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YOU ARE REQUESTED TO KILL THE STORY OF THE APPOINTMENT OF J. LYLE CUNNINGHAM OF BOISE, IDAHO, AND HAROLD T. NELSON, YAKIMA, WASH., AS ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTORS IN THE NORTHWEST FOR THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION. THE STORY WAS CARRIED ON THIS WIRE AT 520 PM THIS DATE---JUNE 11. THE STORY WILL BE FILED AT A LATER DATE AT THE REQUEST OF THE RECLAMATION BUREAU.

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BOISE, IDA., JUNE 11--(UP)--APPOINTMENT OF J. LYLE CUNNINGHAM, BOISE, AND HAROLD T. NELSON, YAKIMA, WASH., AS ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTORS IN THE NORTHWEST OFFICE OF THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION HERE WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY R. J. NEWELL, REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

CUNNINGHAM HAS BEEN SERVING AS AN ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR AND NELSON HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER OF THE BUREAU'S ROZA DIVISION OF THE YAKIMA PROJECT IN SOUTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON.

H. W. PEASE, NOW WITH THE BRANCH OF PROJECT PLANNING IN BOISE, WILL REPLACE NELSON ON THE YAKIMA CONSTRUCTION JOB.

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LEO J. MUIR, 75-YEAR-OLD SON OF A CORPORAL IN THE MORMON BATTALION WHICH MADE THE LONGEST TREK IN MILITARY HISTORY, RAISED THE FLAG OF 1847 DURING THE CEREMONY.

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OLYMPIA, FEB. 21--(UP)--THE STATE SENATE TODAY PASSED AND SENT TO THE GOVERNOR A HOUSE BILL MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR HORSES, MULES AND ASSES TO RUN AT LARGE ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

THE SENATE WAS TOLD BY SEN. ROBERT FRENCH, R., OKANOGAN CATTLEMAN, THAT "THE DAY OF THE HORSE ON THE OPEN RANGE IS PASSED." HE SAID THE BILL HAS THE BACKING OF THE STATE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

SEN. HOWARD ROUP, D., ASOTIN, SAID FIVE SERIOUS ACCIDENTS WERE CAUSED LAST YEAR BY AUTOMOBILES COLLIDING WITH HORSES ON HIGHWAYS.

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COEUR D'ALENE, IDA., JUNE 17--(UP)--LEAD, ZINC, SILVER, GOLD AND COPPER --VALUED AT \$56,429,796--WAS TAKEN FROM IDAHO MINES IN 1949.

THE BUREAU OF MINES SAID YESTERDAY THAT, DESPITE A 17 PERCENT DROP FROM 1948, THE STATE STILL LEADS THE NATION IN SILVER AND ZINC PRODUCTION.

THE DECLINE WAS BLAMED ON LAST FALL'S COEUR D'ALENE LABOR STRIKE AND THE LOW PRICE OF LEAD AND ZINC.

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PORTLAND, ORE., JULY 19--(UP)--TRAFFIC ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONTINUED TO INCREASE DESPITE THE OPERATION SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER OF A PETROLEUM PIPELINE FROM SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH TO PASCO, WASH., THE ARMY ENGINEERS SAID TODAY.

THE ENGINEERS SAID COLUMBIA RIVER TRAFFIC HAD INCREASED STEADILY SINCE THE COMPLETION OF BONNEVILLE DAM IN 1938.

COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC VOLUME THROUGH BONNEVILLE LOCK FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1950 AND 1951, ACCORDING TO CORPS OF ENGINEERS STATISTICS, SHOWED 685,603 TONS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR AND 550,010 TONS UP TO JULY 1 LAST YEAR.

FARTHER UPSTREAM AT THE DALLES-CELILO CANAL, CARGO VOLUME WAS ALSO GREATER IN 1951 THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR WHEN THE PETROLEUM PIPE LINE WAS NOT IN OPERATION.

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SPOKANE UP - Trial of a \$192,500 damage suit against the Richfield Oil Company started in Superior Court here yesterday. The suit was brought on behalf of seven Yakima, Wash., children ranging from 8 to 16 years in age who seek damages for injuries suffered in March, 1950, when, it was contended, a Richfield Oil Company truck struck the car in which they were riding. Guardian in the suit is Dorothy C. Whitish, an aunt of the children.

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By WILLIAM CHAPMAN

MOSES LAKE, Wash. UP -

Men created an irrigated, cultivated and fully equipped farm from the desert Thursday and presented the \$50,000 package to the nation's "most deserving veteran."

Construction of farm buildings, planning of crops, landscaping, road building, wiring and plumbing took less than 24 hours.

The farm, complete with shop tools, furniture, livestock and even a dog and a cat, was presented to Donald D. Dunn, 30, who was named the nation's most deserving veteran in a national contest judged by the veterans of foreign wars.

Farm - in-a-day was a feature attraction of the Columbia Basin Festival marking completion of the greatest irrigation project ever attempted - a shifting of part of the Columbia river onto the sage-drieked desert of eastern Washington.

The project - based on mammoth Grand Coulee dam and begun 20 years ago - was to become a reality at 4:30 p.m. PST when Michael Strauss, commissioner of reclamation, turned the valve to signify wedding of the precious water and the arid land.

Dunn's farm - in-a-day was the first to be settled and irrigated under the basin project. In Othello, Wash., Saturday, the federal government will conduct a land drawing to determine which of the eligible applicants for basin homesteads will be allowed to purchase some 199 farms to be available in 1952. Other farms will become available each year.

The farm - in-a-day winner was an Army tank driver in Europe with the ninth army during World War II. Dunn was one of two men of his original overseas unit who was not killed or wounded.

