

Sept. 22, 1956

Mrs. Faith Cooke,
1810 Hunt,
Richland, Wash.

Dear Mrs. Cooke:

Thank you for your letter of September 18.

There will be some Indians travelling with me, probably only two when we pass through the Tri-cities area--although I will have several more in Portland, Seattle, Ephrata. And because of the death of the leading man, the tour is going to be rather in the form of a memorial.

The couple with me in the Tri-Cities may drum and sing a religious chant, but it cannot be called a dance, although they will be in costume and the man may, if he feels inclined, give a little dance demonstration but it will not be a "show."

I will try and have something interesting to offer your members.

We will be in Walla Walla until about 4 p.m. on October 17, the date, and if you think we could keep a dinner date, we would be most happy to do so, remembering the meeting starts at 7:30. I will leave that up to you people.

If you wish additional material on us--and I do not think it wise to name the Indians at this time--you may call Mr. Ted Van Arsdoll at the Columbia Basin News. He is well familiar with me and my work, and if you give him the material on your meeting, from your angle, he will take care of a story, I am sure.

I will try and live up to your expectations of an informative and entertaining evening, remembering that this is not a rehearsed road show but a serious approach of a serious subject of much more importance to all of us than most of us realize at this time. I say that after being called to Portland last Monday for consultation with Glenn L. Emmons, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who has been on the road since July, visiting representatives of every tribe in the United States.

I am getting quite snowed under now with letter writing and other promotional work, but please drop me a note if there are any questions I can answer in regards to the meeting.

Sincerely Yours

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