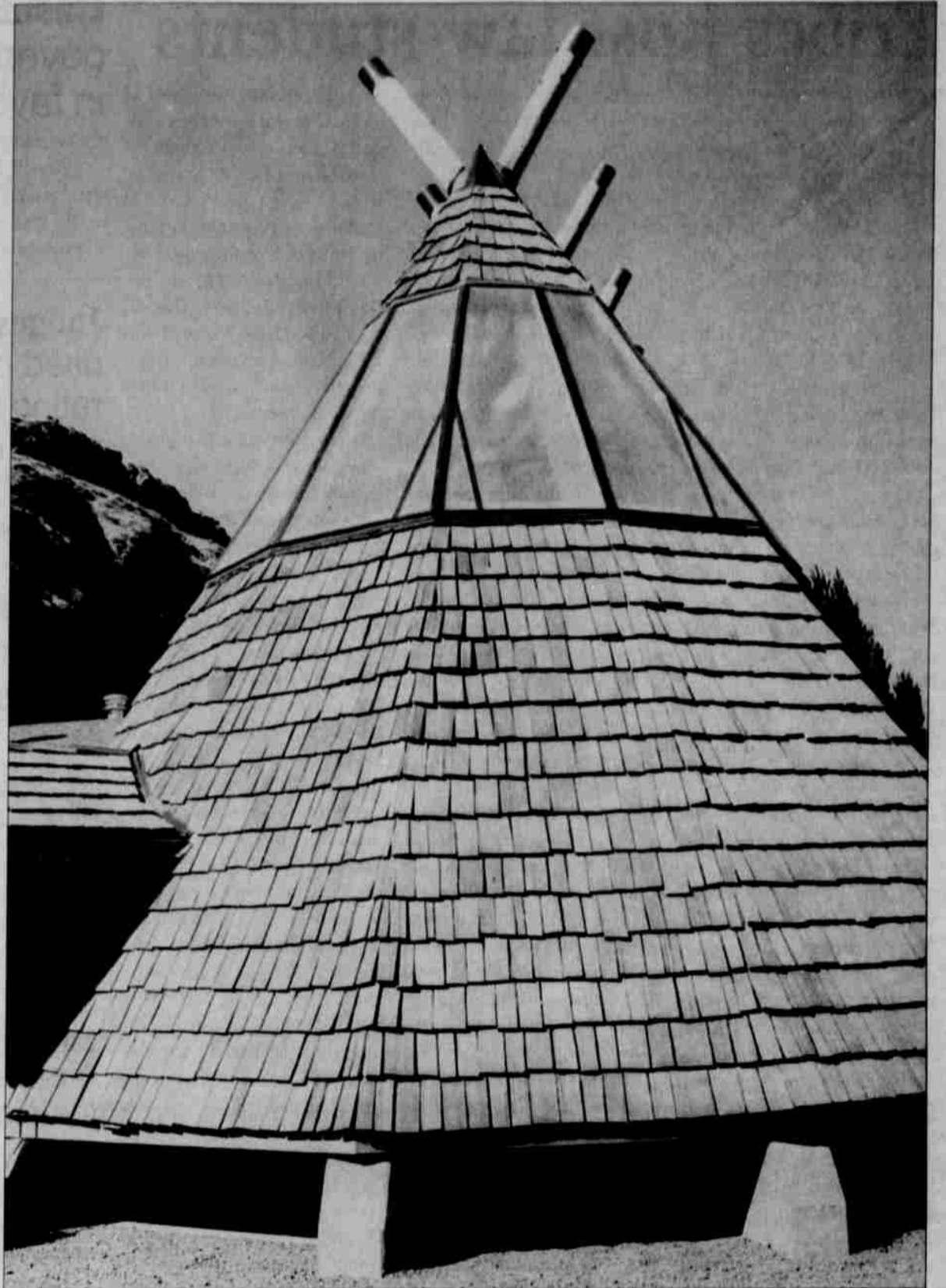




Cooks Wesla Selam and Arita Dave were enjoying the new kitchen at the longhouse.

Celilo Village welcomes new longhouse



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View of the inside of the longhouse, during the dedication ceremony.



Representatives of the Columbia River tribes were on hand.

