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NEWS RELEASE

To The Editor -

Bear sir:

An issue on fire protection has been raised by "Yakima County Fire Protection District No. 5". Curtailing their fire protection services on the Yakima Indian Reserve. Indicating their reasons for this curtailment based on inadequate County funds, that the allotted Indian lands do not pay and are tax exempt, hence, lacking revenue from this source to provide funds for fire protection services on Indian lands. This curtailment, greatly jeopardizes those lands in "fee patented" status within the boundary limits of the Indian reservation. Which places their life and property in jeopardy without fire protection.

Those who have raised this vital issue on fire protection, have raised the issue on the vital matter of REVENUE.

The Yakima Indian Tribe, does not receive any revenue from any source of whatsoever, from the business enterprises now existing and established within the Indian reserve. In order to receive this tribal revenue from these enterprises, it would and will be necessary for the tribe to approach the Congress by legislation, requesting that such revenue be collected from such enterprises in all phases to be deposited in the U.S. Treasury on the account of the tribe.

I cite to you from "Title 16, of the United States Code, of Chapter 4, Section 594, Protection of timber owned by the United States from fire, disease, or insect ravages."

"The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to protect and preserve, from fire, disease, or the ravages of beetles, or other insects, timber owned by the United States upon the public lands, national parks, national monuments, Indian Reservations, or other lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior owned by the United States, either directly or in cooperation with other departments of the Federal Government, with States, or with owners of timber; and appropriations are authorized to be made for such purposes. (Sept. 20, 1922, ch. 349, 42 Stat. 857).

This does not vest authority upon the Secretary of the Interior or his representative, to allocate or appropriate Indian funds to be expended to the State or County for fire protection services.

Sincerely yours,

Al Goudy
AL GOUDY, ORGANIZER

Longhouse League of North American Indians.

COPIES TO:

Hon. Catherine May, H. of R.
Hon. Henry M. Jackson, U. S.
Hon. Warren G. Magnuson, U. S.

Re.

[ENCLOSURE 1960 Aug 3]

WHITE SWAN--"An issue on fire protection on the Yakima Indian Reservation has been raised by Yakima County Fire Protection District 5," Al Goudy, organizer for the Longhouse League of North American Indians has informed Sens. Warren G. Magnuson, Henry M. Jackson and Rep. Catherine May.

He ~~also~~ informed them that fire protection services have been curtailed on the basis of inadequate funds because allotted Indian lands do not pay for fire protection services on Indian lands and are tax exempt.

"This curtailment," he wrote, "greatly jeopardizes lands in fee patented status within the boundary limits of the Indian Reservation, which places their lives and property ~~in jeopardy~~ without

"Those who have ~~not~~ raised the issue on fire protection have raised the issue of revenue."

Goudy's letter pointed out that the Yakima Indian Tribe does not receive any revenue from "any source whatsoever from business enterprises now existing and ~~also~~ established within the Indian reserve. "

He pointed out that in order to receive this tribal revenue from ~~these enterprises~~ this source, it "would and will be necessary for the tribe to approach Congress for legislation.

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requesting that such revenue be collected and deposited in the United States Treasury to the account of the Yakima Tribe."

Goudy also cited from the United States Code relative to protection of timber owned by the United States from fire, disease or insect ravages.* The section quoted follows:

"The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to protect and preserve from fire, disease or ravages of beetles or other insects timber owned by the United States upon the public lands, national parks, national monuments, Indian Reservations or other lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior owned by the United States, either directly or in cooperation with other departments of the Federal Government, with states, or with owners of timber; and appropriations are authorized to be made for such purposes."

"This does not," wrote Goudy, "vest authority upon the Secretary of the Interior or his representative to allocate or appropriate Indian funds to be expended to the state or county for fire protection services."

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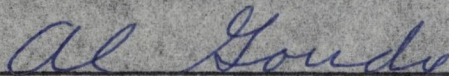
DECEMBER 6, 1960

R-E-P-O-R-T!

Dear sir:

I have just received copies of "Answer to Complaint" by HERBERT G. HOLDRIDGE, Brig. Gen. U.S. Army (Ret.) of California. The answer to the "Civil Action" (File No. II39-60-WB) is the result of slander charges brought against the General by GEORGE UMTUCH, temporary Chairman of the Yakima General Council filed "In the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California" Dated August 3, 1960. On a separate complaint, ALEX SALUSKIN, Chairman, Yakima Tribal Council, and THOMAS K. YALLUP, Council member, have also brought similar charges against the General. Charges against the General, is based upon the "REPORT" he submitted to Washington Officials on fraudulent elections, and on irregularities of tribal government, and dissipation of tribal funds, and tribal resources. The charges of the Plaintiffs allege, that they have suffered ruination of reputation, public hatred, mental agony, humiliation and ridicule, and depriving them of public confidence, and numerous other charges. The General denies each and every allegation filed in his cross complaint, and is confident that tribal members will come to his assistance to prove and substantiate each and every report submitted to Officials by him. The Plaintiffs are seeking \$300,000.00 damages for the mental agony suffered nine-months ((9 mo.) later. The General's report also indicated, that the Tribal Council and the Chairman of the General Council usurped the functions of the Yakima tribal government.

