

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor—



"Spilyay Speaks"

Member questions need for apportionment



Looking over the Oregonian one day, I noticed an article in the Metro/Northwest section where the headline read, "Hiroshima Anniversary Unites Peace Lovers." The article started out, "Forty years ago Tuesday, (the date was August 6) "Little Boy" was dropped on Hiroshima, killing more than 100,000 Japanese men, women and children."



Almost 200 anti-nuclear activists painted human silhouettes on downtown Portland sidewalks protesting the nuclear arms race.

They claim they are trying to prevent a nuclear war and all that garbage but little do they know it's people like this who can spark off a nuclear war.

Stop to think, what foot would the shoe be on if these same individuals could have witnessed the days in the early 40s. On December 7, 1941, the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. The

killing of many innocent human beings in the wake of surprise attacks throughout the Pacific sector of the world. The celebrations among the Japanese on their triumphs and victories on these expeditions.

How many people demonstrate the fall of Corregidor, Bataan, Mindanao, the death march of prisoners of war, the hostile torture given to the Americans from the Japanese. If these Peace Lovers could have witnessed those days perhaps it would be a different story today. They don't think of the thousands of lives this saved by the use of the atomic bomb putting an end to WWII, not to mention the hundreds of thousands of parents who suffered through those war years, especially those who lost sons, husbands, fathers and daughters. This group doesn't realize how bad those years were. I was a small boy during the war and it was tough to see my brother and all his friends leave for the armed forces. Those war years scared the hell out of me. Everytime I think of those years it reminds me of a big black cloud engulfing everything in its path, like a bad dream.

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For a while things looked quite dim for the baseball fans because of the big strike between the players and the owners. But after a two hour meeting they came to an agreement with each other, however it took ten more hours to get all the details worked out on a five year contract. This was a second strike with-in the past five years.

But the way things look it will be that familiar call of "Batter Up" which means that the pennant race is on once again. For a while it looked pretty dim especially for the fans for the thought of no baseball games on the tube. The husbands might have gotten acquainted with their wives. With the agreement between the players and owners, this will leave the husbands and wives loving strangers once again.

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Just recently the Umatilla Tribe held a dedication ceremony of their \$2.5 million grain elevator which they constructed from a loan by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Portland Area Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Stan Speaks was on hand for the dedication ceremonies. The newly completed grain elevator which was built on tribal land. A spokesperson from the BIA in Portland said, the Pendleton Flour Mills leased the facilities from the Tribe and the Union Pacific made an agreement to pick up products from the elevator and this will also be utilized by the Tribal Farm operated by the Umatillas.

The grain elevator has been in full operation since its opening on July 15.

The entire work force of the grain elevator are tribal members. This marks their first joint venture of economic development for the Umatillas.

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This guy said he went to a rock festival recently and it was fascinating. There were four hundred girls, five hundred boys and fifty uncommitted. YIKES

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There was this General Manager who said that he had a new department that would handle all complaints. He said that he put Helen Weight in charge so when anyone came in with complaints he just tells them to go to HELEN WEIGHT. YIKES

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To the Editor,

I recently read the article on the apportionment issue with horror. The article contained many legal errors. I believe that it is the responsibility of the Spilyay newspaper to seek out the correct information when publishing an article on a topic so important to the people of Warm Springs, particularly for an article that seemingly supported one side of an important issue. I strongly advise that the staff verify the legal information presented in such future articles with the tribal attorneys. I further advise that if the Spilyay is going to support one particular side of an issue, that such support be put in the form of an editorial rather than a front page article.

Further, I request that pertinent parts of this letter be printed in the next issue. Thank you.

The Indian Civil Rights Act does not guarantee to individual Indian people under the jurisdiction of a tribal government the same constitutional rights as other people under the jurisdiction of a state or federal government. A constitution, whether it is the U.S., state or tribal constitution, is a document that limits a government's ruling power over its people. One government's constitution does not necessarily limit another government's powers. The Warm Springs tribal government has its own constitution, within which is discussed our tribal election procedures, and that

constitution does not have to be interpreted the same as the United States Constitution. We can have our own form of districting if we choose. This is tribal sovereignty.

The Indian Civil Rights Act did say that tribal governments have to extend U.S. protections to individuals, but those protections are very limited. The federal courts have reviewed alleged violations of the Indian Civil Rights Act with an eye to preservation of tribal sovereignty rather than strict U.S. constitutional protection of the individual rights. In Santa Clara v. Martinez an Indian woman married to a non-Pueblo was not allowed to seek tribal membership for her children as an Indian man in the same situation because the Supreme Court saw the protection of the tribal sovereignty more important than the individual rights in question. The Court ruled that the Indian Civil Rights Act did not waive the tribes sovereign immunity. For example, I could not sue the tribe under the Indian Civil Rights Act saying that my "one man-one vote" federal constitutional rights are being violated. I would have to argue that my tribal constitutional rights are being violated.

