

The Oregon Journal, city desk

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Attn: Cluff

Dear Sir:

I told you on the phone today--Saturday--that an explanation would be forthcoming for the call regarding the auto and plane fatalities.

I figured from our experience in shagging them you'd also have a hard time, and if they were to do you any good before they got too long whiskers on them I figured I should hit the phone. I'd have been delayed a couple of hours punching them out to the Seattle AP.

If the desk didn't reverse the toll, that will be ok. I'll take it out on a cup of coffee some time when I come to Portland.

I writing, I decided to stick in a clipping--and an advance circular -- strictly for your information only. I've already been in contact with your book dept. Anyway and because of the delay in granting the construction license for the Priest Rapids and Wanapum Dam I've prevailed on the publisher to hold off on the book, so as not to jeopardize my "brothers," in what small security such as setting up a home for them at Priest Rapids is in store. Having missed out on the publication date, and because the publisher is behind on his schedule, it will probably be late next summer before the book is out. Moreover, since the book is not one of the many vanity publications now in vogue, I'm in no position to dictate terms to the publisher.

The Indians and I will be hitting the trail to Seattle, Portland Spokane etc. some publication. They're good copy and should be so as time goes on what with removal of the rock carvings from their

island, etc.

I've only been in the Northwest now 10 years and have been pretty confined to the office at Yakima and my research, but on my occasional visits to Portland, I'll try one of these times to drop in and say hello.

Incidentally Bert Quigley has done my cover for me. I am sure you are familiar with his work.

This seems a roundabout explanation for the followthrough I promised. I didn't think of it that way when I phoned. It would have been much easier to put it out via AP but the filer was out to lunch and I was swamped on the desk at the time.

Until I have occasion to see you personally,

Sincere regards

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