

Sept. 28, 1957

Mrs. Dewey H. Palmer, chairman,
Theta Sigma Phi, Portland Alumna
Northwest Book Fair

Dear Mrs. Palmer:

Thank you for the invitation to participate in the chapter's annual book fair. While I do not think that I can add to the success of your fair, especially through sales of *Drummers and Dreamers*, I will be glad to cooperate. And only very severe weather, preventing travel across the pass, would ground me.

Someone has the wrong idea about the continuing success of *Drummers and Dreamers*. While well established as a Northwest source book and still commanding good reviews far and near, the publisher, like all publishers, is beset by troubles. And while it is virtually out of print, no definite decision has yet been reached by him. You know how book sales are now days.

In view of the fact that the fair is to be held at the library, I am wondering if a couple of my Indian friends, in costume, would add to the fair. They would not be there to promote D and D, but to add something different. Two of them were in yesterday, and they told me they would be glad to accompany me.

They are a man and wife. He is one of the drummers of the Washat religion and his father and grandfather were religious leaders on the Yakima reservation, his grandfather being a contemporary of Smowhala. She is a Warm Springs woman, whose father and grandfather were chiefs among the Warm Springs people. They accompanied me on my book tour and make a fine appearance, what with their regalia and his drum. Since Indians have played a considerable part in our Northwest literature, perhaps they would fit into the library observance.

I would also bring along a small supply of my 64 pp "pamphlet" written at the request of the Yakima Indian Nation on observance of the Nation's Treaty centennial and some copies of H. Dean Guie's *Bugles in the Valley*, a Fort Simcoe military item. Any disposal of these would be credited to your chapter and the J.K. Gill co.

You may ask Mrs. Edith Bristoll about the two Indians. I am sure she would tell you they make a fine appearance and would add to the atmosphere. I could provide photos of them.

Thanks for the invitation. If I can help, I will be happy to, not because of sales, which just don't go in the price field, but for cooperation.

Sincerely

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