Sincerely,



AL GOUDY, ORGANIZER

Longhouse League of North American Indians

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Toppenish Review

MR. CLICK RELANDER, City Desk
Yakima Daily Republic
Yakima, Washington

December 19, 1960

Dear Mr. Relander:

We are disappointed of the methods and the attitude used by this good paper in releasing certain "editorials" and "news" on local level. Much has been proclaimed by this government to other nations of "freedom of the Press". We often wonder if this is true, or do they mean that it is the press who has the freedom to choose whatever they want to print. As an example. Recently, in a statement before the United Nations, RAUL CASTRO, brother of FIDEL, revealed to those nations of the dictatorial Indian policies used by this government in the field of Indian affairs. This was of course censored by the freedom of the press.

Secondly, in your report of our December 9th meeting concerning Yakima tribal government. How do you arrive of the conclusion, that we are the "minority group"? In 1958, both Mrs. Goudy and myself represented some 652 tribal names in Washington D.C., in tribal affairs. The result of which released the Dalles Dam Settlement to the Yakima Indians. Since that time over 200 names have been added to that petition. This is by far being a minority. The General Council quorum is a mere 250, this precisely is a minority, this is the group which has been usurping the functions of the Yakima Nation and squandering its funds.

Also, included in your report which appeared in the Saturday edition of December 10th. You added a statement which I did not declare. I have checked with several individuals who were present at the meeting if I made such a statement. Each and everyone of them said that I didn't. "AL GOWDY declared, this cabinet is going to work and come up with a solution (of the problems)." I do not make such declarations unless I am prepared to fulfill those responsibilities. Such mistatement puts my name in the bad light. I am therefore respectfully request that you retract that statement in your paper.

Finally, certain vital issues have been raised in the matter of our tribal government such as the: ~~the~~ leasing situation, enrollment, jurisdiction, and ect. In relation to these tribal issues, I had submitted to your paper for publication of each and every issue of facts, which we are prepared to confirm upon anyone's request. Your paper has refused to publish these vital truths for public information. As an example, my article on jurisdiction dated November 28, 1960, report on civil action of Umtuch, Saluskin, and Yallup V. Holdridge, dated December 6, 1960, and editorial report on the brief status of the timber resource of the nation dated December 15, 1960, including other articles I have send in to the Herald and Republic.

As I do not know who is responsible of censoring my articles for publication in your paper, I could only guess. My primary objective in summarizing certain matters in the field of Indian affairs is to reveal the truce based upon facts. Of which I am always prepared to confirm. I also want to remind you, that whenever I submit an article for an editorial on your paper on religion issues, it too is refused for publication. Yet articles on religion is printed in your paper, permitting publication of twisted and warped interpretation of the good "WORD". I challenge any Minister or any authority on religion to a debate on the subject of the Bible or any part thereof. To come forward and prove to me where I am wrong. Personally, it doesn't matter to me whether my material on religion is printed or not. Where the eternal word of God is refused for publication, this indeed is a serious matter, and one which will be required of an individual to answer in the day of judgement.

Sincerely,

Al Goudy

AL GOUDY, Organizer

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LEAGUE OF NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS

Al Goudy, Yakima, Organizer

"ANNOUNCEMENT"

RADIO STATION KENE
NEWS BUREAU
TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON

OCTOBER 23, 1961

DEAR SIR:

THIS IS TO ANNOUNCE THAT MR. GEORGE UMTUGH, CHAIRMAN, YAKIMA GENERAL COUNCIL, OF THE YAKIMA NATION, AND HENRY LUTON, TRIBAL MEMBER, LEFT FOR WASHINGTON, D.C. SATURDAY (OCTOBER 21, 1961) TO CONFER WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON TRIBAL BUSINESS. MR. UMTUGH INFORMED ME THAT A NUMBER OF PRESSING PROBLEMS IS FACING THE YAKIMA NATION WHICH WARRANTS THE TRIP. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD BE GONE INDEFINITELY TILL THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. THIS OF COURSE IS A PRELUDE TO THE FORTHCOMING GENERAL COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR LATTER PART OF NOVEMBER AT WHICH TIME THE REPORT WILL BE MADE.

SINCERELY,

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