

FROM THE COUNCIL

A workshop was held December 4, 1981, at Grand Ronde by the Native American Program, Oregon Legal Services. Attorneys Don Wharton and Randy Harrison and Restoration Coordinator, Elizabeth Furse conducted the workshop. The Tribal Council and interested tribal members attended.

The content of the workshop consisted of a review of the slide presentation "Our Hearts Beat As One", the effects of termination, why it happened, the consent process, and hunting and fishing provisions.

The afternoon session included; support building, planning tribal presentations, media contacts and testimony preparations.

On December 7, 1981, another workshop was held by NAPOLS in Grand Ronde. The agenda for this workshop consisted of; strategy and planning the process of Restoration. Fact sheets and brochures will be available at the December 20th Christmas Gathering and are always available at the tribal office.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are working very hard to gather the data necessary to compile tribal history, health & housing, and educational needs of our tribal members. This can only be done by mailing forms to tribal members living away from Grand Ronde and personal contact to those residing in Grand Ronde. These forms are very important toward reaching our goal of Restoration. They will provide us with the information for long range planning in all the areas we have needs in. Enrollment is a slow, painstaking process that relies on the return of your forms. Our Enrollment personnel have found that one form generates another and have worked very hard to make them as simple as possible. More information can be found in another part of this newsletter.

The tribe has an Agricultural Project in process at the present time. A solar greenhouse is on tribal property and is being equipped with planting trays, potting soil and plants. With the expansion of this project, our plans are to provide food for profit and needy tribal and community members. We plan to expand this project into raising seedling fir trees for reforestation and/or Christmas trees as a supplement to the Agricultural project using the land to the best extent possible.

The Agricultural Project was made possible through a grant from the Chiles Foundation in Portland, Oregon. A proposal was submitted to the Chiles Foundation, who saw a need and responded.

Plans are being made for a tribal Craft and Bead Shop in addition to our Agricultural Project. More information will be published as this project develops.

These projects mentioned are only three of many to develop in the future to our goal of becoming a self-sufficient tribe. Termination removed the opportunity of becoming self-sufficient. During the time we were a recognized tribe with a tribal reservation rich with timber, self-sufficiency would not have been a difficult goal to reach. Educational opportunities would have provided us with the technology in timber conservation and management of lands and water. Even today there would be employment in the timber industry. Water, sewer and housing would be ongoing programs being implemented by The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde..