

Dr. Dorothy Johansen,
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Dear Dr. Johansen:

I promised once, at the Northwest History Conference at Spokane while all of us were fighting the bulls in the Toreodore room, that I would keep you posted about Drummers and Dreamers.

The publisher has advised me that review copies should be out by September 15. That indicates the actual release of the book is on schedule, October 6.

Perhaps if you've had time to follow the news during the past few months you found verification for my various points of discussions about Indians and the success of the Priest Rapids Dam. If not, there is a full-fledged Indian situation now day, and there is going to be a dam. The Wanapums and I have been invited to participate in the ground breaking just after Labor Day.

On top of that the Wanapums have promised me--some of them--that they will accompany me on a book tour starting in Yakima Oct. 6. We'll hit Maryhill Museum of Fine Arts for Oct. 7, Sunday afternoon, appearing in the Indian room (where we belong) and then will move on to Portland for Monday and Tuesday.

Gills told me months ago they wanted us to appear there but they've sent in no verification or confirmation yet so they've either cooled or are too busy with vacations to reply. In that case we will offer ourselves to Olds and King, a Carl K. Wilson outlet. He has book stores in quite a few stores throughout the Northwest and has indicated he is taking on the book. A couple of his outlets have lined up for book parties. But we are booked out for as many "speeches" as anything and it will be a busy two weeks.

The enclosed clips and other material is for your supplementary information.

If the Wanapums and I can be of any purpose to you, please let me know. That they have made me up a ceremonial jacket for this tour indicates it may be something like a wild west tour and I'll have to wear it somewhere. I don't know whether I dare take a chance in Yakima or not.

Hope the summer has been going well with you and that the winter also goes well.

Sincerely Yours

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