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Mrs. Emmett Avery,

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The State College of "ashington.

Dear Mrs. Avery:

Your letter of Dec. 1 and its interesting information was received at the office two days ago.

I'm afraid I can be of little assistance at this time. The turn of events in connection with proposed construction of a dam at Priest Rapids is expanatory. It appears adviseable for time to be marked on publication of Drummers and Dreamers in difference to the Manapums. It is more desirable that these people have a home than that a book be published. And while the manuscript was written over two years ago and still stands, the last chapter is now being written! Besides, D and D, not being a vanity publication, must bide its time while the varieties vanity books issued. I cannot hazard a guess now when it will be issued, but it is my conclusion that it will not be in the immediate or even near future.

I am enclosing, for a bit or so of meat it may contain, and fora recitation of events that will explain the preceding paragraph, a story tontemplate publishing in the takima newspaper. You are welcome to use any ideas concerning the religion it conveys. The religion is so simple, yet so complex, it can not be explained briefly.

Your project sounds most interesting and is surely a good approach. I will look forward to its completion and trust I may be favored with a copy so that I may do my part toward giving it due publicity.

Please extend my best to Dr. Deutsch and to Mr. Armstrong.

The enclosed story will show I'm head over heels in a sizable project and that some progress is being mae. esides that I have been filling a large number of speaking engagements, touching lightly on this situation.

P.S. The enclosed contemplated story is only an unedited sketch. Enclosed, too, is a clipping of a Priest Rapids dam article.

Sincerely

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I am saving a supply of clippings and hope, in time, to provide Dr. D. with several complete sets of such writings.

The Speeping ness who have been uneasy in their graves at a place when have been placefed when a called We-Un-Wy are satisfied now. They are satisfied

The Old Man and other River People sat down and talked to some of the men of the Grant County Public Utility District No. 2 and learned that this 13 St

at Priest Rapids about the Sleeping ness these ures are being expediently taken for the numerous dead and the few living.

Moving rapidly and in the same way necessary to build a dam, the Fublic Minty District is acting to protect the burief places. This is being done although the dam site where exploratory work is under way in the hopes that a 364 to 400 million dollor hydroelectric project can be constructed, is downstream from We-On-Wy, the place where most of the Sleeping Ones wait for the awakening day. It is being dome in quick compliance with a proviso of a permit granted by the Federal Power Commission.

The project sponsors also wish to preserve the weather-blasted carved rocks on an island the River People 22 call Chal-Wish-Kal-Ni, which were One-Legged Abalone Man call that place whale Island. It is allowed upstream and estated is separated by a narrow channel from Fanhandle Island. This was wared fanhan at Sun man; place by the River People is known to the Birer copies as Ambri or an Man place of the River People as culture the war and contained of the River People as culture the war and the land of the River People as culture the war and the land of the same of the same

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River. When one was built at Priest Rapids, the world would turn over and the dead would spry from the mother Earth again.

Smowhala, the Last Prophet, believed as did the old prophets, that the ancient customs must be retained and everything must be left unchanged for the day of awakening.

White strangers came down the river--149 years ago. They were the explorers, Lewis and Clark.

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of the Smowhala Cult netword the old customs the longest. The and old people are fearful that dire happenings will and follow the molestation of the Mother earth. Well purche due happening, here or far away.

So today a core drilling crew is working on the island, Anyhi where sun Man "got his fish," in the days he are not fully relieved of their fears.

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The planners of the must lose no time in the preliminary explorations because ice may form along ther iver and cold winds will rip along the canyon during the dismal wintry days ahead. The achievement of harnessing the river will provide needed entirely power for the war toped million-acre columbia casin and ats young cities, like war oses take where building construction during the past year is approaching eight million dollars, will that by day with the without of hydroclaric energy and will sparke by at hights.

