

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

May 11, 1967

Yakima Morning Herald  
114 N. 4th St.  
Yakima, Washington

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find an official tabulation of the recent May 6, 1967 General Election for Councilmen held on the Colville Indian Reservation. It will be observed that all of the seven (7) incumbents were re-elected and will be reelected July 13, 1967 and will serve for a two-year term.

The Colville Business Council is composed of 14 members, representing four District; namely: Omak, Nespelem and Inchelium being represented by four councilmen each and Keller District being represented by two councilmen. Each year the terms of one-half or seven councilmen expire.

A total of 1,111 votes were counted and certified by the Election Board of the Business Council, assisted by the Superintendent of the Colville Indian Agency, on the 10th day of May, 1967, of which 535 voted at the precincts and 576 via absentee ballot. The Colville Tribes are one of the few tribes which permit the use of absentee ballots during their General Election for Councilmen.

Of the six candidates endorsed by the Colville Liquidation Promoters (CLP) five were elected; the two incumbents in the Omak and Inchelium Districts and the one incumbent in the Keller District. Mr. Narcisse Nicholson, Jr., incumbent and present Chairman from the Omak District was re-elected for the third two-year term. Mr. Nicholson will have served three successive terms as Chairman of the Colville Business Council at the expiration of the present Council ending July, 1967. The elected officers of the Business Council are elected each year during the Regular Session held the second Thursday of July and consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. Councilmen, endorsed by the Colville Liquidation Promoters, favoring termination of federal supervision of the Colville Tribes continue to maintain their majority on the Colville Business Council by a margin of 10 to 4.

We would sincerely appreciate your publishing the results of the election in your next edition since it is of great interest to our tribal members and general public. Thanking you kindly in advance for your continued cooperation, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Roy B. Seyler*  
Roy B. Seyler, Chairman  
Election Board  
Colville Business Council



## COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

## NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

Official Returns of General Election for Tribal Councilmen held May 6, 1967.

	<u>Poll</u>	<u>OMAK DISTRICT</u> <u>Absentee</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
NARCISSE NICHOLSON, JR.	101	158	259**
THELMA MARCHAND	103	153	256**
Louis N. Orr	88	34	122
Leonard Tonasket	85	31	116

		<u>INCHELIUM DISTRICT</u>	
DEAN BOURGEOIS	65	126	191**
ALICE LAWRENCE	70	130	200**
William "Bill" Seymour	64	37	101
Nellie Rima	59	31	90

		<u>KELLER DISTRICT</u>	
BARNEY RICKARD	24	68	92**

		<u>NESPELEM DISTRICT</u>	
FRANK GEORGE	136	67	203**
SHIRLEY PALMER	151	83	234**
Allen E. "Oscar" Anderson	36	95	131

\*\*Indicates Elected.

UPPER CASING DENOTES INCUMBENTS

	<u>OMAK</u>	<u>INCHELIUM</u>	<u>KELLER</u>	<u>NESPELEM</u>	<u>COMBINED DISTRICTS</u>
Omak	198				195
Inchelium	135				165
Keller	24				68
Nespelem	178				148
	<u>535</u>				<u>576</u>
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In accordance with Section 4, Article III of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Election Board of the Colville Business Council canvassed all ballots and the returns are hereby certified as listed above.

Roy B. Seyler  
Roy Seyler, Chairman  
Election Board  
Colville Business Council

That I observed the canvassing of the election and to the best of my knowledge and belief the Election Board followed acceptable procedures in certifying the tribal election.

Elmo Miller  
Elmo Miller, Superintendent  
Colville Indian Agency



August 8, 1967

Yakima Morning Herald  
114 N. 4th Street  
Yakima, Washington

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find an article pertaining to a general meeting of the tribal membership in relation to a proposed settlement on Claims Dockets 177, 181-A and 181-B on August 19, 1967, Nespelem Grade School Gymnasium. The proposed settlement is for the net sum of \$3,500,000.00 on the three claims.

The article is self-explanatory and due to the paramount importance of the proposed settlement on the Claims affecting all tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, we would appreciate your publishing an article in your newspaper and/or making newsannouncement in your television and/or radio station in relation to this meeting to be held on the 19th of August, 1967.

Also enclosed is a brief summary of each of the Claims Dockets which will give you more or less a background on the proposed settlement on which the tribal membership will consider and VOTE upon during the August 19, 1967 General Meeting.

If there is a charge, please bill us accordingly and we will make immediate remittance therefore.

In conclusion, we wish to express our deep debt of gratitude for your past cooperation in publicizing and/or announcing items of interest to our tribal members and general public.

Sincerely yours,

*Narcisse Nicholson Jr.*

Narcisse Nicholson, Jr., Chairman  
Colville Business Council

Enclosures-2



NOTICE OF MEETING ON SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

IN DOCKETS NOS. 177, 181-A and 181-B

On August 1st, Mr. Lyle Keith, Tribal Claims Attorney, Spokane, Washington, advised the Business Council Chairman that through negotiations the Tribal Claims Attorneys have favorably secured a tentative settlement for the Tribes on Claims Dockets 177, 181-A and 181-B, commonly known as the "Reservation Claims", for approximately \$3,500,000.00.

