Young Chief of the Cayuse, who Kip felt was opposed to the treaty, asserted that he had no right to sell the ground which as Kip wrote: "God had given for their support." And Young Chief asked:

"I wonder if the ground is listening to what is said? Though I hear what the ground says & the Great Spirit tells no to take care of the Indians, to feed their them right. The Great Spirit appointed the roots to feed the Indians on. The water says the same thing. The Great Spirit has given us our names. We have these names. Neither the Indians or whites have a right to change these names. The ground says the Great Spirit has placed me here to produce all that grows on me, trees and Truits, the same way the ground says 'it was from me man was made."

Kip, who did not record the arrival of the Yakima in his journal, then mentioned Kamiakin.

"General Palmer said, ' I want to say a few words to these people, to but before I do, if Kamiakin wants to speak, I would be glad to hear him. "

Kamiakin, Zakima chief said:"I have nothing to say.

Stevens asked "HoW will Mamiakin or Skloom speak?" to which Kamiakin replied:

"What have I to be talking about?"

When Palmer addressed the council he said:

"We do not come to steal your land. We pay you more than it is worth. What is it worth to you, what is it worth to us? Not half what we have offered you for it."

Kip wrote that all but the Nez Perce were disinclined to the treaty and added: "It was melancholy to see their reluctance to abandon their old hunting grounds of their fathers..."

Before the council closed that fateful day Stevens spoke again, asserting: "

"... Kamiakin the great chief of the Yakimas has not yet spoken

His people have no voice here today. He is not ashamed to speak? Then speak out. Owhi is afraid to lest God be angry at his selling his land. The treaty will have to be drawn tonight... This business must be dispatched."

So the council adjourned to reconvene, June 8 8, when Stevens and Palmer addressed the chiefs who refused to agree to the treaty.

About this the Kip wrote: "He told them as they do not wish to go on the Nez Perce Reservation he would offer them another reservation which would embrace part of the lands on which they were new living. After this offer had been clearly explained to them and considered, all acceded to it except one tribe, the Yakimas...

"Saturday the 9th, this morning the old chief, Lawyer come down and took breakfast with us. The Council did not meet till 3 o'clock and matters seemed to have reached a crisis. On the strength of the assent yesterday given by all the tribes except the Yakimas, the papers were drawn up and brought into the Council to be signed by the principal chiefs. Governor Stevens once more-for Looking Glass' benefit, --explained the principal parts... there would be three reservations--the Tayuses, the Walla Wallas and the Umatillas, to be placed upon one, the Nez Perces on another--and the Yakimas on the third.

(a Nez PeRCE)
"Looking Glass refused to sign it, which had such an effect," Kip
wrote, "that not only the Nez Perces but all street other tribes then
arose and made a strong speech against the treaty... and the Council was
adjourned until Monday.

"Monday, June 11th. Before breakfast we had a visit from Lawyer. At 10 o'clock the Council met. Governor Stevens opened it with a short speech, at the close of which he asked the chiefs to come forward and sign the papers. This they all did without the least opposition. What he had been doing with Looking Glass since last Saturday we cannot imagine..."

The voluminous official proceedings of the council give a mere detailed account to the government's representatives.

Under entry of May 28 it stated: "At 11 a.m. Kamiakun, Owhi and Skloom, Yakima chiefs came...

"The next day the Yakima chiefs attended and listened to an explanation of the objects had in view by the government in proposing to treat with them. They continued to attend from day to day and covernor stevens that them fully the terms of the treat;

"The Yakima chiefs made no reply...until the 8th day of June when upon the request of Governor Stevens that he would speak his mind, Kamiakun spoke briefly saying, in effect, that many of his people had left their country, some had gone to the Caloopooyer (Calapooya in Oregon), some to isqually and some to the Taih. He wished the Americans to settle in his country on the Waggon Road. He spoke for his people, not for himself alone. He wished no goods for himself. He was tired talking and waiting here and wished to get back to his garden.

"In the evening Governor Stevens had a lengthy interview with Skloom which did not result in anything conclusive, but in the morning, June 9th, at an earlyhour, Karinkin Kamiakun visited Governor Stevens and announced his determination to return home that day; Stevens endeavored to convince him that it was better to reflect upon the course he, the head chief of his nation was about to pursue...

"Kamiakun said he was tired of hearing so much talking; he himself did not wish to be head chief, but they all said he must talk. "e would not speak. He would make the treaty; he liked the reservation and wished to collect there his people; they were much scattered.

