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Drummers and Dreamers

Of Priest Rapids

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endsheets

On ^{the} ~~one~~ of the ~~last~~ ^{Westerly} frontiers, where ~~a~~ ^{a Restless, eager} ~~river~~ ^{Rushes}
~~seaward~~ ^{through} a desolation of sand dunes, sagebrush ~~and~~ basalt cliffs,
~~has found an interpreter. He deals, in, a sureness of treatment,~~
~~a remnant of Indians living~~ ^{with a Remnant band of Indians and the land colonization of the Northwest.}

The eight survivors of the once numerous tribe dwell in the last tule
mat long house. They are Wanapums or River People of the Dreamer
faith, descendants of the final historic and mysterious Prophet,
Smowhala. His philosophy extended ^{into} tribes throughout Washington,
Oregon and Idaho and into Northern California and British Columbia
during the crucial days of ~~surrender~~ the Indians' surrender
to a new way of life. ^{And it did with profound effect.}

[The ~~once possessed vast~~ ^{land holdings}
~~once possessed by the River People~~ ^{is being rapidly altered} ~~by such~~
^{Atomic Age undertakings}
~~land settlements~~ ^{as the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project,}

^{handy} the Hanford Atomic Energy Project, ~~and~~ the Yakima Firing Range, and the still
^{And River men.} cattlemen, ~~and~~ land owners. Finally all that is left to the handful

of River People whom Lewis and Clark called the Solkuks, and estimated at ~~±~~
two to three thousand persons, is the Priest Rapids Dam site which they
occupy ^{only} by sufferance and moral rights. ^{The dam is the first proposed}

^{OF such magnitude under the Administration's Policy of Cooperative}
~~development~~ ^{Now} ~~is threatened by the Priest Rapids Dam~~

~~project, the first power partnership proposal under the Republican~~
~~administration that was born in 1952.~~ ^{But the} "anapums do not

complain nor attempt to block progress. Believing like their ancestors

^{federal-state-local development of water resources and would}
^{cost an estimated 364 million dollars}

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Click Relander, born near Danville, Indiana, was a farm boy. He lived with his aunt

that the world does not owe them a living, they ask little of those who have always ignored them. They have sought, without success, a wasteland acreage in the home of their ~~ancestors~~, ^{ancestors} where they may ~~finish their~~ ^{finish their} days, worship as they wish, retain their ancient culture and earn their own living. Their ancient belief prevented them from homesteading land when it was available.

Only in recent years have these people opened their hearts to the ~~mysteries~~ ^{mysteries} they have long ~~secreted~~ ^{hidden} in the past, and this they have done to a ~~suyapo~~ ^{to whom} or white man they have given the Wanapum name of Now Tow Look.

In telling the story the author, Click Relander or Now Tow Look has delved into the ~~history~~ ^{fascinating culture} of cognate tribes ~~with which the Wanapums fraternized~~ ^{preserved}. He has ~~gathered~~ ^{chronicled} extensive material concerning the little known and now extinct Palouse Nation that existed to the east of the Wanapums. He has ~~written~~ ^{chronicled} the story of the northern Chief, Moses, about whom much has been said but little has been written.

There is ~~material~~ ^{a picturesque account of} too, ~~about~~ long-slumbering Fort Simcoe in the Yakima Valley because it was historic and had its influence upon ~~the~~ ^{not} ~~only the Wanapums but the Northwest~~.

The ~~presentation of cause and effect~~ ^{informal presentation of scarcely-known tales} ~~has its setting in an area~~ ^{has its setting in an area} ~~scarcely known history~~, in which the future of ~~the Northwest~~ ^{through} is still being chronicled by development of irrigation,

navigation and hydroelectric and atomic power, ~~beyond any dream~~ ^{a short lifetime ago}.

Following his profession as a newspaperman, ~~Click~~ ^{well} Relander came to Yakima nine years ago, ~~equipped~~ ^{well} to become a friend and brother of the Wanapums of Priest Rapids by many years of close study of ~~the almost~~ ^{the almost} extinct tribes ~~and bands~~ in California's San Joaquin Valley.