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Mr. Hu^Blonk,
The "enatchee Daily World,
Wenatchee, "ashington.

Dear Hu:

I'm bowled over, and very appreciative of Help on
Extinction's Brink.

Perhaps there will be some way the Wanapums and I can
repay you and the World, some day.

It was so flattering I don't know whether I can hold my
head up when reaching Wenatchee.

I could use some clips for "eastern" consumption, well out
of the district I will visit, so am unashamed. Would you please
have someone send me the equivalent to the enclosure, and thank you
again, verymuch.

Clipping in which you may be interested is enclosed.

Sincerely

Click Relander

See you
Regards 16a [Enclosure, Aug 28, 1956]

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Help On Extinction's Brink

Wenatchee is going to have several interesting visitors a few weeks hence.

Some of the eight survivors of the once numerous Indian tribe that dwelled at Priest Rapids — the Wanapums — are coming to town with the man who is probably the greatest white man friend Northwest Indians have—newspaperman Click Relander.

The vast land holdings once possessed by the River people of the Dreamer faith, are being rapidly altered by such Atomic Age undertakings as the Columbia Basin Irrigation project, great multi-purpose dams, the Hanford Atomic Energy Project and the Yakima firing range.

Latest invasion is due to Priest Rapids Dam, which will drive them out of the last tule mat long house. Grant PUD isn't merciless in moving in on the last holdings of the once noble tribe, having fully agreed to preserve the artifacts and to move the red men to other land.

The PUD will exercise every precaution to see that Wanapum culture and the carved rocks of the sacred island at Priest Rapids are preserved, so that the Wanapums, as long as

there are Wanapums, shall have a home in the land of their ancestors.

Relander has just written a book about the Wanapums and other Indians entitled "Drummers and Dreamers." It will be off the press in October, shortly before the tribal visit here.

With Relander will be the headman of the Wanapums — Puck Hyah Toot, a descendant of Smowhala, who was trained by the mysterious prophet. The latter's philosophy extended to tribes throughout Washington, Oregon and Idaho, and into northern California and British Columbia during the crucial days of Indian surrender to a new way of life.

There is something pathetic about a race dying out, as in the race of Wanapums.

There is something constructive and satisfying in the devotion of author Relander in aiding the almost helpless Indians to preserve the story of their race, and in the action of Grant County PUD in perpetuating their memory as they stand on the brink of extinction.

DREW PEARSON:

Stassen Secrets Disclosed

By DREW PEARSON

SAN FRANCISCO — Harold Stassen has kept secret most of the names and the correspondence he's exchanged with anonymous opponents of Vice President Nixon. However, this column is now able to reveal some of them.

Here is one telegram Stassen received from Louis de Rochemont, 35 West 10th Street, New York, the motion picture producer formerly associated with Hollywood's "Marches On."

"Developments graphed Stassen difficult. Will be a winner of course side

However, California

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Against Clock' To Will Test Drivers

will be the principals in a 75-
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which gives its endorsement to the
Reliability Run, will serve the
sponsoring groups only in an ad-
visory capacity.

The Safety Reliability Run will
originate at the Washington State
Patrol Safety lanes with the in-
spection of vehicles, starting at
10:30 Sunday. The inspection will
continue until 1 o'clock.

Entries will be timed-out as soon
as the inspection of each vehicle
is completed, they they will follow
Highway 97 to the Navarre Coulee,
take the Coulee road to Lake
Chelan State Park where every
car-load will be permitted a
"break" for picnic or swimming.

Their arrival time will be clocked
at the State Park, and they will
again be timed-out upon departure
at that juncture. Vehicles will fol-
low the lake down to Pat and
Mike's and return to Wenatchee
via 97, getting a final clocking at
the State Patrol office here.

The only fee will be a nominal
charge of 50 cents for race entry
and inspection of vehicle.

Strocudoms and Ti-Rods empha-
size that all profits will go to the
Community Chest.

Entering drivers will be shooting
at a time that determined by a
series of regulation runs over this
75-mile course. An average clock-
ing, based on these trips, will be
the ideal or "winning" time.

The driver coming closest to this
average time, providing he also
"passes" the inspection, will be
recipient of a big trophy.

and third place finishers

also will be awarded trophies,
while drivers finishing in fourth
place through 10th will receive
such merchandise awards as lube
jobs, gas and oil.

A plaque will go to the safety
award winner.

Twenty-six members of the two
clubs will act as officials. A num-
ber of these men will be posted at
five key stations along the race
route to observe the progress of
cars (all entries will be marked)
and to be available in case of mis-
hap to any entry.

The Strocudoms and Ti-Rods fig-
ure the Reliability Run will serve
an important dual purpose:

(1) It will focus the public's at-
tention on the merits of such clubs
as the Ti-Rods and Strocudoms;

(2) To help educate drivers.

"We want to eliminate unsafe
drivers," was the comment of Pete
Gouette, secretary-treasurer of the
"Strokes."

"Our objective is to educate the
young drivers."

Chimed in Strokes' Vice Presi-
dent Ray Bisping: "We've got to
get the public behind us, and make
the public aware of what we're
doing."

Gouette pointed out that perhaps
many people have the wrong im-
pression of such clubs as the one
he belongs to. He and Bisping and
the other club members want the

public to know "that we're on the
right side of the law; that we're
safe drivers, and that we're not so-
called 'squirrels.'"

Lieutenant Al Kuest backed them
up on these points.

"Our experience with the club
here has not been unfortunate,"
Kuest said. "We feel there are
some merits to it."

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