"He was satisfied with the reservation in his country, but desired a small piece of land at the place called "enatshapam where the Indians take many fish...he wished the papers written so that he might sign them today and go home...

"Kamiakun was present at the general council during the day but did not speak; and in the evening and immediately after the adjournment of the Council he called upon Covernor Stevens for the Treaty and signed it; Owhi and Skloom did the same as did also the Palouse chief, Kahlatoose, and the chiefs present named by Kamiakin.

"On Monday the 11th the goods, presents for the Yakamas were portioned out, Kamiakun said he had never taken goods from the whites as presents; he did not wish them now, but when the Treaty was pronounced good by the President them he would live on the Makina Reservation and accept his

There were several statements made at the council that showed how the Yakima chiefs felt about the Earth and the Treaty.

Let Them Do As They Have PROMISED

When he was invited to speak on June 4. Kamiakin said:

"I have something different to say than the others. It is young men who have spoken; I have been afraid of the white men, their doings are different from ours. Wour chiefe are good, Perhaps you have spoken straight, that your children will do what is right, Let them do as they have promised. That is all I have to say."

Governor Stevens said:

"You will be allowed to pasture your animals and land not claimed or occupied by the settlers. You will be allowed to go to the usual fishing places and fish in common with the whites and to get roots and berries and to kill game on the land not occupied by the whites; all this outside the reservation."

Owhi said:

"God gave us day and night, the night to rest in, and the day to see, and that as long as the eearth shall last, he gave us the morning with our breath; and so he takes care of us on this earth; and here we have met under His care.

"God looked one way then and the other and named our lands for us to

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parent or is God is our after elder brother. This leads the Indiana to ask where does this talk come from that you have been giving us? God made this earth and it listens to Him to know what He would decide. The Almighty made us and gave us breath; we are talking together and God hears all that we say today. God looks down upon His children today as if we were all in one body. He is going to make one body of us."

When Skloom spoke, he said:

"Why should I speak a great deal? We are not bargaining for lots. You select your piece of land and pay a price for it. My friends, I have understood what you have said.

"When you give me what is just for my land, you shall have it."

Stevens went from Walla Walla to the Missoula River, seven and one-half miles northwest of the present Missoula, who to trained and concluded a treaty there, July 16. This coded 25,000 aquare miles of land.

On October 16 hemet with others near the mouth of Judith River where a treaty was signed. Before he could return a courier reached him, bringing word of the outbreak of war.

Stevens never lived to write a history of the treaty, but his son, Hazard Stevens did. General Stevens was killed at the Battle of Chantilly, Virginia, in the Vivil War, when he was 44.

Doty, the secretary, who ment the chiefs in the Jakima country and whose letters from there varied considerably from those written by the, briests at the Abtanum ission when reporting on the attitude of the Making objects, killed himself at Olympia two years between the TREATY.

Palmer returned to Dayton, Oregon, and from there wrote that "an extensive country has been purchased and is now open to settlement."This was the very thing the treaty chiefs had feared would take place when they "signed away the pland."

The Treaty had been signed, but the Yakima country instead of being protected against incursions of settlers and yold hunters was overrun with those questing for bright metal or tall bunchgrass. Settlement was encouraged, by Stevens, himself, and the Yakima believed their homes were to be torn from them.

As Browne wrote:

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"A war took place -- and expensive and disastrous war...

"...It was a war of destiny--bound to take place whenever the causes reached their culminating point..."

Shorn OF GLORY But A HERO SB

So Kamiakin was compelled to become a war chief what although show of lary emerged a hero of his Respues

It is not instruction to the second to the southeast of Fort Simcoe State Park, Could be repeated in excounters that were sure to fablow. Nor is it logical to believed that he thought the defeat of the blue coated troops at Steptoe Butte, May 16-17, 1858 (the battle of Tohotonimme) would be

Kamiakin spoke plainly at the Treaty Council and everyone heard him. He spoke clearly and everyone understood him when he told Stevens:

\*Perhaps you have spoken straight, that your children will do right.

Let them do as they have promised. That is all I have to say."

The forgetful years have hidden many letters and documents dealing with the Yakima Warzthatzzankteakfronkthextrantzx

One was written by Father Pandosy at the Antanum Mission, dictated by Not long Ramiakin Lessythen two months after the treaty.

As Kamiakin spoke and Father Pandosy wrote.

"Tell them (the soldiers) we are quiet friends of the Americans , that we are not thinking of war. The way the governor has talked to us has irritated us.

