. They're concerned about congressional actions." On the other hand, Fort Hall, for instance, is "concerned with dollars and technical services."

Speaks said that the CETA program has been cut and that a new employment program has been incorporated. "The new program doesn't completely cover the loss (of CETA). The tribes will have to pick up more of the cost... Warm Springs has a greater need for people to work than the majority of other tribes, even in this economic situation."

The new area director said the BIA will be "working more with tribes in developing sound economics." He concluded, saying, "Self-determination will be achieved through strong tribal government and economy."

On October 21, Anthony Bryant entered a plea of guilty to the charge of criminally negligent homicide in Circuit Court. The charge was in connection with the September stabbing of Charles Jack of Warm Springs. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered by the presiding Judge Thomas Mosgrove. Bryant is being held at the Jefferson County jail with no bail.

On October 30, Wayne Gene Tom of Warm Springs, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of criminally negligent homicide in connection with the same incident. He had been scheduled to go to trial November 1 on a charge of murder but following the completion of the investigation the charge was changed to criminally negligent homicide.

The plea was entered in Circuit Court before Pro tem Judge George Nielson. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and Tom is being held at the Jefferson County jail awaiting sentence.

Mike Sullivan, District Attorney for Jefferson County, stated it was determined by the investigators the men acted in self-defense. The investigation revealed that Jack had been the first to draw a knife in the incident which led to his death. Sullivan further stated that a number of events were uncovered in the investigation. The psychiatric report on Tom concluded that Tom had acted in a reckless manner as opposed to one of intent according to Sullivan.

No date has been set for sentencing at this time.

Fishing season remains open

Portland—Today the states of Washington and Oregon failed in their effort to end the tribal coho fishing season which began at noon November 1.

The states had filed an appeal to Judge Walter Craig's earlier order granting the season. However, at the same time he denied the states' motion, Judge Craig ordered a strict recording of all coho, steelhead, and jacks caught by tribal fishers during the November 1-5 season.

All fishers must, therefore, record all their catches and submit them to tribal biologist. (A coho fishing season next

year may depend upon how well we are able to document this year's catch!) Call your tribes' biologist with your report:

Yakima—Bob Tuck 509-865-5121

Warm Springs—Terry Luther or Gene Greene, 503-553-1161

Umatilla—Gary James or (Cathy Wilson) 503-276-3165

Nez Perce—Jim Johnson, 208-843-2253

Or if you are unable to reach your tribal biologists, call the Inter-tribal Fish Commission collect at 503-238-7078 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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7:30 p.m.
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Hard Lesson to Learn

According to eye witnesses, seven-year old Brian Macy ran in front of a car driven by Yvonne Leno near the Old Administration Building October 27. Brian was stabilized by Fire and Safety ambulance crew members Jerry Huff and Bill Carter before he was transported to the clinic. After an examination by the clinic doctors Brian was released to his parents. He suffered a mild concussion and bruises. No citation was issued.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Leno