When he returned from the war, he leased a 160-acre farm near that of his father in Marion, Kansas. The disastrous flood of the Ottonwood river on July 8, 1951, wiped him out.

With his wife - former high school sweetheart Vernetta Seibert - and their two daughters, Diana, 9, and Sally Ann, 5, he moved to Yakima, Wash., to sell farm implements. His selection from thousands of applicants for the package-model farm gave him a chance to try again on the land.

Construction of the farm began at 12:01 a.m. with the farm buildings. Each nail and each plank was labeled and timed to insure that the crew of carpenters and engineers would get the job done on schedule.

At dawn, 50 huge bulldozers and farm implements reared into the sagebrush flat to prepare the land and cultivate the earth. About 125 pieces of equipment were used in the job.

Crops planted on the farm included 15 acres of alfalfa, 12 of red clover and oats, six of legume pasture, 31 of beans, 10 of potatoes and five acres of corn.



THE DALLES, ORE., OCT. 29--(UP)--A DRAFT OF A BILL SETTING UP PROCEDURE FOR COMPENSATION OF INDIAN TRIBES SUBJECT TO INJURY BY CONSTRUCTION OF THE DALLES DAM WAS SENT TODAY TO SEN. GUY CORDON (R-ORE.).

IF THE BILL IS INTRODUCED AT THE NEXT SESSION OF CONGRESS, MACHINERY WILL BE SET IN MOTION FOR A PAYOFF ESTIMATED AT FROM \$20,000,000 TO \$100,000,000 (M)

THE MEASURE CALLS FOR APPRAISAL OF DAMAGES WHICH WILL RESULT FROM INUNDATION OF FISHING SITES AND ESTABLISHES A FORMULA FOR PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OVER A 10-YEAR PERIOD. T. LELAND BROWN OF THE DALLES, ATTORNEY FOR THE WARM SPRING INDIANS, DRAFTED THE BILL.

INVOLVED ARE SITES FROM WHICH TRIBESMEN HAVE DIPNETTED FOR SALMON IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER UPSTREAM FROM THE DALLES, CHIEFLY AT CELILO FALLS, SINCE LONG BEFORE THE WHITE MAN CAME TO THE OREGON COUNTRY.

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SPOKANE, OCT. 10.--(UP)--A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING WILL BE HELD HERE MONDAY ON THE PROPOSAL TO RESTORE 818,000 ACRES IN STEVENS AND FERRY COUNTIES TO THE COVILIE FEDERATED INDIAN TRIBES, REP. WALT HORAN, R., WASH., SAID TODAY. 1950

HORAN SAID MINING INTERESTS HAVE RAISED THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIONS TO RETURNING THE LAND. THE AREA WAS OPENED TO MINERAL ENTRY IN THE 19TH CENTURY BUT CLOSED IN 1934 WHEN GRAND COULEE DAM WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

BOTH SEN. WARREN G. MAGNUSON AND HORAN REPORTED THEY WOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.

SEN. JAMES E. MURRAY, D., MONT., WILL OPEN THE HEARING AT 10 A. M. AT THE SPOKANE COURTHOUSE.

PASCO, WASH., AUG. 16--(UP)--HISTORIC SACAJAWEA PARK AT THE MOUTH OF THE SNAKE RIVER WILL NOT BE ABANDONED WHEN THE BACKWATER FROM MCNARY DAM REACHES ITS HEIGHT, MILTON R. LONEY, WALLA WALLA, WASH., STATE PARKS COMMISSIONER, SAID TODAY.

THE PARK ORIGINALLY WAS SLATED FOR A NEW SITE, BUT LONEY SAID SOME LOW SPOTS IN THE PARK WILL BE FILLED IN ABOVE THE LAKE'S WATER LEVEL AND SOME BUILDINGS WILL BE MOVED TO HIGHER GROUND.

THE PARK IS THE SITE OF AN ANCIENT INDIAN CAMP GROUND NAMED AFTER THE INDIAN WOMAN WHO GUIDED LEWIS AND CLARK THROUGH THE NORTHWEST 145 YEARS AGO. THE EXPLORERS CAMPED AT THE PARK SITE FOR THREE DAYS DURING THEIR TREK TO THE OREGON COAST.

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MEXICO CITY, MEX., SEPT. 12.--(UP)--THE UNITED STATES WILL RETURN 69 HISTORIC BATTLE FLAGS TO MEXICO TODAY MORE THAN 100 YEARS AFTER THEY WERE CAPTURED BY AMERICAN TROOPS DURING THE MEXICAN WAR.

THE FLAGS WERE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ABOARD THREE U.S. AIR FORCE PLANES IN THE CARE OF A GOOD NEIGHBOR MISSION OF AIR FORCE, ARMY AND NAVY OFFICERS AND CADETS. THEY WILL BE PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT MIGUEL ALEMAN TOMORROW ON THE 103RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF CHAPULTEPEC.

THE BANNERS WERE CAPTURED DURING THE 1846-48 CAMPAIGN AND WERE EXHIBITED FOR MANY YEARS AT WEST POINT AND ANNAPOLIS.

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(VANCOUVER, WASH., AUG. 7--(UP)--THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THIS HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER CITY WAS IN FULL SWAY TODAY.

~~BECAUSE OF THE RAIN THE CELEBRATION WAS POSTPONED TO TONIGHT.~~

(THE CITY CALLS ITS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THE CENQUA. ALONG WITH THE HILLIARITY THAT ACCOMPANIES SUCH CELEBRATIONS, THERE WILL BE MOMENTS OF PRAYER AND AN OLD-FASHIONED--BUT NONE THE LESS VALID--WEDDING.