"In the governor had told us, 'my children I am asking you for a fiece of land for each tribe, but the land and country is still yours! we would have given willingly.

land in a place where its people do not even have enough to eat.

They hanged us without knowing if we are right or wrong; but they have never killed or hanged one American, though there is no place where an American has not killed savages...

"You want us to die of famine, little by little. It is better for us to die at once.

"It is your governor who wanted war.

"However the war was not going to start so soon but the Americans who were going to the mines having shot some savages because they did not want to give them their wives, we have taken the care of defending ourselves.

"Then came Mr. Bolon who insulted us, threatened us with war and death...

"Introduced and the Americans will retire or treat friendly, we will consent to put down arms and grant them a piece of land...

"If we lose, the men who keep the camp in which are our wives and children, will kill them rather than see them fall into the hands of the Americans. For we have heart and respect ourselves..."

Whether by deliberate and ironic intention or the coincidence, Major Gabriel J. Rains roommanding broops in the Field, wrote a reply on November 13, 1855 from "Headquarters of the Yakima Expedition," the Ahtanum Mission itself, November 13, 1855.

With say now it we will be quiet and make friendship you will do the war with us but give a piece of land.

"We will not be quiet, but will war forever until not a Yakima breathes in the land he calls his own. The River only we will let retain this name to show that here the Yakimas once lived.

"The treaty which you complain of though signed by you, gave you too much for your lands, which are most of all worthless to the white man.

At the outset of the Major Granville O. Haller marched confidently out from The Dalles, most of his troops mounted on mules. They rode north, sixty-five miles across the Simcoe Mountains, and we reconfronted by Kamiakin's warriors on "Top-nish" Creek.

Haller took along a mounted howitzer which he believed would strike terror into Indian hearts. But the Yakimas' love for their homes outcame to the howitzer's booming voice.

Haller was routed so he retreated, abandoning the howitzer and other equipage.

The "lost howitzer" became an unseen monument, more enduring than any shaft of granite, because of what it represents.

The legend has persisted, even though Constanting Colonel Wright recovered it and took it to The Dalles.

Volunteers, who employing superior fire power, terminated hostilities with through Wright's campaign, September 17,1858.

But before this there was a campaign into the Yakima Valley and the battle at Twin Buttes whose old name was Pah Hu Ta Quit (Where GAP Nountains Make a Tap), located just below present Union Gap.

It was during this period that Fort Simcoe was built to protect the Indians from the overanxious settlers and as a military depot.

The death of the Walla Walla chief, Peo Peo Mox Mox, head chief of the Walla Walla and a signer of the treaty with the Walla Walla, Cayuse, and Umatilla at the time of the Yakima Treaty, came in for singular

documentation. He was killed by the Volunteers who were holding him under a flag of truce.

Writing from Colville to Stevens on January 27,1855, A. McDonald said:

"The most unrelenting barbarities are told here of your volunteers. 'Tis said they murdered Serpent Jaune (Peo Meo Mox Mox or Yellow Bird), scalped and skinned him, turned his skin into razor straps, disinterred him after burying him, then cut off his ears--preserved in liquor of which an American officer drank afterwards by accident. If this is true, as an historical fact 'tis worth salting to show our progress."

The Treaty with the Yakima was not ratified until March 8,1859 and was praclaimed April 19 by the President.

But when the people were brought onto the reservation, Kamiakin did not come. He and his younger brother, Skloom, were related by marriage to the treaty chief, Owhi, the father of the uncontrollable, reckless warrior, Qualchan, who distinguished himself in the battle of "Top-nish Creek." against Haller's 100 soldiers.

Perare the white man or suyapos came to the Northwest there was a chief called we wo this. He was the father of owhi, Feias and Shawawei (Shawaway) all men who will be long remembered.

Owhi surrendered to control Wright and was killed on the Jucannon River This was traffe. and joined how while attempting to escape wright was returning to fart Walla Walla after the peace councils north of the Snake River. He reached the Tucannon, Cotober 3, 1858. Whi suddenly broke free while under guard of Lieutenant R.M. Morgan, was wounded by that officer who pursued him. The bornered the soldiers to fire and Owhi fell, and IN a few hours Joined mortally wounded, to joined his mother, the Earth labor for hours.

Qualchan had been executed several days before. He came into Wright's camp, having been sent for, and was hanged premptorily and without trial

by Tribble orders 15 minutes later.

Owhi was described as be was seen in 1853, as "a man of the and stature, a chieftainly personage with a fresh glazing of vermilion over his antiquated duskiness of bue."

