

April 8, 1963

Miss Marilyn Hotz, national director,  
Sales Literature Section,  
The United Christian Missionary Society,  
222 South Downey Ave. Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

Refer: Inv. 62.29, April 4

Dear Miss Hotz:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about Strangers on the Land. This letter, sent to the Franklin Press, Yakima was turned over to me by the Franklin Press which published, but does not handle "Strangers."

Alex Saluskin, chairman of the Yakima Tribal Council is pleased to send you a review or inspection copy of the tribal publication which although paper bound runs to 63,000-65,000 words, as long as the standard size book. It is footnoted, for documentation and is concerned with more than just the story of the Yakima Indian Nation. It tells what is happening to Indian tribes throughout the entire country to retain some semblance of tribalism, an opportunity to utilize land reserved by their ancestors from vast areas, and through development of these resources enable the people to obtain a higher standard of living than now possible. This they are attempting to do while pressure groups, greedy for the last bit of Indian land now they occupy all the rest, resort to legislation etc. to gain this control, while friends of fair play and the American Indians sit quietly by. The answer, in the future, is obvious, a large percentage of American Indians on welfare and subject to the "charity" of and inclinations of the majority race, in possession of their land and timber and profiting from it. Until this land became of known value, little attention was paid to it or Indians.

Various trends are noted in this everlasting conflict: "Make citizens or first class citizens of Indians." (They are citizens, the inference is they receive federal assistance. There is little federal assistance, most tribes operating on revenue from their own resources. And Indians are as much first class citizens as farmers, who receive government subsidies, veterans, cattlemen or most any other American group).

However the book is plain and to the point and will speak for itself. Copies of it may be obtained through the Yakima Tribe, box 632, Toppenish, Washington at \$2.25 a copy. Dealers and libraries are entitled to discount for two or more copies, making the sales price \$1.35 per unit for \$2.25 retail.

Sincerely

Click Relander

Miss Hotz:

I hope the publication proves the type desired among various groups.

There was not a large issue and through promotion, libraries in the Northwest have purchased copies of it (Seattle Public 21 copies, Seattle rural 15 copies) and there have been many orders from universities, colleges, etc.

I don't know whether you operate a "sales service" or not, but if you do, you would be entitled to dealer discount and I would be glad to send copies in lots, postpaid, to you. Since the tribe is not set up to promote the book and have been too busy with other more important activities I have assisted in this manner. I withdraw copies, mail them out etc. and turn in checks for other books. All checks are made out to the Yakima Tribe which financed the publication, and the low cost was possible only through offering it virtually at printing cost.

How are things in my home state of Indiana? I am a native of (near) Danville, Hendricks County and lived there off and on until high school. My brother lives in Indianapolis.

If you merely list such and such a type material, purchasable from such and such a place, (providing the material is of the kind desired), then it would be orders filled through the Yakima Tribe, Toppenish, Washington, Yakima Indian Agency, box 632. (I pick up these orders and mail out the copies).

If there is any point not covered, I will be glad to answer any specific question.

Sincerely Yours

Click Relander

April 8, 1963

Miss Marilyn Hotz, national director,  
Sales Literature Section  
Department of Service

The United Christian Missionary Society

Dear Miss Hotz:

The Franklin Press of Yakima turned over your letter concerning a copy of Strangers on the Land, for inspection or review.

A copy is being mailed with tonight's mail, although this is being sent airmail. Enclosed is a detailed letter.

Thank you very much for your inquiry. If you desire another copy be sent to another individual, please drop me a note.

I hope we may hear further from you about Strangers on the Earth, and the Yakima Indian Nation will be grateful.

Sincerely Yours

Click Relander



April 8, 1963

Mr. Marcu Maddux, secretary  
To Mr. Kirby Billingsley, mgr.,  
Public Utility District No. 1  
of Chelan County, Wenatchee, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The Yakima Tribal office passed on to me your letter and two books to be sent to you. I have taken the liberty to inscribe them. Sorry I did not know of your wish before this reached the tribal office, as I am sure various officials there would have granted my request to withdraw books for your purposes.

I am looking forward to visiting Hooky Reach and meeting you, having known some of the fellows from the Grant County Office (I sculptured the Priest Rapids dedication plaque) and Indian sculpture is one of the pursuits I follow.