TWO PORTLAND RESIDENTS, BETTY LOUISE CORDER AND KELLEY JOHN PETERS, WILL BE MARRIED AT HIGGINS BOWL TONIGHT.

(EIGHT PIONEER SWEETHEARTS HAVE BEEN NAMED AND WILL REIGN THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVITIES. TUESDAY NIGHT THE CENQUA BALL IS SCHEDULED AND HISTORIC EXHIBITS AT ~~THE~~ FT. VANCOUVER WILL BE ON DISPLAY EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK.

(THE FIRST OF THREE CENQUA PAGEANTS IS SCHEDULED AT HIGGINS BOWL WEDNESDAY NIGHT. ~~THE~~ FT. VANCOUVER WILL BE ON DISPLAY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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WASHINGTON, JULY 27.--(UP)--THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SAID TODAY THAT NEGLECTED, BURNED-OVER AREAS IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER WATERSHED WERE PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEVERITY OF THE 1948 FLOOD, WHICH LEFT 38,000 HOMELESS.

IN A BULLETIN ENTITLED "HOW FOREST CONDITIONS AFFECTED THE 1948 COLUMBIA FLOOD," THE SERVICE SAID GOOD WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COULD HAVE REDUCED THE \$100,000,000 DAMAGE MATERIALLY.

THE BULLETIN CONCEDED THAT THE HEAVY RAINS AND SUDDEN SPRING THAW WOULD HAVE PRODUCED A FLOOD IN ANY CASE.

BUT IT SAID ABOUT 78,000,000 TONS OF SILT FROM OVERUSED FARM AND RANGE LAND WAS WASHED INTO THE COLUMBIA DURING THE FIRST 21 DAYS OF THE FLOOD. THE SITUATION WAS AGGRAVATED, IT ADDED, BY WATER AND DEBRIS POURING DOWN FROM 5,000,000 ACRES OF BURNED-OVER LAND AND BARE AREAS.

THE FOREST SERVICE MADE A PLEA FOR RESTORATION OF DENUDED AREAS, THOROUGH FIRE PROTECTION, MODERATE GRAZING, GOOD LOGGING PRACTICES AND EROSION CONTROL IN ROAD BUILDING.



ASTORIA, ORE., JULY 13.--(UP)--AN OREGON FISH COMMISSION BIOLOGIST ASSERTED TODAY THAT McNARY DAM ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER IS A "FISH TRAP" AND THAT THE SITUATION CONTINUES TO REMAIN CRITICAL FOR SALMON ESCAPEMENT.

DON MCKERNON, COMMISSION BIOLOGIST, SAID THAT THE MAINSTREAM FISH LADDER AT THE DAM WAS INOPERATIVE. HE SAID IT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN WORKING A WEEK AGO.

"WE'RE NOT CERTAIN WHAT CAUSED THE DELAY," MCKERNON SAID, "BUT WE ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT."

FISH WERE BEGINNING TO MILL BELOW THE LADDER ON THE WASHINGTON SIDE OF THE RIVER, MCKERNON REPORTED. HE SAID THE DISCOLORATION OF THE BLUEBACKS THERE INDICATED THEY HAD BEEN WAITING SEVERAL DAYS TO GET OVER THE DAM.

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WASHINGTON UP - Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay reported yesterday that 432 farms totalling 41,608 acres will be offered for homesteading or sale by the Bureau of Reclamation in 1954. Reclaimed land in the public domain will be offered for homesteading. A bureau spokesman said other land which the agency had purchased during development of a reclamation project would be sold at "ridiculously low" prices.

Veterans will be given preference in homesteading and purchase of the farms. The winners probably will be chosen by lot. The farms to be offered include: 254 farms of the Columbia Basin Project in Washington, to be made available in January, February and March.

85 in the North Side Pumping Division of the Minidoka Project in Idaho, to be opened in February.

21 in the Coachella Division of the All America Canal project in California, to be opened in March.

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SPOKANE UP - The Bureau of Land Management reported today it proposes to open up for homesites about 1240 acres of land across the Yakima River from Richland.

Area Manager Fremont W. Mc-reweather said the bureau's regional office in Portland directed him to begin surveying the land next week for division into one-to-five-acre tracts prior to classification.

The acreage is in three tracts of 640, 480 and 120 acres. One tract is adjacent to the Prosser-Richland Highway west of Richland.

The bureau returned to the land office about 8,000 acres of Tri-City area land which were labeled unsuitable for farming in the Columbia Basin irrigation program. Mc-reweather said he hoped the acreage could be made available for homesites.



Editors Note: This is the second in a series of articles on the Washington Territorial Centennial.  
By DICK ANDERSON

To tell the Washington Story to the people of Washington is the objective of the Territorial Centennial; bring it into every home to the degree where state pride boils over the rest of the nation.

That in essence is the scheme of the Centennial people, and they insist that it isn't grandiose, that the story of Washington's growth in the past 100 years is one of the most dramatic in history.

There's a second aim, too. Through knowledge of the first century gain, inspiration to play our part in the development of the century ahead.

Achieving those aims has meant, and still means, toil, time and ideas by thousands of Washington residents. It is their belief that fully 1,000,000 and more people in Washington know practically nothing of the state's early history.

The story is a long one. It goes back to the 16th century and the times of Juan de Fuca, Hecata, Quadra Quimper for Spain, Cook and Vancouver for Britain; then Gray and Kendrick for the young Republic of America.

Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark got the first real look at what is now Washington, in 1805. Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Whitman, Cushing Eels and Elkanah Walker in the 1830's, the Hudson's Bay Co., and finally thousands of pioneers in covered wagons along the treacherous Oregon Trail kept the story moving.

