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Dear Ms. Relander -

My sincere thanks to you for the clippings, I was so glad to get them. Particularly the ones on law enforcement & Mrs. Yellips.

The trip to Yakima was one I shall remember all my life. I was very much at ease and at home there. All my memories are wonderful.

The Yakima Indians impressed me very much. I have never met such a polite and humble group of people in all my travels. Their hospitality was full of such sincere warmth. I won't forget them & among them I feel I have friends.

Thank you for the nice comments. It



is a deep drive within me to work among Indians - everywhere. I started in youth councils at 13 & I get closer & closer to actual work each year with the Indian situation.

The jurisdictional question is touchy. It seems inevitable to me unless a plan is proposed by the Yakima tribe, or Reservation Law adopts similar ~~statutes~~ state laws. I know it is a rough fight now but sooner or later each tribe must follow suit. Indian problems are so flexible - what is good right now may not be the case 10 years from now!

Thank you again for the wonderful write-ups. If we, Indians, could find newspapermen like you more frequently - the publicity would be five times better than what is reported many times.

Incidentally - I hope to be traveling through Yakima the last week of March on a Reservation Tour. (Finances will tell the story.) Sincerely,
Oliver Awise