

Mrs. Norman E. Robbins,
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Dear Mrs. Robbins:

First, thank you for your letter of July 8 and your reference therein to preparing an invitational list for Mrs. Kuempel. Then accept my regrets at "being out" when you stopped by the office.

My work day begins early, before 6, consequently I am through by midafternoon. But by all means, when you pass through and have time to stop over for a bite of refreshments, contact me and we will have something at the Chinook or elsewhere [Even though Mrs. Rolander is absent on an extensive tour of Europe from which she will not return until after October]

The book tour will bring me to Pasco-Richland October 18. My book store appearance at ~~Kan~~ Richland is during a part of the morning and through the noon hour, so it sounds much like I would be able to address the Pasco Woman's Club at 2 or shortly thereafter. I strongly suspect that a talk along sculpture lines will be a variety for me by then, although my various talks will all, by necessity, be considerably different. I expect it will take all of three weeks to put my talks into proper form to cover the various areas. I won't be able to bring any examples of my work, excepting some large photographs of illustrations from the book, and one of them will be of the old man Puck Hyah Foot who will accompany me to the meetings and on the tour. (Others too if plans work out.) The PUD plans to employ those capable of working, but has promised to turn them loose for me at least for part of the tour. They are hiring all the Indians they can, and are encouraging the contractors to do the same on the Priest Rapids Dam)

Do you remember the old long braid I introduced you to at Satus? He sat that evening smoking an old stone Indian pipe. He died Saturday of cancer. It was a fast moving kind, he thought it was tooth ache and died less than five weeks later. The Indians came by and said they didn't expect him to last another day. I went by the hospital an hour later when they left and he had just died.

I'm enclosing a few more clippings. The United Press dispatch regarding the Antanum water case is highly significant coming from the court it does. I am still convinced in my own mind that many of the Presidential Treaty or negotiated Treaty cases will be carried up to the United States Supreme Court before they are upheld, as this has been reversed. It will be different with the Presidential Proclaimed reservations.

The significant points in this high court decision, you will notice, are the strong reprimands and criticisms of Congress and the charges of hypocrisy etc. It is quite strong for a court to speak out.

I also believe some of the Indian tribes, through their attorneys are carrying their claims and suits too far and before too many years, public sentiment, now with the Indians, will be against them and perhaps rightly so because the idea is developing strongly that "the world owes us a living." The Wanapuma of Priest Rapids have not felt that way. That is why I have been strong for them.

The story about the approaching July 24 General Council is also significant. I believe the Indians will vote for payment of the Dalles Dam money over to the Indians. I do hope they set aside the payments due the minors in trust until they are old enough to claim the other. Otherwise many of the irresponsible mothers and fathers will have it spent, quickly.

I believe that the payment can be made with approval of the Secretary of the Interior. I do not know what would happen if Indians yet to be born, 50 years from now, go into court as a tribe and ask the government to account for the Celilo money or tribal money.

For your confidential information I suspect that the Nez Perce, who declined to settle for a million dollars, to their claimed share at Celilo, and said they would sue for six million, will eventually settle on \$2,800,000. That with their other claims, yet to be paid, will also make the NP wealthy. We, as taxpayers, will have to make good those things but surely we should do that before paying untold large sums overseas. You should hear how my wife sounds off, how she meets people all over (this is her third trip) who take the money with one hand and laugh up the other sleeve at the same time. But those things are yet beyond me.

The Utes have solved their problems of part bloods by dividing into two corporations. One, the pure bloods are keeping their land etc. The others have a proportionate share in reservation and income to their degree of Indian blood. They take their money I guess and go their ways.

So you can begin to see how highly complex everything is. There are pressure groups and pressure groups within pressure groups and cross currents and whirlpools.

At your convenience and for later confirmation, you may care to have some suggestions as to the Woman's Club talk, whether it should be 30 minutes, 45, and if the Sculpture subject, woven in with Indian characters from that area of the old days like Homli, who lived at the mouth of the Walla Walla River, the old Palouse chiefs, etc., would be satisfactory."

Again, many thanks for your cooperation with Mrs. Kuempel. And my sincere regards to you.

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