Surplus hydroelectric energy from the would be diverted in the state of the st the Northwest Power Pool, whose resources are diminishing with the drain half prithful + hungry industrial empire. Pina- Fish "eir Place -- is the Wanapum name for that region along Columbia Kiver -- where the core drillers contract. It was one of four fisheries on a thousand mile of river. Celilo Falls, a long journey downstream just above The Palles was the grandfather of fisheries. Another was near White Bluffs and the fourth was at Kettle Falls. Measured to the the unbinished Priest Rapids Dam site is 205 river miles from the Dalles Dam under construction and 179) from the site of the proposed John Day Dam with the Spring Season The once vast runs of salmon ceased to surge) up the steam to White Bluffs and Priest Rapids when Grand Coulee and then Bonneville dams were 24/67 constructed. Moreover, Grand Coulee smothered Kettle Falls, After the dawning era of the day river development, the danapums were able to catch only a few straggler chinook or blueback food salmon at White Bluffs and Priest Kapids Jet they did hot Complaina TOTAL SHOT COTS COME impounded waters will not unnecessarily -pel called we no me was triest rapids are satisfied now The Sleeping Ones, who have been unessy in their graves of a place

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power, they did as the River People have always done. If the white was his business, man wished t face the prospect of dire happenings, that was up to the white we of the river was mentacontrary to the teachings of the old prophets and the Creator Himself was believed something should be done. The PUD also thought that protective measures could be taken and thus it was that the River People and the white men sat down to talk.

But elsewhere up and down the Columbia the 80-year-old wrangle over for unsettled problems of fisheries and dams dragged on while with the secretary of the Interior spoke, observing that it is costing 88 million dollars a year to keep American Indians on reservations.

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and talk has been unavaily with thre who had it in their power to the product put of but and the state sayor of Risks These things the Wanapums did not talk west about at the demonstrated conference with the dam, builders, because the conference and friendship Such talk is unnecessary with those who linders fand Boomen / Robert Ries, chief engineer for the Public tility District frusted talking and listering No. 2 of Grant County and Kenneth Crow, power use consultant, said good-bye and went home to Ephrata. A thous nd things remained to be done. CONVerted Millions of figures were to be scribbled in field notes and transferred into complicated and mathematical formulas; stacks of blueprints were yet to be drawn. All this and more is necessary Project No. 2114 becomes a reality. And the River People to no wish to hinder the work that what is possible to do is being done for them do wot After the cand suyapos had gone, one of the long braids mused: So to one the "The one old people I think are sleeping peacefully and the too-soon-tired little ones, who are buried with them are resting scenario And we are who live are until the awakening time. De er thankful we have found other who understanding brothers, because we are few in numbers Then he epoke sharply asked hopely h "Tell me. "hy can we no longer fish thed at wanawish. We and the fish for our that bodies and the feasts when we gather in our the lodge to thank the Creator. He must have intended them for us or nedod He would not have placed them in the river. When He did that. He left no officer arrest us when we came to take the fish Reschool and the think of the control of the contro He gave us for food and relations feasts. The why? the forestile them and by what rown greater than the forestile we are promitted. ented from Joshing at leanursh? "

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While they talked the handful of "anapums sat alongside their white friends in the friends in the friends in the friends at a long table instead of across from the formulat.

And when it was ended, the fong braid venerables were relieved of a terrifying fear; an anxiety that has possessed them for 30 years, since there was first talk about a dam at Priest Rapids, 30 flars ago

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A high line has been strung from the Grant County shore to the island, and a barge is being built close by.

The core drillers are employed by the sponsors to explore the sub-surface geological structure as a preliminary to an application to the rederal Power Commission for a construction license.

The high line is used to whisk drilling equipment from the shore onto the island. The barge, the of planks and a truckload of buoyant barrels, will anchored in the strong current of the channel near the east shore or Grant County, which faces are the cold and county across the river. One drilling crew will work from the cold and spray-slicked deck of the barge, probing deep to lay bare the mysteries of the structure beneath the river's bed.

The drills, gleaming with diamond sits for them bits -- shar penough to bite through the basalt or other rock formations -- are powered by gisoline motors. A thousand gallons of fuel have already been hauled remarkategar to the site down the sand-clogged emergency road along the west bank from Vantage. That road will serve the purpose until it is flooded into impassability next year when Ahn, the Sun, beams a warm greeting to the snow melt season.