To insure that the tribal membership is properly informed on these Claims, a General Meeting has been scheduled for SATURDAY, August 19, 1967, at the Nespelem Grade School Gymnasium at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Abe Weissbrodt, Tribal Claims Attorney from Washington, D. C. and Mr. Keith will be present at the meeting to give a complete report on the Claims Dockets and proposed settlement and to answer any questions that individual tribal members may wish clarified. It is strongly urged that all tribal members be present since a voting upon the proposed final settlement and disposition of the Claims will be made at the meeting.

A noon luncheon will be served at the meeting. ALL MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE ARE URGED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE MEETING.

Dated: August 2, 1967.

Nespelem, Washington

*Narcisse Nicholson Jr.*  
Narcisse Nicholson, Jr., Chairman  
Colville Business Council



BRIEF SUMMARY OF CLAIMS DOCKETS 177, 181-A and 181-B

CLAIMS DOCKET NO. 177 (Reappraisement Case)

This claim is brought on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to recover losses arising from actions of the Government relating to surplus lands on the Colville Reservation as established by the Executive Order of July 2, 1872. After said lands had been classified, appraised and sold to settlers pursuant to the Act of March 22, 1906, the Government caused the price of the lands to be reduced and also granted to settlers postponements of time to make payments for the land.

CLAIMS DOCKET NO. 181-A (Colville, Lake, San Poil, Nespelem, Okanogan and Methow)

This claim is brought on behalf of the above named tribes to recover compensation for the taking by the Government of a substantial part of their lands, fisheries and hunting grounds and settling thereon, without the consent of the claimant tribes, members of the Moses and Joseph bands.

CLAIMS DOCKET NO. 181-B (Colville, Lake, San Poil, Nespelem, Okanogan and Methow)

In Docket No. 181-B, a claim is made for additional payment with respect to the Northern part (about 1,500,000 acres) of the July 2, 1872 Reservation lands which the United States took away from these tribes in 1892 without paying fair compensation for the lands.

EXCERPTS TAKEN FROM REPORT ON CLAIMS MADE TO THE COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES BY THEIR CLAIMS ATTORNEYS.



COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

March 7, 1968

Editor

Yakima Morning Herald

114 N. 4th Street

Yakima, Washington

Dear Sirs:

Following is a list of candidates certified by the Election Board of the Colville Business Council who are eligible candidates for Councilmen on the Colville Business Council for the forthcoming May 4, 1968 General Election:

INCHELIUM DISTRICT:

Roy B. Seyler, Incumbent  
Frederick "Pat" Nugent, Incumbent  
Mary Q. Lemery  
Leona Seastrom

OMAK DISTRICT:

Mary E. Nicholson, Incumbent  
George Snider, Incumbent  
Barbara Marchand  
Edgar L. Desautel  
Felix McCraigie  
William Charley

NESPELEM DISTRICT:

Lucy F. Covington, Incumbent  
William Picard  
Virginia Andrews  
Myrtle Desautel  
Violet Desautel

KELLER DISTRICT:

Oliver R. Pooler, Incumbent  
George Bacon

The successful candidates will serve for a period of two years upon being elected and will be seated July 11, 1968. The Colville Business Council is the tribal governing body of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and is composed of 14 councilmen, 10 of whom support termination of federal supervision over the property and affairs of the Colville Confederated Tribes.

The foregoing information is submitted in the event you may wish to publish this item in the next issue of your newspaper. Thank you kindly for your continued cooperation in publishing news items of interest to our tribal members and general public.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harry Owl, Executive Secretary  
Colville Business Council



COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES  
NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

April 30, 1968

Yakima Morning Herald

114 North 4th Street

Yakima, Washington

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find a photostatic copy of a letter, which is self-explanatory, dated April 24, 1968, addressed to Mr. Narcisse Nicholson, Jr., Chairman, Colville Business Council, Colville Indian Agency, Nespelem, Washington, and signed by Congressman James A. Haley, Chairman, Subcommittee on Indian Affairs, concerning terminal hearings on Colville termination legislation now pending before Congress.

We are unaware as to when or where the hearings will be scheduled but assume they will be held in Washington, D. C. This pre-information is being made available to your newspaper with a request that you print a news item on this vital matter concerning the tribal members. You may rest assured that we will immediately contact your office upon learning when the actual hearing date and place of hearing is scheduled. As you are probably aware, Colville termination legislation has cleared the full Senate and is now pending before the House of Representatives. Previous terminal legislation affecting the Colville Tribes has passed the Senate on three different occasions only to die in the House. It is therefore vitally important that the House Subcommittee and parent Committee take action on this measure during this Second Session of the 90th Congress.

Your continued cooperation of printing items of interest to our tribal members and general public will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Harry Owhi, Executive Secretary  
Colville Business Council

Enclosure



[Enclosure, 1968, Apr. 30]

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COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

House of Representatives, U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

April 24, 1968



Mr. Narcisse Nicholson, Jr., Chairman  
Colville Business Council  
Colville Indian Agency  
Nespelem, Washington

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Thank you for your letter of April 8, 1968.

