

# Colvilles Head for Powwow

NESPELEM — A total of 24 Colville Indians will be heading for Washington, D. C., within the next few days to testify on a termination bill before a Senate subcommittee Thursday, June 8.

The bill is S.282. The hearing will be conducted by a subcommittee of Senator Henry M. Jackson's interior and insular affairs committee.

The Senate has passed Colville termination bills twice. Both times they died in the House. This time, the atmosphere appears to be different. Rep. Tom Foley said in Okanogan recently that he expects the present session of Congress to approve a termination bill for the Colvilles.

It is believed the Senate will act in fairly short order, and the main question is whether S. 282 will be modified to provide for a reduced reservation for those Colvilles who wish to remain under federal supervision.

NARCISSE Nicholson, jr., of Omak, chairman of the tribal business council which favors termination by a 10-4 majority,

said today the burden will be on those opposed to termination to show that a reduced reservation is desirable and will be economically feasible.

The council majority has indicated that while it cannot support plans for a reduced reservation, neither will it oppose them provided they do not interfere with the withdrawal of members who want to get out.

To provide an opportunity for the expression of diverse opinions at next week's hearing, the Colville Confederated tribes not only is sending its entire 14-member business council but also is paying expenses for two delegates from each of several

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tribal groups.

**THESE DELEGATES** will include T. B. Charley of Malott and Barbara White of Inchelium, representing the Petitioners' party; Steve Cleveland and Ed Gore, both of Brewster, representing the Compromise party; Alice Huber of Omak and Ira Lum of Okanogan for the Colville Liquidation Promoters; Ronald Nelson of Kettle Falls and Irma Inks of Spokane for the Colville Indian association; and Robert Irwin of Oroville and Colleen Allen of Tonasket representing the "Oroville-Tonasket group."

The Oroville-Tonasket group is a former CIA chapter which broke with the leadership and withdrew or was expelled. The group favors S. 282 while the CIA, while backing termination, supports a different means of evaluating tribal assets.

The Petitioners' party is expected to oppose termination. The Compromise party is expected to support the concept of a reduced reservation. The business council minority has opposed termination. The CLP will back S. 282, along with the council majority.