

## Termination Poll

# Indian Unit Denies Claim

Charges that a termination poll recently mailed to members of the Colville Indian Tribes is a "trick" today were termed "ridiculous" by the Colville Business Council's legislative committee.

The committee, which had distributed the poll, answered the charges made by Mrs. Lucy F. Covington, a council member and long a leader in the anti-termination battle, in a letter mailed to tribal members and dated Tuesday.

Mrs. Covington said the poll was mailed in order to get results to convince Congress that the tribe is in favor of termination but that no matter how one voted, the end result was to favor termination.

"She has claimed that the purpose of the poll is to show 100 per cent support for termination and that the poll is a 'trick;' these are ridiculous statements," the letter said.

"The termination bill, if passed, will have to be approved by the tribal members before it will come into effect.

"Many of you (tribal members) have already returned the poll. Those who have not returned the poll still have time to do so."

Mrs. Covington said many on-reservation Indians were returning the poll unopened in protest

and were writing Congressmen not to be influenced by its results.

"If you do not return the poll, we will consider that you do not have an opinion as yet in these matters," the letter stated.

The letter says, in part: "The termination bill provides for a remaining group. We are aware that, in the event of termination, some tribal members may want to choose to continue their tribal membership with a remaining group.

"The pending legislation does not provide that that group would stay under supervision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. A number of Colville members and the Indian Bureau have suggested that it may be desirable that the termination bill be amended to allow the remaining group to stay in trust status under the Indian Bureau.

"Lucy Covington has opposed those suggestions. The purpose of this opinion poll is to try to get some indication as to the proportions of members who will chose to withdraw from the Tribes and convert their share to money and who will chose to be a part of the remaining group.

"The questions asked on the opinion poll are of a personal nature and because of this fact, little advance publicity was given on the sending of the poll. Mrs. Covington's statement that the

poll was "conceived and sent in secrecy in unjust criticism."

Mrs. Covington said she would not mind a poll that asked a "yes or no" question, "do you favor termination?"

## Nun Given Recognition by Chapter

Sister Loretta Marie, a member of the Sisters of Charity of Providence and a former controller at Sacred Heart Hospital, has been presented a Robert H. Reeves Award by the Hospital Financial Management Association.

The Washington chapter of the association, meeting here at the Sahara Motor Lodge yesterday and today, gave the award to Sister Loretta Marie and Maurice A. Click of Wenatchee for their extended service to the organization.

About 125 members from throughout the state have spent the last two days meeting with numerous experts on hospital costs and administration, including representatives of the Washington State Hospital Association, Blue Cross of Washington and Battelle Northwest.

Sister Loretta Marie, a charter member of the Washington Chapter and a board member of the national association, was national president in 1960-61. She has published a number of articles on hospital costs and this summer conducted meetings at Indiana University's 27th Annual Institute on Hospital Finance, Accounting and Administration.

The Washington Chapter is composed of approximately 160 members representing most hospitals in the state.

## Training to Start

Ron Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Carter, N4622 Bemis, has been accepted into the management trainee program of Pacific Bell Telephone Co. in San Francisco, the firm reported today. Carter, a 1966 graduate in Communications at Washington State University, received his discharge from the Army in August. He and his wife, the former Louise Rambolt, have been stationed in Germany the past two years.



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to persons uninitiated in Yoga, Mrs. F. Bert Cooper for students at her new classes in the YMCA a "rest" coming out of a shoulder stand to exercise thyroid now teaching four women's classes at the YMCA, is starting the YMCA. The combined classes for men and women and Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 9 to 10 p.m.