Our Subcommittee will schedule hearings on the Colville termination bill just as soon as it can be fitted into our schedule. I am aware of the widespread interest in holding the hearings.

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James A. Haley". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

JAMES A. HALEY  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Indian Affairs



COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

May 10, 1968

Yakima Morning Herald

114 N. 4th St.

Yakima, Washington

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find an official tabulation of the recent May 4, 1968 General Election for Councilmen held on the Colville Indian Reservation. It will be observed that all six (6) of the incumbents were re-elected and will be reelected July 11, 1968 and will serve for a two year term. One of the incumbents in the Nespelem District elected not to refile.

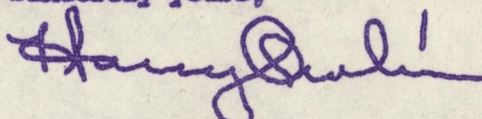
The Colville Business Council is composed of 14 members, representing four districts on the Reservation, namely: Omak, Nespelem, Keller and Inchelium. Four members represent the Districts of Omak, Nespelem and Inchelium and two council members represent the Keller District. Each year the terms of seven councilmen expire.

A total number of 1364 votes were counted and certified by the Election Board of the Colville Business Council, who were assisted by the Superintendent of the Colville Indian Agency, of which 658 voted at the polls and 706 voted via absentee ballot. The Colville Confederated Tribes are one of the few Tribes which permit the use of absentee voting during their Annual General Election for Councilmen.

The five (5) Incumbents endorsed by the Colville Liquidation Promoters (CLP) in the Inchelium, Keller and Omak Districts were re-elected, thereby retaining a 10-4 majority on the Colville Business Council.

We would sincerely appreciate your publishing the results of the election in your next edition since it is of great interest to our tribal members and general public. Thanking you kindly in advance for your continued cooperation, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Harry Owhi, Executive Secretary  
Colville Business Council



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COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES  
NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

July 9, 1968

Dear Editor:

Chairman Wayne Aspinall of the House Committee on Interior & Insular Affairs advised Mr. Narcisse Nicholson, Jr., Chairman of the Colville Business Council that his Committee would hold hearings on the Colville Termination Bill in Washington, D. C. on July 12, 1968. Chairman Aspinall advised that the different factions of the Tribe would probably be limited to approximately 15 minutes each since the hearings will be conducted from 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and copies of all witnesses' statements must be submitted to and received by the Committee of Interior & Insular Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. no later than July 11<sup>th</sup>. The House Committee Chairman further advised that the number of witnesses who may testify will be limited to the number who can be heard within the time allotted and that each faction should have one principle speaker in order to allow time for questions by the Committee.

Members of the Colville Business Council and delegates from recognized political groups of the Tribes are authorized to attend the hearings as witnesses. Your continued printing of items of interest to our tribal members and general public will be sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harry Owhi, Executive Secretary  
Colville Business Council



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HARRY OWHI EXEC SEC COLVILLE BUSINESS COUNCIL==

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MR FRANK GEORGE COUNCILMAN FROM THE NESPELEM DISTRICT DIED YESTERDAY AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL IN SPOKANE. MR GEORGE WAS BORN OCTOBER 21, 1912 AND WAS A PROMINENT MEMBER OF HIS COMMUNITY. HE WAS ONE OF THE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE COLVILLE BUSINESS COUNCIL AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. MR GEORGE WAS A FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALSO SERVED IN THE



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CAPACITIES OF VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF THE ORGANIZATION. AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING HE WAS THE SECRETARY OF THE NORTHWEST AFFILIATED TRIBES, WASHINGTON STATE INDIAN COUNCIL AND AD HOC COMMITTEE OF NORTHWEST INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS. MR GEORGE'S NAME IS IN WHO'S WHO IN WASHINGTON STATE AND IS LISTED IN THE BOOK OF OUTSTANDING AMERICAN INDIANS. HE WAS AFFILIATED IN VARIOUS LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL POLITICAL GROUPS AND WAS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY. MR GEORGE WAS THE CLASSMATE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ROBERT L BENNETT AT HASKELL INSTITUTE, LAWRENCE



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KANSAS AND WAS WELL KNOWN IN ALL TRIBAL ACTIVITIES ON A NATIONAL LEVEL. MR GEORGE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ANN GEORGE OF NESPELEM AND HIS SISTERS DELIA COVINGTON, NESPELEM AND RUBY WILLIAMS OF WHITE SWAN, WASHINGTON. AND ONE BROTHER ANDREW GEORGE OF PENDLETON OREGON. TRIBAL BURIAL CEREMONIES BEING SATURDAY NIGHT AND BURIAL WILL BE MONDAY AT THE CHIEF JOSEPH CEMETARY, NESPELEM WASHINGTON. MR GEORGE'S EXPIRATION LEAVES A DEEP VOID IN ALL WHO KNEW FRANK=

HARRY OWHI EXEC SEC COLVILLE BUSINESS COUNCIL