

Umatilla Indians To Press Claim to 14 Million Acres

Pendleton—(U.P.)—The Umatilla Indian Tribal council served notice today that it intends to press its claim to more than 14 million acres of land in eastern Oregon.

Tribal attorney Charles F. Luce, of Walla Walla, Wash., said that the tribe had retained Verne F. Ray, University of Washington anthropologist, to make additional studies for further information on the Umatilla Indian reservation.

The Indian tribe filed a claim in 1951, suing the federal government for more than \$15 million. Indians contended that the land now occupied by the government and taken from them was purchased for a grossly inadequate price.

Luce said Ray has made extensive studies of the aboriginal occupancy of the Umatilla, Cayuse and Walla Walla tribes, and feels much of the land claimed by the Indians is justifiably theirs.

He said the previous studies of Ray in the early 1930s on the three tribes confirmed that they were justified in their contention that the land was theirs and that they had not received the amount due for it.

The Indians have laid claims to all of Walla Walla county in Washington and Umatilla, Morrow, Grant and Union counties of Oregon in addition to portions of other adjacent counties.

Luce said the case was set for trial before the Indian claims commission in Washington, D.C., Sept. 16, 1957.



IKE SMILES AS HE GIVES HIS autograph to winsome Joann McGuire Dougherty, 12, granddaughter of Peter J. McGuire, founder of Labor Day, and guest at White House ceremonies dedicating a new Labor Day postage stamp. (International Soundphoto)

Moral Rearmament Movement Winds Up World Convention at Mackinac Island

Mackinac Island, Mich.—(U.P.)—The Moral Rearmament Movement, an organization that has shown amazing vigor and stamina since its founding 18 years ago, is winding up another world convention at this remote upper Michigan training center.

The some 900 delegates from 32 nations who attended will go back to spread the word that MRA has the answer to the Communist challenge and to many of the evils that beset the world.

MRA has been spreading the word with a strong mixture of humility, evangelism, Madison Avenue publicity techniques, and personal contacts ever since its founder, Dr. Frank Buchman,

became disillusioned with the jealousies and hatreds that were poisoning relations between nations.

Buchman, now 78, a Pennsylvania born educator, decided after the unhappy Washington Disarmament Conference in 1921 to try a new approach of personal morality toward world problems. Joined by other educators, many from England, it was first known as the Oxford Group. In 1938 he launched a world organization as Moral Rearmament.

No Boundaries
MRA defines itself as a "way of life" that knows no national boundaries, no language, class or religious barriers. There are few in the Western World who will criticize its four basic beliefs—absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute love and absolute unselfishness.

It claims followers in the millions but keeps no membership rolls. There are no dues. It is backed by what a spokesman says are voluntary contributions, most of them small, and manned by many unpaid full-time workers, but it maintains elaborate world headquarters in Caux, Switzerland, plus training and administration centers in other nations including those in Michigan, New York and Los Angeles.

It has attracted and held influential leaders in government, business and professions. It won the praise of such men as German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and the son of the late Mahatma Gandhi.

Air of Evangelist Rally
The meetings such as those here have the air of an evangelist rally. Men and women stand up to tell their personal

story of what MRA has done for their nations or communities and for their own relationships.

This week end the delegates saw a movie made in Nigeria by the MRA from a play called "Freedom." It depicts the change in an African national revolutionary leader, an African prime minister and a representative of a European "imperialistic" government as each comes to realize the case of the other.

MRA sent on world tour a controversial play called "The Vanishing Island" which told of two peoples living on separate islands of "I Love Me" and "We Hate You."

MRA is not without critics. One of its basic aims is to "restore God to leadership in the lives of nations," but it is far from having widespread endorsement from religious groups whose dogmas and denominations it crosses.

Last year the Assembly of the Church of England released a report conceding that MRA followers "are men of good will, sincere, and of good motive," but concluding that the movement is psychologically dangerous and naively defective in social thinking.

Ranch Hand Killed In Klamath Accident

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—A 68-year-old ranch hand was killed about 85 miles north of here at Klamath Marsh yesterday, apparently when he either fell or was thrown from a horse.

The victim was identified as Rufus Parker of Red Bluff, Calif. He was employed at the Bill Owens ranch at Klamath Marsh.

Legion Commander Urges Compulsory Military Training

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—The American Legion has been urged by its retiring commander J. Addington Wagner, to fight for compulsory military training because the volunteer reserve program "has failed."

The commander of the 2,800,000 Legionnaires got the group's 38th annual national convention down to serious business yesterday by submitting his final report. The report also advocated:

1—A continued battle for a new veteran's security bill that would pay \$105-monthly pensions to World War I veterans over 65.