The foundation of a new empire was being laid when John Jackson settled on the prairie south of Chehalis in 1845. Then things started to happen fast.

As part of the Oregon Territory, northern folks could see difficulties in securing federal funds, school funds, lighthouses, post-offices, private capital and industries.

One councilman and one representative in the Oregon Legislature was hardly enough, so talk of a new territory came easily. F o u r t h of July celebrations shouted for action in 1851 and 1852.

The Cowlitz Landing convention was held Aug. 27, 1851. A petition was drawn up but it appeared lost or forgotten until the following Fourth when orator David Bigelow stirred his hearers with pleas for a new territory. The Monticello Convention, Nov. 25, got results and on the following Mar. 2, 1853, President Millard Fillmore signed the Act creating the Washington Territory, new home of but 5,000 whites, and thousands more Indians for neighbors.

The first governor, Isaac I. Stevens, visioned a new empire, the possibilities of world ocean commerce and particularly the need for railroads.

Since then, a single apple tree at Vancouver has become an industry producing more than 35,000,000 bushels worth \$75,000,000; pioneers milked a few below-par cows and today's farmers produce more than 2,000,000,000 pounds of milk worth about \$90,000,000; farm products now are worth half a billion; big trees, a problem to pioneers then, now give the state 4,000,000,000 board feet of lumber a year.

The story of this progress, with its dramatic chapters, is the story the Washington Centennial wants to tell its people.

Tomorrow! How the Washington Story will be told.



By HENRY G. CURTIS  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
BOISE, Idaho UP — The nation's Commissioner of Indian Affairs sat down here today with leaders of seven Pacific Northwest Indian tribes to help them get started on programs of self-help.

Commissioner Glenn Emmons said today's meeting was his seventh with tribal chiefs across the nation and he had received enthusiastic response from previous meetings where he outlined what the government would do for the Indians and what they could do for their own peoples.

The tribes involved in today's session were the Kootenai, Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce and Shoshone Bands of Idaho and the Colville, Spokane and Kalispell tribes of eastern Washington.

#### Government Program

The commissioner told reporters he would outline for the Indians the government's program to help them toward better health, education and economic development and would ask the tribes to supplement this help with programs of their own.

Emmons, a Gallup, N. M., banker before he became Indian commissioner in 1953, grew up in the heart of Navajo country and knows the problems which face America's Indian population. He has watched the population growth of the Navahoes and recognizes that reservation lands cannot support the non-vanishing Redmen as population continues to grow.

Many Indians will have to relocate off their reservations, and too many are not prepared for such a change in their way of life, he said.

"They have grown up under a paternalistic system," the commissioner explained. "There has been no program to give them responsibility."

#### Indian Development

Emmons emphasized that "we want the Indians to develop programs of their own" for their development and said he would discuss such programs with the tribal leaders here today and tomorrow.

Three top leaders from each of the seven tribes are meeting, one tribe at a time, with the commissioner to discuss their problems and programs. While one group is with Emmons, the other six tribes discuss with each other their ideas for terminating the dependent status of their peoples.

With Emmons here for the sessions are Thomas M. Reid, Washington, assistant commissioner of Indian Affairs; Homer B. Jenkins, Washington, chief of the bureau's tribal program, and Don C. Foster, Portland, area director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.



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YAKIMA UP -Miss Erna Gunther, University of Washington anthropologist, will be the principle speaker at the dedication of Painted Rocks State Park on the Naches Highway west of here Nov. 14.

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OLYMPIA, APRIL 29.--(UP)--RILEY TICKNOR, 94, AND MRS. MARY CAMPBELL GARSON, 89, WILL BE CROWNED KING AND QUEEN OF OLYMPIA'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WEDNESDAY, PIONEER DAY, WITH GOV. ARTHUR B. LANGLEIE OFFICIATING.

THE TWO PIONEERS ARE THE OLDEST MAN AND WOMAN BORN IN THURSTON COUNTY.

MRS. GARSON WAS BORN AT HAWKS PRAIRIE EAST OF OLYMPIA IN 1861. TICKNOR WAS BORN IN SKOOKUMCHUCK VALLEY NEAR TENINO IN 1865.

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SPOKANE UP - Gov. Arthur B. Langlie Thursday challenged the accuracy of the "Cotton Report" on the proposed Hells Canyon dam.

Speaking at a meeting of the Spokane Rotary Club, Langlie said the report contains errors on the cost of the three dams which the Idaho Power Company wishes to build on the Snake River. He added he agrees with congressman Walt Horan R-Wash. that a careful study should be made of the project.

The governor said the report, written by John S. Cotton, a former consultant engineer for the reclamation bureau, stated the company's three proposed dams would cost \$325,000,000 when plans show they would cost \$153,000,000.

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WASHINGTON UP - Representatives of state and local chambers of commerce in 11 western states will meet in San Francisco Sept. 30 to discuss the increased growth of federal land ownership, it was announced today.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States said a "major objective" of the conference would be to "re examine National Chamber policy on federal land ownership and management."

The chamber also said the group would consider "new techniques to implement the policy."

"National Chamber policy calls for the elimination of contradictions and complexities in the administration of federally-owned lands that private enterprise finds 'hard to live with,' " the chamber said.

"The policy also takes special note of tax difficulties in states where federal land ownership is extensive."

The chamber said that since 1911, the federal government has acquired more than 47,000,000 acres of land, 35,000,000 since 1933. Most of the government's land-holdings are in the West, it was pointed out.

The federal government owns about 54 per cent of the land in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Those states will be represented at the San Francisco conference.

The problem of taxation will be particularly considered at the meeting, the chamber said.