He wore a buckskin shirt trimmed with fringe. The ancient and honorable tribal mark of chieftainship--otter fur--banded his head. That was in the grandfather days before beads were used, so his buckskins where daubed with vermillen clay.

Skloom was a large, good looking individual with striking features, but was darker than Kamiakin or Owhi.

Kamiakin has been described by many who saw him

Square face and grave reflecting look."

Another described him as "a large gloomy looking man with a very long

and strongly marked face."

GAROEN AT The AhTANUM MISSION (SB)

Kamiakin spent some of his time in Medicine Valley where his lodge was built beneath a large tree that was aut down in modern times. But his man real home was in the Yakima Valley near the Ahtanum Mission where he had a rando which he irrigated his irrigated garden.

Kamiakin was the son of Si-Yi, a Palouse who lived near Starbuck, close to the Nez Perce country. His mother was Kah Mash Ni, a Yakima. He had five wives, being related to Teias through one of them, SanChlow. All of his sons and daughters have died excepting the venerable Cleveland Who Kamiakin (Peo Peo Ka Ow Not, Bird Talking All Night). He was born in 1870 MACHO Palouse and lives at Nespelem.

While Kamiakin remained at peace after the war, he shunned the reservation. Death could have been his fate at the hands of the soldiers or overzealous settlers as in the case of Qualchan, Owhi, Peo Peo Mox Mox; or of Leschi from west of the Cascades who surrendered in good faith only to meet violent ends.

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For a time it appeared he might come the reservation and receive his pay as chief, \$500 a year, but he did not.

The agent, In Dr. R.H. Lansdale, writing to Superintendent Edward R. Geary from Simcoe in July, 1859, stated.

"It is evident Kamiakin has his misgivings, fearing the whites, may

Kamiakin did not come so Lansdale went to Kamiakin in April, 1860, a twelve-day horseback journey.

the whites explained that should be return and there be any difficulty be would be held accountable.

So Lansdale returned and recommended the appointment of Spencer of the Klickitats as chief and this was done on July 5.

W.B. Gosnell, sub-Indian agent who was in charge of the Yakima Agency in February, 1861, discharged Spencer.

Gosnell, was also confident that Kamiakin would come onto the reservation and consulted the chief's wife, SanChlow, who was sent by Kamiakin to "ascertain and report to him the rest condition of affairs."

"The character of Kamiakin is, I am afraid, not am generally understood," Gosnell wrote, "Though he went to war, yet his whole course was marked by a nobleness of mind that would have graved the general of a civilized nation. He never harmed the women and children of the settlers, or waylaid the lone traveler, but has been in many instances their protector. "

Skloom died February 1,1861 in his home not far from the agency.

an illness of four days, and while upon his death bad made known his determination to have Ramiakin come upon the raserve."

William Kapus, acting Indian agent, sent a message to Kamiakin on March 21,1861:

<sup>&</sup>quot;...I want to see you on your own land and among your own people. I have

kept your garden for you...you ought to come for your people whave no chief now and you know that a people without a chief cannot live long.

Yet still Kamiakin refused to return and the Yakimas had no head chief.

It was not until the time of the agent, the Rev. James H. Wilbur that a chief was elected and white Swan was chosen by the head men who cast colored ribbons to show their preference.

White Swaws.

After death the Rev. Stwire G. Waters was elected head chief of the Confederated Yakima Tribes and he died in 1923 or 13 years later.

The greatest of the chiefs, Kamiakin, whose power fled with the Seasons, was a old and disillusioned and when he wasted away in a log cabin that was isolated from the rest of the camp because he wanted to alone. He died in his insecure sanctuary in 1877 at Rock Lake, called Tahk Lite, southwest of Spokane potter homeland of his father.

He was visited in the fall of 1870 by W.P. Winans, who rode down from Colville Reservation to deliver twenty bales or 600 blankets," his due under the treaty.

"He listened silently to all I had to say," said Winans. "Then he arose, standing erect with his left arm extended, pointing with his right hand to the ragged sleeve of his gray woolen shirt.

United States, 'he said ."

Whene reported that kamisk in felt and the bolleved that he had been deceived and aronged by the United States and desarted by his people. He whished no favors from either.

So Winans took the blankets back to Colville and distributed them to the needy.

Within two years the settlers crowded around Kamiakin's camp and

filed on the land he had occupied and which shelt erd his family in the Earth where all became as one.

to when the settlers occupied Kamiakin's last have place.

