

Mr. Chapin Foster,  
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Sept. 10, 1955

Dear friend Chapin:

I've delayed answering your letter of August 19 relative to the communication you received from Albert Turrill, manager of Hotel Chinook, regarding possibilities of re-assigning the host city for the 1956 Conference.

The idea is advanced that 1956 will mark the centennial year of Fort Simcoe.

Unless there are more developments afoot than I believe to exist, it is my opinion at this time that the suggestion does not merit serious consideration. The following reasons may be cited:

1-Yakima is not yet ready to be host city for a Conference. The schools have not yet become history conscious to the point where the instructors, who should have a vital part, are even now participants in the conferences as held. I am hopeful that this situation will improve and have been working on it. Special attention to more recognition from Yakima and Yakima Valley schools at the 1956 conference will be given.

2-The Hotel, a community operation is convention conscious and does a good job of conventioning, overlooking no opportunity.

3-The situation at Fort Simcoe, while being remedied, would not be too favorable. This is a long range development. It will not be a finished product by any means by 1956 although remarkable progress has been made there.

4-Yakima organizations have taken kindly to a Simcoe Centennial but not on a truly centennial basis. There will be a centennial observance but on no grand scale that I can envision. This matter has not, and will not until a week or so, be definitely decided by the Yakima Chamber of Commerce

I do not think that serious consideration should be given to the proposal, but the time will come, and perhaps sooner than we think, when Yakima will be a proper city to extend an invitation.

I agree with you that if renewed "applications" are made, it will be proper for the board to act at its December meeting.

Sincerely

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Mr. Chapin Foster, director,  
Washington State Historical Society,  
Tacoma 3, Washington.

Sept. 10, 1955

Dear Chapin:

Not having heard from the State Society and its book store operations concerning my inquiry regarding my forthcoming book, Drummers and Dreamers and your plans regarding possible stocking of some copies, I am renewing my inquiry.

The book is not a vanity publication. It is due for spring or early summer 1956 publication now that the Priest Rapids Dam situation has been clarified.

Since the publisher does not operate on an extensive scale with a large promotion department, I have moved in to help get the book under way.

One of the essentials toward this is to secure advance orders which will help the publisher estimate the number of books to be issued. In cases where I make personal contacts as this, I forward the orders to the publisher.

The knowledge of your book store operator should be consulted as to how many of these initially could be moved. It is my personal believe it would not be too many, but I do know, from many contacts, there would be some.

Operating a book store as it does, the Society would be entitled to the 40 per cent discount given the trade by the publisher. Books are also returnable if in good condition and at a 10 per cent discount.

Later I shall be too busy to continue to ferret out the various potential outlets. I am making arrangements for a swing through the state at time of publication with some of the Indians and am to appear at Seattle, Spokane, Portland and many other smaller cities. It will be necessary to work out this schedule later since I do not intend to become involved in an impossible situation. But the point is that I can't wait until the spring to get all these things going.

On my vacation to California I found a ready reception among the trade and turned in a handful of advance orders. The publisher does not wish payment at this time. But I know of over 500 orders already placed. I want to increase this number within the next few weeks.

My master mailing list indicates numerous contacts in Tacoma itself open as potential purchasers. The Fox Book company there has already advanced ordered several copies. At the time of publication,

and in cities where the Indians and I will be "on tour," invitations will be mailed out inviting persons to come in to their book stores and pick up copies of lithograph prints which will be distributed free. These are of the four color cover by Quigley of Portland.

They will also be invited to meet the very historic Indians, who I am sure will be considerably in the news by that time.

I am enclosing one of the advance circulars and hope that you can see your way clear at this time, as so many book stores have contacted have already done, to advance order several copies. In that way you will be sure of capitalizing on the book when it is first out.

I will have a small number of books which I will acquire myself that I will distribute for placement in such repositories as the Society's library, but my list for such distribution is not large.

I hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you shortly

Sincerely

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Mr. Chapin Foster, director,  
State Historical Society,  
Tacoma, Wash.

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Dear Chapin:

I've been hoping that I would be able to come through Tacoma this summer, but the vacation schedule hasn't permitted any trip at a suitable time. I was able to get to Seattle not long ago but no further.

I've been wondering how things are coming along with you personally, and trust that things are for the better and improving.

My work schedule has been terrific. There seems to be no end of special research that I must get into for stories, and I have been attempting to wash this up so I can devote time to Drummers and Dreamers about which I have informed you. It is due out next spring according to the publisher.

One of my projects, as you know, has been compiling a master list of persons interested in things historical. I have made extensive progress on that project.

I have things in pretty good shape on that score now excepting the inclusion for cross checking and elimination purposes--and I am sure there would be many duplications--of the Society's membership list.

I am writing now to inquire when and if such a list will be available.

Several months ago I sent a postal note to you which it was estimated would be sufficient to cover employment for several hours work by some one of the staff to type out the list. Not having heard anything from this, other than that a part of it for which allowance was made was received for a photograph of the museum board members, I have wondered what the possibilities now are.

Don't let the matter be a source of worry to you, but if you have time to give me an estimate as to when etc. I can fit it into my work schedule.

I shall write separately concerning Drummers and Dreamers, so it will be clearly understood.

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