It said state and local governments cannot tax the federally-owned property within the various states and "in lieu of taxes, state and local governments receive part of the federal revenue from grazing fees, timber sales, mineral leases and royalties."

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RICHLAND UP - David F. Shaw, manager of the Hanford Atomic Works for the Atomic Energy Commission said today he believes the commission would "have tremendous interest" in General Electric Co.'s proposal to build a dual purpose generator for producing electric power as well as plutonium for A-bombs.

Company President Ralph Cordiner made the proposal yesterday while the board of directors was meeting here. The company operates the Hanford plant for the AEC.

Shaw said a number of things would have to be checked before the proposal was accepted. He said it would have to be approved both by the AEC and by Congress, but added he believed funds could be obtained from the next session of Congress "if the program should prove sound."

"Whether such a reactor would be located at Hanford would depend on such things as economic considerations, military dispersion and environmental protection," he said.

Cordiner announced yesterday GE was prepared to recommend to the AEC that it "proceed with the development and design followed by the construction and operation within five years, of a dual purpose reactor at Hanford."

Cordiner said the GE plan would "change the immense Hanford operation into a substantial producer of power. It will speed up the already rapid approach of the day when atomic fuel will power single-purpose electrical plants."

Shaw said the AEC had not yet received GE's proposal.



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BELLINGHAM UP -Indians of western Washington are preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of a treaty they have been battling in courts for many years.

The Inter-Tribal Council is making plans for the celebration next year. The treaty, which gave the United States 8,000,000 acres of land for a reported \$150,000, was signed in 1855 by Territorial Governor Isaac Stevens.

Inter-Tribal Council President Wilfred Steve said the tribes are still bitter over the end result of the treaty. He said Stevens pulled a "fast one" and that the white people have not performed properly in regard to medical and educational assistance as provided by the treaty.

"Although we will celebrate the signing of the treaty next year," said Steve, "we will continue our fight to correct it."

5 f AR13 Award al-717a5

2-5-54

WASHINGTON UP - The Bureau of Reclamation yesterday awarded a \$526,731.80 contract to Otis Williams & Co., Kennewick, Wash., for construction on the main canal of the Kennewick division, Yakima project, and Benton County, Wash.

The project is near the Hanford atomic energy plant.

Major features of the undertaking include earthwork for 9.4 miles of open canal, construction of 1.4 miles of concrete canal lining, furnishing and installing of gates, valves, and other metal work.

The Kennewick division of the Yakima project is more than 40 per cent complete. When finished in the fall of 1956 it will provide irrigation for 14,534 acres and the supplemental supply of water for 4,637 acres. There will be about 425 new homestead sites on public land in the project.

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RICHLAND UP -The Atomic Energy Commission will open bids April 14 for improving the Gable Butte Railroad inside the barricaded area of the Hanford Atomic Works, the AEC announced yesterday.

Opening of the bids originally was scheduled for March 17 but was delayed when AEC engineers changed some specifications for the work, which will include laying 1,935 feet of new track and replacing 2,850 feet of existing track.

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CELILLO FALLS, Ore. UP - The Mid-Columbia Salmon Festival, one of the oldest Pacific Northwest Indian ceremonies, will start here Friday, Chief Tommy Thompson, 103-year-old head man of the Celilo tribes, said today.

Indians from all parts of the region will gather for the festival which will include a memorial dance honoring Indian war heroes. The tribal leaders also will discuss recent congressional action affecting Indian affairs.



4-12-54

LONGVIEW UP - The Cowlitz County Public Utilities District has voted to join forces with other county districts in the formation of the Washington municipal power system, which would bypass the State Power Commission in acting on the proposed Priest Rapids dam.

The announcement was made by Earl J. Cole, temporary chairman of the Cowlitz PUD. He said the action is "not a declaration of war on the State Power Commission." He said the various PUD's were just going ahead under state laws set up for it to use.

The resolution is part of an alternate plan developed by the PUD after the state commission tabled its application for an operating agency to develop power resources. Grays Harbor, Grant, Mason and Douglas counties in Washington voted earlier to join in the power system, Cole said.

The resolution is authorized by a 1949 law. The law excludes cities from similar action, according to Cole, so the resolution will be more cumbersome than the one tabled by the commission, but will function adequately.

The new resolution is interpreted as being intended to expedite action on the power bill before Congress, which would allow either the State Power Commission or public utilities to build a 1,000,000 kilowatt Priest Rapid dam on the Columbia River.

Under terms of the 1949 law, the municipal power commission, if formed, would have the right to generate, produce, transmit, deliver, exchange, purchase and sell electricity, and members of the agency would have prevalent right to purchase electricity gen-

sell electricity, and members of the agency would have prevalent right to purchase electricity generated by the combine.

Cole said the PUD predicts a power shortage in the Northwest by 1960, and the section must have a thorough development program underway before that time.

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4-22-54

PASCO UP - Fisheries experts, who daily count the number of fish crossing Columbia River dams on their upstream trek, concluded today Indian fishermen had put the Indian sign on chinook salmon.

The experts figure that generally the Indians, who have perpetual rights under an 1856 treaty to fish at Celilo Falls on the Columbia, get about 60 per cent of the chinooks.

But recently, they apparently have been getting more than that. Monday the Bonneville Dam fish count showed 2,035 chinooks while 150 miles upstream at McNary Dam the count was 21. Tuesday, the McNary count was down to six. The figures were typical of the past several days.

In Yakima, however, State Fisheries Inspector Winfield Miller said the conclusion that Indians were taking larger than normal numbers of salmon was "premature."

He said the peak salmon run did not start at Bonneville until April 13 and it would take as long as two weeks for those numbers to reach McNary. He said because of low water in the river it might take even longer.