Kamiakin was buried on a rocky ledge, in a secret place, in the

manner of his people.

A few years afterwards the relatives went there to fit on new buckskins as was also the custom management days.

The head had been severed from the body and was missing.

It has not yet been recovered so it can be returned, as Owhi explained to Governor Stevens at the Freaty Council of 1850, to the Earth, where "we are all IN one body."

## BIRTH AND GROWTH OF A RESERVATION

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creation of the reservation brought together fourteen tribes and bands, in some instances of different linguistic stock or dialects, compelling adapt them to reservation pursuits that were alien to their tradition and the adapt themselves to unfamiliar value systems.

Three years before the agency was born at fort Simcoe, the slow process of gathering the scattered, leaderless people commenced.

When F. Robie was local agent at The Dalles on August 30,1856, he wrote to Governor Stevens that Captain Frederick Dent, brother-in-law of Wylsses S. Grant, was working on a wagon road from The Dalles to Fort Simcoe and that Major Robert Selden Garnett was "getting on well" with his improvements, "(Fort Simcoe).

The gathering place was the White Salmon. There are 900 there,

1,200 at the Cascades and The Dalles, and 1,200 in the Simcoe Valley. OR

Which was called "Simkwee, a place name for a saddle in the hills north
northeast of the fort. Their daily subsistence amounted to 1,500 pounds

de Plour and one book.

Because Kamiakin would not come upon the reservation, the Yakimas were adrift and their guidance too often was entrusted to inefficient agents.

The first regular agent, Dr. R.H. Lansdale came from Olympia when that

justice of the peace. He wrote to Superintendent Edward R. Geary, December,

James C. Geer was living in the Simcoe Valley in August, 1857, acting and in an unofficial capacity as local agent. Bonner & Co. had a license to trade near Fort Simcoe, detablished a trading post a mile away contrary to the wishes of Major arnett the ordered the building torn down. The traders were laterallowed to locate a quarter of a mile from the fort while doldiers were posted to see that troops did not patronize the place.

The Army was responsible for feeding and clothing those in the Simcoe Valley. Local agents at The Dalles, Cascades and White Salmon cared for the people there as best they could. The war had upset the traditional migrations food quests thick the people to different areas, and they were overshadowed by hunger and want.

In 1852 Captain Jordan, an Army officer stationed at Fort Dalles, and fenced land north of the river. At the same time E.S. Joslyn located near present Bingen, built a home, set out an orchard and cultivated land which became the White Salmon Agency.

Joslyn left during the war but returned, demanded the property and

re-established his home until 1874. His return compelled the government to look for another location and Fort Simcoe was selected.

"Clickitat" County (December 20), and located the county seat at Rockland the county s

"Captain Archer of the Ninth Infantry (James J. Archer of Maryland, a Confederate general)

later Reperal Archer of the Confederacy, in command of this post, has been ordered by General Harney and as arranged by the general and yourself, turned over all public buildings at this place." (There were twenty-one, valued at \$30,000).

Archer, writing from Fort Simcoe to Headquarters, Department of Oregon on April 18,1859, said:"I have this day turned over all public buildings to R.H. Lansdale." Archer and some of the troops marched off to and join the Northwest Coundary Survey, occupy Fort Colville, and others were ordered to Fort Dalles, leaving a detachment of fifteen to guard the military stores.

Lansdale removed to the agency on June 2 and from there wrote

Geary: "I have also commenced farming operations, purchased crops of grain

growing in the field."

By spring the employes were feeding and taking care of stock, procuring rails for fencing and preparing an orchard and gardens.

Three hundred trees, mostly apple were set out under Lansdale's and direction on the old parade ground and men were plowing to sew grain.

Lansdale said that "the wheat sown last fall has proved a total failure because of alkali in the soul or lack of rain."

Geary contracted with James Knox of Linn County, Oregon, on May 29,1860 to purchase 100 head of cattle, paying \$10 a head for yearling heifers and \$17 for two year olds, Then he bought an additional fifty cows and calves and five bulls, re-introducing livestock into the Yakima Valley. Kamiakin, as early as 1836, acquired x attle from the Hudson's but his Bay Company at Vancouver by trading horses, and developed herds that were scattered or killed during the war.

When the salmon run surged up the Columbia, George H. Abbott, subIndian Agent at The Dalles was directed to help lay in a supply for winter
use and to Durchase a ton or two of salt and fifty berrels for curing
and packing the fish.

A saw mill was under construction, \$9,000 having been appropriated to build it and a proposed flouring mill.