Indians of the Columbia River tribes gathered on July 23 for the opening and blessing of the new Celilo Wy-Am Longhouse. The building is beautiful to look at and the people of Celilo are very

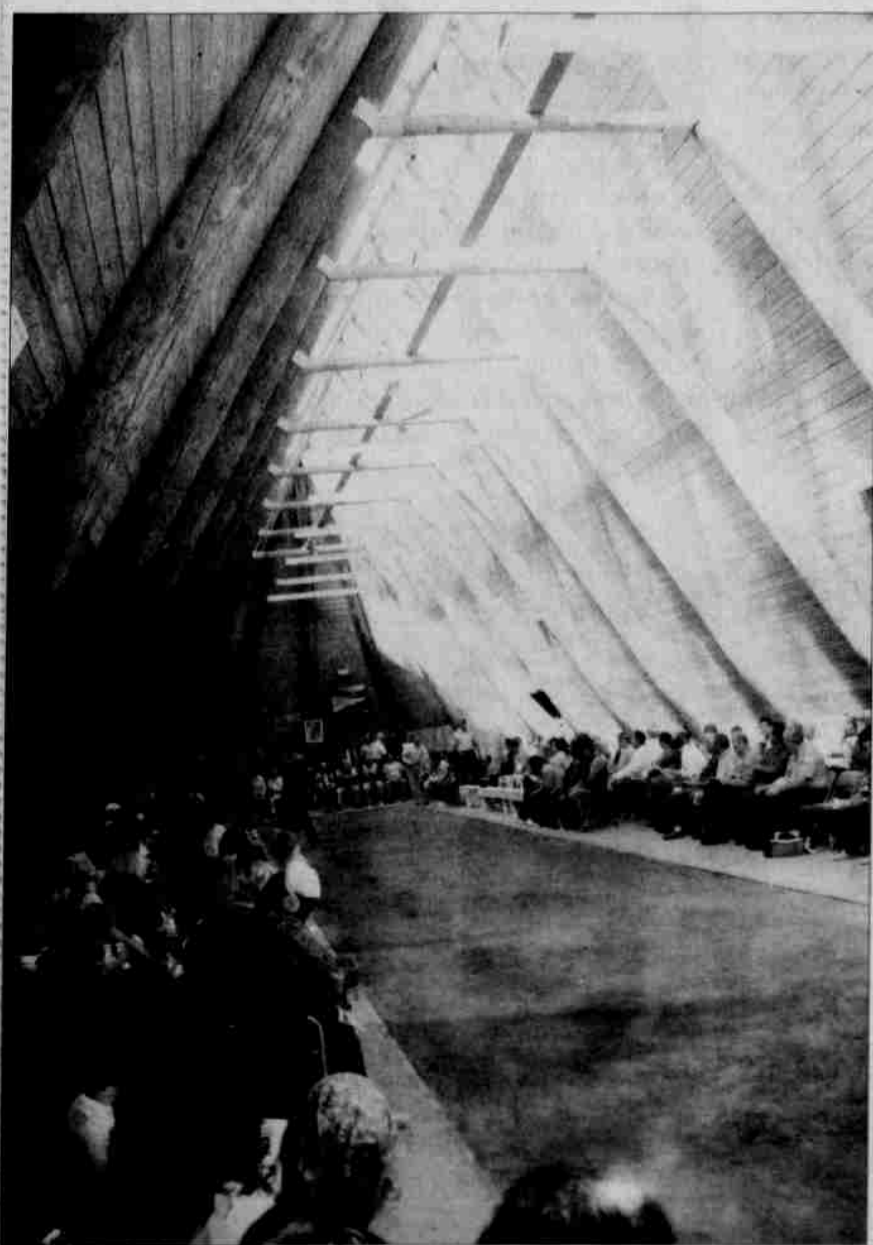
happy with the longhouse.

At the gathering were Indians of Celilo Village, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Yakama Nation, the Umatilla and Nez Perce tribes. The BIA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were also on hand. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs was one of the partners in the Celilo Longhouse project.

The Corps of Engineers provided funding. "I think it was a good use of the in-lieu money," said Council Chairman Ron Suppah, who is on the Wy-Am Board. "I'm glad the board was able to work to consensus and get the Celilo Village redevelopment project started," said Suppah.

The new longhouse is the first of many improvements that are planned at Celilo Village, which has a population of about 60. "This is a good start," said Suppah.

The next phases will be infrastructure and housing. The Corps of Engineers is planning to spend \$10 million on the renovations.



Marcus Jim prepares the eels for the dedication feast.