But if our election procedures were challenged in federal court and the court heard the case, it would look to protecting our tribal sovereignty before protection of our individual rights as guaranteed under the U.S. constitution. The underlying phi-

losophy is that the tribe must continue to exist and the federal government must not impose itself on the tribe if it does not have to. But if the federal court saw that serious election violations did occur, like stuffing of the ballot box or paying people to vote in a certain way, then they might come in and tell us how to run our government.

This underlying philosophy, that the tribe must continue to exist, is the most important

element missing from the Spilyay article. The error in the article was that an impression was made that we are violating the federal constitution by our election procedures. We do not know that. We can, under our own constitution have our election procedures as we want. I believe that the federal courts would not change them, but tell us to make our own decision.

Sincerely,
Celeste Whitewolf

Motorist thankful to local police department

Editor's Note: The following is a letter received by JSA Gerald Smith from Mrs. E Renee' Fite.

Dear Sir:

On August 2nd at approximately 11:00 p.m., my two sons and I were stranded at mile post 94 west of Warm Springs because we ran out of gas. We were able to flag down a passing motorist who took us into Warm Springs and told us how difficult it might be to obtain assistance at that hour as the stations would be closed; he also mentioned what "friendly folk" the police department could be if I could reach them. Since this was my first excursion alone, for any such distance (Battle Ground, Washington to Prineville, Oregon), I must admit I would have been quite frightened to call the police department except for our aides comments. We did indeed call Warm Springs P.D. and were extremely lucky that our benefactor knew what he was talking about.

Officer Mike Burris came to continue our assistance. While he pondered how best to help us, I learned that he was due to go off duty and that he had

plans for that evening. Despite this, he continued our rescue with no thought of himself or his personal life. The entire rescue took until 12 midnight; he, smelling of gas and probably very tired, and more likely than not, no longer having a desire to carry out his previous plans for the night, made one last check in Madras (on his own time and with his private vehicle) to see that we were okay and on the right road to our destination.

I want to thank Officer Burris for his dedication to "helping" people, whether he be 'on' or 'off' duty. I can see that his commitment goes deeper than the hours he spends while at work. This was an extremely wonderful example of a caring policeman for my two very impressionable children (aged 9 and 12) who have been exposed to so much bad publicity within my own local area because of negligence by policemen.

Thank you once again, Officer's Burris and Crabb of the Warm Springs Police Department.

Greatfully,
Mrs. E. Renee' Fite

Thanks for support

To the Editor,

This letter is in thanks to Nat Shaw for raising \$200 in prize monies for the kids at the Huckleberry Feast Rodeo. If it wasn't for him, I don't think that any of the kids would have gotten any money for their participation.

The VFW, Nat himself, the

Rainbow Market, Brunoe Logging and Construction, Benny Heath and three Redmond business's, Dick's Saw Shop, Terrebonne Jacks and Wilson's Furniture, all contributed. I thank all of you.

Sincerely,
Delvis Heath, Sr.

Swim instructor relates summer's activities

To the Editor:

Another summer has passed for me and I want to say thank you for asking me to come back next summer to help teach the children from the Community Center how to swim and be safe in, on and around the water. Not just at Kah-Nee-Ta's pool, but at the various lakes and rivers and the creek that runs through Warm Springs where all the kids gather to cool off when the weather turns warm.

All of the youngsters seem to enjoy the swim lessons and especially the free time after class. The aides I had this summer were terrific, they did a great job. Due to their help, several youngsters were given individual help on certain swim skills that I might not of had time to perform, which helped them to pass the final swim test.

Only one or two adults attended the adult swim class on Tuesday and Thursday evening, but one earned a Beginners, advanced beginner and intermediate card, and the other student earned the advanced swimmers card, which is the highest level to be earned before life saving. One man came for two short lessons, so he could

enter the triathlon contest.

I also want to thank all the mothers who came and helped with the five (5) and under class for two weeks. Some of these moms are pretty good aides. Most all youngsters learned how to put on a life jacket, survival float, do a beaver dive and sit on the bottom and recover a flower and help someone that may be in trouble, without getting in the water; by using a towel, long stick, piece of clothing, or throwing them something that floats.

All in all, the classes went very well, I was on time, the bus was on time and I've been invited to come back next summer.

I also want to thank Kah-Nee-Ta (Village) for the use of their various facilities, it made it all possible. Again, Thank You.

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