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WILLIAM RIOKARD, President
Longhouse League of North American Indians.
SUBTEOT: State and Yakima Tribal Jurisdiction.

F bring to your attention, and to other Indian Tribes throughout the United states, on the matter of WASHIVGTON BTATE $\nabla$. YAKIMA TRIBAL JURISDICTION. A caption of the news report taken from our local papers on this matter, is attached herewith which explains the controversy. This attempt, you will note, is another demonstration to usurp the functions of tribal govemments in this case by the State of Washington. Same pattern is used, as it was within your own ResERVE in/by tho State of now York based on "Hitserian Philosophy". A crime which was committed against your people by that state, in the "land grab" by the Power Authority, the decision of which resulted in favor for the State of New York which wa upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States. Such arbitrary decision the world is aware, and one which violated your Treaty of 1778-1784. and the Onstitution of the United States discarded as worthless paper. Wo too, possess such a Treaty with the United States, and is in the process of being ignored and violabed. Those who has raised the Issue of State and Tribal Jurisdiction, fail to realize that the Indian tribes throughout the continental United states, are legally as Mover reign Nations ${ }^{\text {n }}$ and are not subjects of this government. The United states merely aSSUMES THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND GONTHOL OVER THE INDIHNS in the same manor as fitter did in and during the reign of terror in hie time. There appears to be no right of the Indians Which public officials feel that they need to respect. Members of the Yakima Indian Nation are, by the virtue or their Treaty as a sovereign notion and cannot be made anenable tc State jurisdiction. We do not receive any REVIUU from any source of the business enterprises nod in existence within our reserve for which we are entitled to. Vo did not request the introduction of LI UOR within our reserve. We did not ask the citizens of this territory g to reside within our reserve and establish their business enterprises without the consent of the tribe. We did not ask them to establish their cities within our reserve then later raise the issue on jurisdiction and liquor problem. health and welfare, etc. etc. etc. Indeed, these ismues arc op their (the whitemans) own making, and it is ho who has to resolve them. In conjunction with what I have just stated and which is attached herein and for your information. I cite to you a portion of the Treaty of June, I855, of the Yakima Indian Nations a treaty Which has continwally been violated in one form or another of which we are very much concerned.

We do not intend to shirk off our responsibilities as a tribes we do not intend to oppose law and order in any form so long as that law remains with the tribe to work In harmony with ours white neighbors and so long as the Congress in whose charge and asaumptive powers is vested, permits the Indian tribes to exerelae their RIGHTS in the same manner as other nations based on justice, freedom, and equality. You will note from the news report, that one individual desiree to Dissoivell our Indian Reservation. The truth of tho matter is, the Bureau of Indian Affairs. is the branch of this gowerament that should be disbolved. It would save the pasepayers some money.

## PORTION: OF ABTIOLTS $I_{1} 2$, and 9 , of the THEATY OP JUNE 9, I855, Yakima Indian Nation.

"confederated tribe e and bands of Indians, occupying lands hereinafter bounded and described and lying in Washington Territory, who for the purposes of this Treaty are to be considered as MONE HATION", under the name of "Yakima".......

台 11 which tract shall be set apart and, so far as necessary, surveyed and marked out p for the exclusive use and benefit of said confederated tribes and bands of Indiana an an Indian Reservations nor shall any white man, excepting those in the caploynont of the Indian Department, be permitted to reside upon the said reservation without perm= ission of the Tribe and the superintendent and agent.
"The and confederated tribes and band of Indians desire to exclude from the lr rear wation the use of ardent, spirits, (alcohol or more prominently known ag Alky, and fused oil) and to prevent their people from drinking the same"........ End of quotations.

Fraternally yours,


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## Gentlemen of the Press:

It was announced that Actor LEO CARRILLO sold I, 000 acres of his big Ranch in San Diego County for $\$ 1.5$ million. That Mr. Carrillo still has 3,500 acres remaining valued at more than $\$ 4$ million.

Now, certain claims of Indians are pending before the CLAIMS COMMISSION of the United States, through the loss of their lands in one form or another. Some have been paid most of them have not, based on the value of such lands dating as far back as IOO years. Such is the case of the Indians in the State of California.

90 million acres of lands were taken from the California Indians without the formality of paying for them. In I959, the Claims Comission finally agreed after much hackling, awarded the California Indians of some IO,000, a settlement for the 90 million acres at the value of fifty-cents (\$ . 50) per acrefor a total amount of $\$ 4,500,000.00$. This figures per capita per person of $\$ 450,00$.

It is interesting to note, the difference in the valuation, acreage, the sale of one party and compensation of another. And so it goes, round and round the clock to live in the socalled competitive world, or should we say in a system of a stupid world. Where the old phrase has always existed, "I've got mine, you get yours the best way you can, "attitude. It seems to appear that same fashion patterned after the same manner of a decision, whatever the case may be, is used in making settlements to the Indians for the loss of their lands. MR. PUBLIC, is there any solutionof the depravity we have fallen into?

Sincerely yours,
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