My Drummers and Dreamers, a hard cover book is out of print and I have only one copy. In Strangers on the Land, however, are 63,000 to 65,000 words, the size of a normal paginated book. It's presentation in this form was to permit its sale at so low a price and this was a tribal project with funds from the book to pay for its publication. It is having very wide distribution.

You will find some material in it in close proximity to Hooky Reach. The reference, place names etc. regarding Moses Coulee and Chief Moses. I have been working on a high relief plaque of that individual. Dr. Robert

Ruby of Moses Lake, who with John Brown of "enatchee ~~xxxxx~~ College have made a long study of Chief Moses and have prepared an outstanding manuscript on him, has done me the honor of suggesting the use of a photo of this on the book, pending approval of publisher, etc. I do not know that his book will be published yet, since the manuscript is being circulated to the best publishers who take dim views of Indian material (although it sells very well). But the work is the best in its field I have seen and a very thorough study of the "Moses Country" as well.

- I am looking forward to meeting some of your staff, as early as conditions permit. And I am especially looking forward to seeing your Indian "display."

Most Sincerely

Click Relander

Mrs. W. N. Faulkner,  
611 4th Ave. N.E.,  
Puyallup, Wash.

April 9, 1963

Dear Mrs. Faulkner:

Thank you for your inquiry concerning books which the Yakima Tribe has turned over to me.

Strangers on the Land, paper covers contains 63,000 words and was issued in that format and put on sale at publishing cost of \$2.25 a vol.

There are some copies of a 1955 paper back publication, 1955-1955, The Yakimas still left. The book is now out of print and is \$2.00. I can provide either or both copies, withdrawing them from the tribe and paying for them.

Copies of "Strangers" are available at the Historical Society in Tacoma, and the Fox Book Co. in that city, and at Shorey's Book Store in Seattle and the Don Marche Book Dept. (Seattle store) among places I recall, also at J.K. Gill, Portland.

Drummers and preamers, a hard cover book, issued four years ago is out of print. (I have only one copy of my own, darn it!) It was published at \$6, and rare book dealers in New York, Chicago etc. at long intervals advertise in their catalogues copies of "Drummers" at \$12 and \$15 a vol. But in my opinion, "Strangers" is a much better book and contains much more Indian material. I spent several years on it. And it is documented (footnoted).

Sincerely Yours Click Melander

April 9, 1963

Ladys L. Pontain,  
1704 N.E. 150th St.,  
Seattle 25, Wash.

Dear Correspondent:

The Yakima Tribal Office sent me your letter inquiring about Strangers on the Land.

This book, paper covers but consisting of 63,000 words (the size of a normal book) was published at cost of \$2.25 a book. The low price covers the cost of publication.

A copy may be sent you for a check in that amount. It is handled by Shorey Book Store in Seattle and also by the Don Marche Book Dept. if you would like to see it first or acquire it from those places at that price.

Sincere thanks for your inquiry.

Click Relander



April 9, 1963

Mr. Bent Jensen,  
1821 D Street,  
Pullman, Wash.

Dear Mr. Jensen:

The Yakima Tribal office turned your letter over to me, and a copy of the tribal publication, Strangers on the Land, has been sent you. Despite its appearance it contains 63,000 to 85,000 words or as much as an ordinary size book. And years of background and months of writing and preparation went into the booklet. I will be glad to learn of your reaction to it.

The Armstrong Library is the repository for one of the best collections of "local level" material on the Yakimas with which I am familiar, the McWhorter Papers (See Nelson Ault's catalogue of them).

There are some "out of print" copies of another booklet, 1855-1955 the Yakimas, available for \$2 a copy. It is about the size of "Strangers" but larger printing and fewer words. You could inspect it at the library:

None of my Drummers and Dreamers, hard cover book are available. It was issued at \$6 and rare book dealers, four years later ask \$12 to \$15 when they have it. But I'm sure Armstrong Library also has it and you could scan it.

The Yakimas are appreciative of your order and your interest, especially inasmuch as you are from another land.

If you wish a copy of 1855-1955, (issued on occasion of the Yakima Indian Nation's Treaty Centennial in 1955, I could obtain one for you and send it to you.

Again, sincere thanks for your interest.

Click Belander