The experts said low water in the Columbia apparently was making the fishing easier for the Indians this year. But even the Indians' fishing days at Celilo are numbered. The historic fishing site will be covered by the backwaters of The Dalles dam which now is under construction.



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LONGVIEW UP -An engineering survey now being studied by the new Washington State Municipal Power System reports that a Priest Rapids dam site would be technically and economically sound.

The report estimated that two low dams costing 358 million dollars would produce 7,740,000,000 kilowatt hours of energy. One large dam, the report said, could be constructed for 412 million dollars, with a potential output of more than eight billion kilowatt hours.

Congress now has before it a bill which would relinquish federal control of the Priest Rapids site and make it available to utility groups such as the Washington Power Commission or the newly formed power system, which is made up of county P.U.D.s.

Easy passage of the bill is not predicted, since some lawmakers feel that a valuable precedent would be established if the federal government released control of the site.

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LAPWAI, Ida. UP - The Nez Perce Indians will use an exploit of a legendary tribal figure, Old Man Coyote, to show they should be paid more money for the loss of fishing rights at the Celilo Falls site on the Columbia River.

Nez Perce story-tellers say it was Old Man Coyote who created the Celilo Falls in the first place with one mighty swat of the hand.

The government contends the Nez Perces are only due payment for loss of minor fishing rights at the falls, which will be destroyed in two years when The Dalles dam is completed. Federal officials say the Nez Perces lived too far away to have done much fishing at Celilo.

But the Indians stick to their story of Old Man Coyote. According to the legend, Old Man Coyote -who was a master quick-change artist- was floating down the Columbia River disguised as an infant and riding in a small canoe. He came to the present site of Celilo Falls and discovered it had been dammed by five virgins.

This angered Old Man Coyote because it prevented salmon from swimming upstream for his people, the Nez Perces. Old Man Coyote changed himself into a giant and ripped the dam out with his mighty hand. This, according to the Nez Perces, explains why there are five jutting fingers of rock sticking out into the Columbia at Celilo. Old Man Coyote left his handprint.

Theodore Little, Clarkston, Wash., attorney for the tribe, said the existence of this legend proves the Nez Perce were accustomed to fishing at Celilo each year during the salmon season.

The government offered the Indians one million dollars for loss of fishing rights several months ago. The tribal council turned this down and employed little to press their claim for more money. The demand will be presented in several months, Little said.

Slug should be Nez Perce on above



10-4-54

OLYMPIA UP - Gov. Arthur B. Langlie today appointed a 10-member committee to direct the state's observance of the 150th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition next year.

The Washington committee members will work with delegations from North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Oregon in celebrating the Lewis and Clark sesquicentennial. Chapin D. Foster of Tacoma, director of the Washington Historical Society, is chairman of the group to coordinate plans of all participating states.

Members of the Washington committee are Foster; Superior Judge Thomas Jordan, Clarkston; Mrs. E. H. Kidwell, Pasco; Watson Totus, Yakima; Lester Huntington, Kelso; Mitchell Doumit, Cathlamet; Ray L. Bachman, Vancouver; Frank Turner, Ilwaco, and C. E. Johns, Olympia.

7-28-54

THE DALIES, Ore. UP - A commercial fish buyer from Yakima, Wash., was found innocent yesterday of illegally possessing 44,000 pounds of salmon during the closed season last year.

Myrl Rowley, the buyer, was found innocent in Wasco County Circuit Court in a verdict reversing a Justice Court ruling last year.

The salmon were caught by Indians at Celilo Falls, who are allowed by law to fish for subsistence during the closed season.

Wasco County District Attorney Donald Heisler said that it appears from the verdict that commercial fish buyers can store salmon caught by Indians during the closed season, and then buy the fish when the season opens.

Heisler said he will confer with U. S. Attorney Ed Luckey and the Oregon Fish Commission for a possible remedy to the situation created by the verdict.

A ny substantial increase in salmon caught during the closed season would have an adverse effect on future salmon runs, the district attorney said.

The closed season is intended to promote salmon spawning and provide future runs.

12-2-54

RICHLAND UP - Workers on a construction project at the Hanford atomic works have found what appears to be a petrified forest.

Arnold Sather, partner in the Buchanan Sather Construction Co., said at least 25 large trees had been uncovered 30 feet below the surface in the Wahluke Slope area behind the security barricade. Some of the trees were in an upright position, he said.



12-29-54

PASCO UP -The Northern Pacific Railroad will sell 3,964 acres of land for Columbia Basin irrigation project farms next month, R. G. Lindgren, NP land department engineer, said today.

He said the release of the land for farming would be the largest single sale of railroad land received under terms of the 1864 Federal Railroad Land Grant Act since President Abraham Lincoln signed the bill.

The units to be sold, located in basin block 16 between Glade and Eltopia, range in size from 132 to 240 acres. They will be sold for process set by government appraisers at from \$8 to \$16 per acre.

Lindgren also predicted a large portion of the 4,000 acres owned by the NP in the Kennewick Highlands division of the Yakima project would be released for sale next year.

5 fksk AR30 Tests al-1026a29

12-29-54

EPHRATA UP -Seismic tests at the upper Priest Rapids dam site of Beverly have been completed, Glenn A. Smothers, manager of the Grant County Public Utility District, said today.

He said drilling operations now could begin as soon as a diamond drill, broken yesterday, was replaced.

The PUD holds a preliminary license from the Federal Power Commission to make preparatory studies toward building the proposed Priest Rapids dam or two dams at Priest Rapids and Beverly on the Columbia River.

247 AR9 Indian al-704a18

12-18-54  
AP

PORTLAND, Ore. UP - The Yakima Indian tribe yesterday signed an agreement accepting a 15 million dollar offer by the federal government for damages to Celilo Falls fishing by construction of The Dalles dam.