Some engineers are running preliminary surveys a ong both shores while the drill crews are swinging into a 24-hour schedule because the stage of

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flow in the river is low now and the job must be completed of ore the stream comes alive next May. There is no time to lose because ice may form along the river and cold winds will rip along the canyon during the dismal wintry days ahead.

Other engineers are at work a dozen niles upstream just above Sentinel Buttes, not far from Beverly. This general area, where the long and massive arm of addle Mountain weighs down countless tons of sand, could conceivably become the site of a second dam, as large as that proposed lower on the fiver.

The purpose of the two structures is to capture the now wasted force imprisoned in the 150 foot fall along 50 miles of stream. Approximately half of this river strength that varies with the seasons is spent on an 11-mile stretch of Priest Tapids.

The achievement of harnessing will provide needed electric power for the newly developed million-acre Columbia Basin and its sturdy young cities.

Surplus energy will be diverted into the Northwest Power Pool, whose resources are diminishing with the drain of supplying a hungry and vigorously growing young industrial empire.

The core drillers are working at the foot of the rapids, once the headwaters of navigation in the Columbia, and now the doorstep of a new region with a new future.

moored in the west channel, the notorious "hale Chute that roars down the right flank of the triangular island of Anhyi that white people call "hale Island. Although the engineers decline to speculate as to what they will find, there, the River People, having lived so intimately and for so long with the river are gifted by an unexplainable knowledge. They say one part of the millrace is bottomless.

Rivermen in the old days said it was 140 feet deep.

There is visible evidence that Place of the upheaved Umtanum fault.

This was caused by the uplifting of the earth in ages past and the folding which to of unbelieveably great masses of molton rock until they left a misses sub-surface trough or valley, its lower apex offset at a sharp angle.

Mother Nature, usually so exacting, failed for once to fit the pieces together properly. Geologists call it a fault.

One purpose of the core drilling is to determine more about this fault, lefer mine first just where the folds occur, how they could affect the construction of a 11,780 foot long concrete and earthfill dam as high as a 15-story building, and consequently where the footings of such a signatic structure—over two miles long—can be planted firmly and securely.

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After the dawning era of progress and river development the "anapums were able to catch may only a few straggler chinook or blueback food salmon at White Bluffs and Priest Rapids. Yet they never complained. Then the Atomic Energy plant made the closing of that area necessary, for safety reasons, and their main subsistence for of Salmon for food and the religious one dances could only be obtained from their sols remaining fishery. It was 10 miles up the Yakima River from Where that stream flows into the Columbia are was called "anawish. The fix comparatively few fish these papers needed for the meagre wants were obtainable and so they remained silent.

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Priest Rapids, their ancestral home was also their an last toehold anywhere along the river. Whather river has been their only home.

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Far across the continent the Secretary of the Interior spoke, observing that it is costing 88 million dollars a year to keep American Indians on reservations.

Said the Secretary: The sooner we start treating the Indians like citizens the better off the indians will be and the less it will cost the taxpayers."

Now, it happens that,

The Secretary and his predecessors have been informed of the homeless

"anapums. And what have they done? They have advised them the Wanapums to go upon the reservation! The "anapums are a bit confused about policy, but they know their religion, and it holds them to the river.

And it has been pointed out that the future of the Indians throughout the matrix nation, provide reservations is the present of the Wanapums if heritages are torn from the people, one after matrix another until there is nothing, but dreams, that The Wanapums know how that is and do not wish it to be the future of any of their brothers, red or white.

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After the dam builders had gone, one of the long braids mused.

"The old people I think are sleeping peacefully and the too-soon-tired litt the ones, who are buried with them, are resting soundly until awakening time.

"I thought all our brothers, excepting a few of us who are left were in the other ", graveyard. We are thankful that we have found brothers was are believed."

Then he spoke more sharply.

"Tell me. Why can we no longer fish at "anawish. We need the fish for our gather bodies remove them for our feasts when we meet in our k mat lodge to thank the Creator. He must have intended them for us or "e would not have placed them in the river. Yet he left no officer there to arrest us if we came for the fish He gave us."