

# Colvilles Heard on Proposals

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate subcommittee on Indian affairs conducted a 3½-hour hearing on termination for the Colville Confederated tribes last Thursday.

About 25 Colvilles representing various viewpoints traveled to the nation's capital at tribal expense to testify. Many had to be content with two minutes on the stand and submission of a written statement.

Other written statements will be included in the record if submitted within two weeks after the hearing date.

**BEFORE** the Colvilles testified, Robert L. Bennett, commissioner of Indian affairs, gave the viewpoints of his agency.

He urged that a reduced reservation be created for tribal members who do not wish to withdraw.

He proposed other amendments to the Senate termination bill. One would extend the period for carrying out termination from four to seven years. Another would demand approval by a majority of all tribal adults rather than a majority of those voting.

The business council majority, favoring termination, opposed both of these changes but neither endorsed nor opposed the reduced reservation.

**ONLY ONE** Senator, George McGovern of South Dakota, chairman of the sub-committee, was present throughout the hearing. A few others attended periodically but were on call by the Senate and could not stay.

The Senate twice has approved termination for the Colvilles. Both bills died in the House.

Narcisse Nicholson, r., chairman of the Colville business council, said following the hearing there are some indications the Senate may act again next month.

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## Water Controls Talk Set

**OKANOGAN** — The top man in the Corps of Engineers in Seattle, Colonel C. C. Holbrook, will speak here at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at the annual dinner meeting of the Similkameen Okanogan flood control and reclamation league at the Cariboo Inn.

Colonel Holbrook, district engineer for the Seattle Corps of Engineers, will explain procedures on river basin and flood plain studies, the authority under which the Corps of Engineers provides assistance in controlling flows of the Similkameen and Okanogan rivers.

Invitations to attend the annual meeting have gone to county officials, boards of directors of reclamation districts, chambers of commerce and community leaders.

Colonel Holbrook will be accompanied by George Lemke, assistant chief of the engineering division for flood plain management. Lemke will review problems associated with Okanogan river flooding in the vicinity of Oroville.