The agreement is the same one accepted more than a year ago by Warm Springs and Umatilla Indians. The Yakimas suspended negotiations with the Corps of Engineers in 1953, but returned to the conference table after two years of record low fish runs.

Settlement was reached in the office of Col. James U. Moorhead, Portland district engineer. It was based on the estimated return of about \$600,000 annually from a total of 24 million dollars given the several Indian tribes by the federal government.

Celilo fishing rights were given the Indians in an 1855 treaty.

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1-25-55

EPHRATA UP -Rock at the Priest Rapids site on the Columbia River is suitable for supporting a "medium sized" dam, Glenn Smothers, manager of the Grant County Public Utility District, said today.

Smothers said sub-exploration work at the Priest Rapids site was completed but that drilling was being continued to gather added data necessary for designing a dam there.

At the same time, he said, sub-exploration work at the Beverly site upstream was underway. The PUD is studying the two sites under a preliminary permit from the Federal Power Commission.



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OLYMPIA UP - Washington's  
redmen went on the warpath here  
last night against a proposed con-  
stitutional amendment which  
would, in effect, give the lands  
back to the Indians and make  
them pay for it.

Under discussion was a Senate  
resolution which would permit the  
taxation of Indian lands. They  
don't want the measure, according  
to most of the testimony at a pow-  
wow conducted by the Senate Con-  
stitutions, elections and apportion-  
ments Committee.

But there was a self-styled  
"renegade" in the crowd. Mrs.  
Mary Wong, a Colville Indian who  
is married to a Tacoma Chinese  
restaurateur, has six children and  
is 40 years old, although she  
doesn't look it, said the whole kit  
and kaboodle should be integrated.

What pretty Mrs. Wong wants  
is the Indians to lose their iden-  
tity as separate nations.

"It's high time we just became  
plain citizens of this country, in-  
stead of just wards," said Mrs.  
Wong.

She didn't speak at the hearing  
but she presented her "brief" to  
Sen. Victor Zednick, chief of the  
committee, after the pow-wow had  
ended.

She backed up what Richard C.  
Watts, executive secretary of the  
Association of County Commis-  
sioners, had to say. He said the  
Indians were "unduly excited,"  
over the proposed amendment,  
which by the way was introduced  
by Sen. Eugene Ivy at the gover-  
nor's request.

But Watts might as well have  
been talking to the totem pole  
that stands on the north side of  
the capitol grounds.

Chief Bill Steeve, a Tulalip rep-  
resenting the Inter-Tribal Council  
of Western Washington, said his  
30 tribes didn't go for the pro-  
posed constitutional amendments.

"We do not think the Indians  
of western Washington are pre-  
pared to go out into the state and  
accept the responsibility," said  
Chief Steeve.

Chief Eagle Selassee of the Yak-  
imas backed up his brother from  
the Puget Sound country. Louis  
Orr of the Colvilles and Louis  
Andrews of the Spokane tribe both  
spoke against the proposed amend-  
ment as did Louis Wapato.

And Sen. Harry Wall, a mem-  
ber of the committee, said he had  
lived on a reservation for five  
years, and leased land from the  
Indians to operate his mill.

"I've had dealings with the In-  
dians for 25 years," said the  
Chelan Republican. "This is tak-  
ing too much from them."

It was likeacking ivy up  
against the wall. "This is the  
Indians' last stand," said the  
Chelan lawmaker.

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1 1 AR18 Checks al-1018a8

3-8-55

WELLIPINIT UP - Some 1,200  
members of the Spokane Indian  
tribe are scheduled to receive \$100  
timber and mineral royalty checks  
from the federal government, the  
Indian Agency announced today.  
The payments are from regular  
Indian trust funds and include no  
uranium royalties, the agency  
said.



3-7-55

CLARKSTON UP - The Nez Perce Tribe soon will submit its claim for loss of fishing rights at Celilo Falls on the Columbia River when the Dalles Dam is completed, tribal attorney Ted Little said today.

Little said Idaho's congressional delegation promised at a conference last week to

delegation promised at a conference last week to aid the Indians in their claim for about \$6,500,000 for fishing rights which will be lost when the Dalles Dam pool covers the falls.

The tribe will present its claim to the corps of Army Engineers in Portland, he said. The engineers already have acknowledged that the Nez Percés have a claim for payment, he said, and the government has settled fishing claims with the Umatilla, Yakima, and Warm Springs tribes.

b wvy. AR26 Atomic jh1142a21

3-21-55

RICHLAND UP - The atomic age moved into this southeastern Washington desert region 12 years ago, but only a handful of persons were aware of it at the time.

On that date in 1943, a small group of officials from the Army Corps of Engineers moved into Hanford, population 125, to begin laying the ground work for the Hanford Atomic Project.

All the people of Hanford and nearby Whitebluffs, also with about 125 persons, knew was that they had been ordered to sell their property to the government and move out. Both hamlets, long since vanished, are now deep within the 600-square mile Hanford Reservation.

Before the end of 1943, little Hanford had mushroomed to a population of 5,100 construction workers. That figure remained steady but the population itself was shifting. As many as 2,500 men were known to quit their jobs in one day after a windstorm. Not until August, 1945, did they know they had helped to build the home of the atomic bomb.

Today only a few sand-covered streets and some concrete foundations mark the site of the once booming construction camp.

Fewer than two dozen of the original Hanford Plant personnel still are connected with the plutonium production force which now numbers about 8,900. Some 4,500 construction personnel are at work on expansion of the sprawling project.

As for a birthday celebration, there isn't any. Hanford just goes on producing plutonium as usual.