2—A continued effort to secure a Congressional investigation of UNESCO and the U. S. Commission for UNESCO.

The report was an indication of what the Legion program would be for the coming year.

Exposed Danger
Wagner told the convention that the Legion's work of the past year "to expose the danger to America represented by the Fund for the Republic has borne good fruit."

Rep. Olin E. Eague, (D-Tex.), Chairman of The House Veterans' Affairs committee, was accused in the report of being a party to the scuttling of the Legion-recommended war veterans' security bill in the 1956 Congress.

The bill proposed to declare all World War I vets over 65 "totally disabled" if their income was less than \$1,400 annually and they have no dependents, or \$2,700 if they have dependents. Those falling in the category would be entitled to \$105 monthly pension.

Wagner, in regard to the volunteer reserve training program said it was just getting under way last year and "we held that it deserved a fair trial."

"Now the fair trial period is over. The program has failed to enlist the limited quota of trainees set by the Department of Defense. It must be considered at this time whether the urgent need for a large trained civilian reserve force to back up the professional armed forces can only be met by initiating a compulsory basic training course for the young men of the country."

Shingle Mill Burns; Home, Car Destroyed

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Fire last night raged through the Clemens shingle mill near Philomath, leveling the plant and destroying a trailer home and automobile parked nearby.

Loss was set at \$50,000. Cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

A car and trailer house belonging to Fred Goodye, an employe of the mill, also were engulfed by the flames.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAX. TRIBUNE—THREE

Passenger on Chief Describes Accident

(Editor's Note: Herbert Hudson, Knox, Ohio, was a passenger on the Santa Fe Chief when it collided head-on with an express mail train at Springer, N.M., in the following account; he describes what he saw and heard.)

By HERBERT HUDSON
As Told To United Press

Springer, N. M.—(U.P.)—We were on a sleeper on the Chief going to Albuquerque. I was in a roomette with Everett Ruddle of Springfield, Ohio, our car was about four back from the engine.

I was asleep and woke up when we began bouncing around. It didn't hurt anybody in our car but we sure had a rough ride for a while.

There was quite a lot of noise. The train's undergear rumbled and the rails and ties were breaking and it got pretty loud for a minute. Then everything was quiet.

Suit to Recover \$2 Million Filed In Federal Court

San Francisco—(U.P.)—A Utah bank and trust company filed suit in federal court Tuesday against a Belvidere, Calif., businessman to recover \$2,809,701 which it accused him of syphoning off of the assets of an insurance company that subsequently went bankrupt.

The suit named Stewart B. Hopps, well known in financial circles, and his wife, Geraldine. Hopps is a director of several large insurance and investment companies.

Appointed Receiver
The suit was filed by the Continental Bank & Trust Co. of Utah which was appointed receiver for Inland Empire Insurance Co. of Salt Lake City by a federal court when the insurance firm was declared bankrupt last year.

The suit charged that Hopps gained control of Inland in 1954 by buying up 90 per cent of its outstanding common stock for \$250,000 and then syphoning off its assets "by complicated financial maneuvers."

Hopps and his wife were charged in the suit with conspiring "to divert funds of Inland for their own use."

The suit alleged that if the \$2,809,701 is recovered, policy holders would be paid in full. If not, Continental charged, they would suffer "considerable loss."

WRONG WAY ROAD
Bognor Regis, England—(U.P.)—A road named "North Avenue South" in the village of Middleton-on-Sea, Sussex, England, runs east and west.

Americans Go Into Deeper Car Debt

Washington—(U.P.)—Americans went \$50 million deeper into debt in July for automobiles and other consumer items.

The monthly increase reported Tuesday by the Federal Reserve Board is the smallest since March. But it still pushed the total amount that consumers have on the cuff to a record of more than \$37 billion.

The July total was about \$4 billion above a year earlier.

The reserve board said about half the increase stemmed from last year's record auto-buying spree.

PRESIDENT BRIEFED

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles gave President Eisenhower a 50-minute briefing Tuesday on developments in the Suez Canal negotiations.

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RELIABLE PRESCRIPTIONS

Demurrers Overruled In Multnomah Court

Portland—(U.P.)—Several indictments returned by the recent vice investigating Multnomah county grand jury yesterday when demurrers filed in behalf of a number of those indicted were overruled.

Circuit Judge Frank J. Lonergan upheld indictments returned against seven Portland police officers for perjury and also the indictments brought against James B. Elkins, Portland night life figure, and others charging extortion.

A second indictment charging Elkins, Joey Clemo and Charles E. Canaday with conspiracy to commit a felony was ordered returned to the grand jury. The judges action on the indictment came at the request of the attorney general's office.

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