

Smoke signals

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THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE



GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

Chairman's Report

RESERVATION BILL GETS BY INTERIOR COMMITTEE

On May 11, 1988, the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs approved H.R. 4143, a bill sponsored by Congressman AuCoin, to create a 9,811 acre reservation for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

The reservation bill received no opposition from committee members and was carried in the Interior Committee by Rep. Peter Defazio, D-OR. Congressman AuCoin is now working with the Speaker of the House, to determine a date for the final vote on the floor of the full House.

Once the bill clears the House, it will be referred to the Senate side, where we anticipate the bill to move swiftly. After the bill clears the House and Senate, it will be referred to the U.S. President for his signature. If the bill is not signed within ten days, the bill will automatically become law.

I wish to remind you, there are some individuals who are still trying to generate opposition to the reservation within the local area. Therefore, I cannot stress enough, the importance of writing letters of support to Rep. Les AuCoin and Senator Hatfield. Lets all pull together to see this history making legislation through.

Write to:

1st District Rep. Les AuCoin
2519 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

U.S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield
322 Hart Senate Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

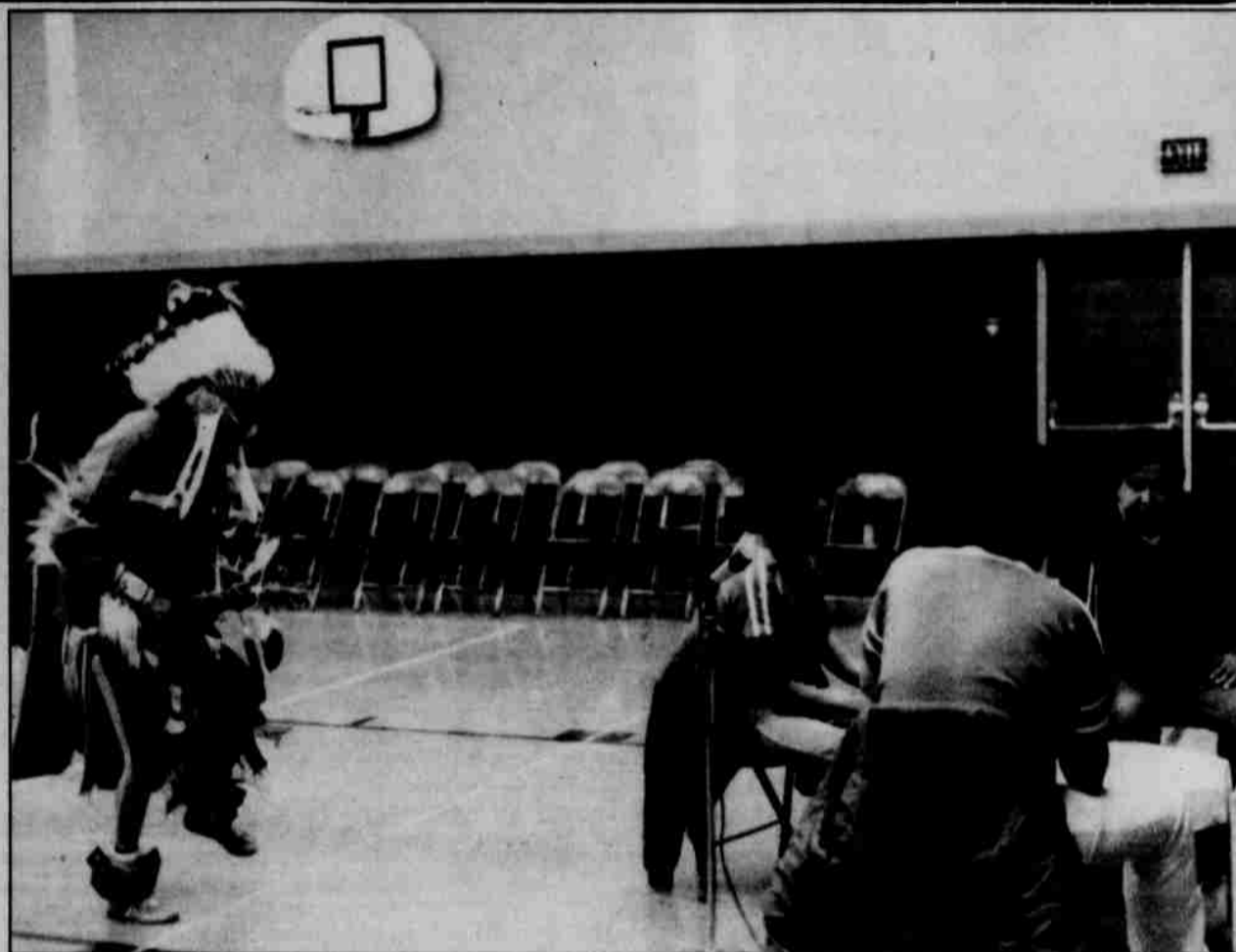
ELEVEN NOMINATED FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL SEATS

Eleven persons were nominated for the three open Tribal Council seats.

Those nominated include: John Allen, Frank Harrison, Merle Holmes, Marvin Kimsey, Gene LaBonte, Ed Larsen, Merle Leno, Tom Leno, Ray McKnight, Darrel Mercier, and Riley Porter.

Currently, the seats are held by Merle Leno, Gene LaBonte and Ray McKnight.

Elections are scheduled for September. Absentee ballots, candidate photographs written candidate profiles and other voting information will be included in the July issue of Smoke Signals.



Paul Whitehead, currently teaching traditional dance classes in Grand Ronde, dances to the beat of the Four Directions Drum, from Salem, at the pow wow held for Oregon American Indian Week.

TERMINATION RESOLUTION REPEALED BY CONGRESS

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs, has announced an action by the United States Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives that has been awaited by Indian tribal governments and individuals for over thirty years -- the repeal of House Concurrent Resolution 108. The resolution led to the government policy of terminating federal recognition of certain Indian tribes.

The repeal language is part of H.R. 5, the major education reauthorization bill which was passed in final form by the House on April 19 and the Senate on April 20.

Noting that termination policy has now been fully discredited, the Chairman said that "the Indian nations

of the United States can rest easier with the knowledge that termination is no longer even a possible threat. Termination was a doomed policy from its inception primarily because it was both morally and legally indefensible."

House Concurrent Resolution 108 was approved by the 83rd Congress on June 9, 1953, and set forth a Congressional policy of termination of the federal-tribal relationship with all tribes in certain names states and with named tribes in other states.

Subsequent to the resolution, certain tribes were in fact terminated. Although the policy of termination has

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