5 f7 AR34 Park al-1002a10

2-11-56

WHITE SWAN UP -Gov. Arthur B. Langlie has accepted an invitation to participate in the dedication of Fort Simcoe State Park southwest of here Aug. 12, the park dedication committee said today.

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4-28-55

WALLA WALLA UP - Officials of Inland Navigation Company said today they would not start proposed barge operations on the Snake River between Pasco and Lewiston, Idaho, until next year.

They said the navigation probably would start in the spring. Army engineers expect to complete surveys of the river this summer with the Coast Guard expected to begin installing navigational markers by fall.

247 AR19 Start al-908a3

SPOKANE UP - Construction work on Priest Rapids dam on the Columbia River may be started next July, Glenn B. Smothers, manager of Grant County Public Utility District, said today.

Contractors will start by next July if the Federal Power Commission grants the construction license for Priest Rapids and Wanapum dams within the next few months, Smothers said.

An approval by the commission soon also would mean bids for construction of Priest Rapids dam could be opened next February, Smother said. He added the dam would be producing electrical energy in 1960 and Wanapum dam could be started in 1958 for operation in 1962.

"There is more demand for power than the two dams will produce," Smothers declared. "If Grant County is to get any power it will have to cut back on the power demands of others."

Priest Rapids generators will have a capacity of about 640,000 kilowatts and Wanapum will be rated at about 560,000 kilowatts.

The overall project was expected to cost 349 million dollars which would be amortized in 30 years. Plans have been made with a syndicate of bankers to market revenue bonds to finance the project.

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PORTLAND, Ore. UP - Bonneville Power Administration's solicitor today issued an opinion that cleared the way for BPA to cooperate in a partnership plan with licensees in "wheeling" Priest Rapids dam power to load centers over federal transmission lines.

Administrator William A. Pearl announced the clearance today in a notice sent to G. A. Smothers, manager of the Grant County PUD at Ephrata, Wash. Negotiations had been under way since last spring.

Dr. Pearl said, "The project should be integrated with federal projects presently constructed or under construction through use of the federal grid."

He said "it was not the intent of Congress that the licensees should be forced to construct duplicate transmission facilities."

If the PUD enters into a contract with Bonneville for use of federal lines, it would represent the first such "wheeling" contract in the Northwest.

Pearl pointed out that the BPA high voltage transmission system connects the various federal and non-federal projects, making possible the Northwest Power Pool.

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3-15-56

SPOKANE UP -The Bureau of Reclamation is studying proposed eastern Washington irrigation projects involving about 108,000 acres, upper Columbia division planning officer Charles Hazen reported yesterday.

Scheduled for study during the next fiscal year are the 3,000 acre Plymouth division of the McNary project on the north bank of the Columbia River and a 400,000 acre feet supplemental storage project at Bumping Lake for the Yakima project.

The 10,000 acre Milton-Freewater project near the Walla Walla River is almost completed.

An 85,000 acre Eureka Flats project between the Snake and Touchet rivers will be started this summer and another 10,000 acre project on the Touchet River between Dayton and Waitsburg also is being studied.

A study is being made of rehabilitation of the Hayden Lake unit of the Rathdrum project in northern Idaho, Hazen said.

Bids will be called this month on the first phase of construction of the 3,100 acre Foster Creek division of the Chief Joseph Dam near Bridgeport.

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6-14-56

*Click* PORTLAND UP - John P. Drummond of the Portland area office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been designated acting superintendent of the Colville Indian Agency.

Drummond is being sent to the reservation to take over the duties of Floyd H. Phillips, who is taking a month's leave of absence because of illness. Drummond will be acting superintendent of the Colville Agency from June 18 through June 30.

5 f AR13 Ask al-626a19

9-18-56

WASHINGTON UP -The Interior Department said today it may ask Congress to pass legislation to protect timberlands of the Klamath Indians in Oregon when federal supervision of the tribe's affairs is withdrawn.

The department said the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been directed to review the program for withdrawing federal trusteeship under the Klamath Termination Act of 1954, with a view to preparing "appropriate" amendments to present to Congress early next year.

Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton said the end of federal trusteeship should be scheduled so that no sale of the ponderosa forest will either harm the sustained yield program or result in marketing the Indian holdings at small "firesale" prices.

The department said the timberlands, which cover 745,000 acres and hold 4.2 billion board feet of timber, are the Klamath's "greatest asset."



9-5-56

PENDLETON, Ore. UP -The Umatilla Indian Tribal Council served notice yesterday 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, said 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. The 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 previous studies of Professor Ray in the early 1930's 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 claim to all of Walla Walla County in Washington and Umatilla, Morrow, Grant, and Union counties in 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. "We are prepared to present our claims and we are confident we will establish title to a large area of land," he added.

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AR11 Bridge al-711a23

EPHRATA UP - Work on a bridge spanning the Columbia River at the Priest Rapids dam site has been delayed because contractors have been unable to drive supports into the river's rock bed, it was announced yesterday.

A spokesman for Merritt-Chapman & Scott, primary contractors for the dam, said large wooden cribs which will serve as a base for the bridge are being sunk in the river.

The bridge is being built for use by the contractors for transporting construction material across the Columbia.

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1-23-57

5 f AR13 Indians al-753a7

OLYMPIA UP -A bill was introduced in the House today that would give the state criminal and civil jurisdiction over Indians and Indian lands when a tribal council or other governing body of a tribe requested such action.

However, the Colville, Spokane and Yakima nations could not ask for such jurisdiction without a two-thirds majority vote of the adult tribal members.

Nothing in the act would authorize property taxation, acquisition of water rights or violation of treaty rights.

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