

Women Hit Income Tax

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Reputation of the proposed state income tax constitutional amendment is urged in a "mini" platform before delegates to the State Federation of Democratic Women's Clubs convention in Spokane today.

The "mini" platform, devel-

oped by a 21-member committee headed by Marilyn Buckridge of Everett, declares that the flat-rate income tax is "entirely unacceptable to the Democratic philosophy," but that the Democratic women's organization will support a state graduated net income tax.

Views Opposed

Opposition to the state income tax amendment by the women's group is in direct contradiction to the tax plank in the proposed Democratic state platform as developed by the Democratic state convention platform committee. The latter document, to be debated Saturday at the Coliseum, calls for support of HJR 42, the income tax amendment.

The State Federation of Democratic Women's Clubs opened its two-day convention at the Ritzpath with Mrs. C. J. Morgen of Spokane, Democratic state vice chairman, presiding over the business session.

Consideration of the "mini" platform was the principal activity today.

Indians Laud Call by Nixon for Program

By The Associated Press

Washington State Indian leaders expressed enthusiasm over President Nixon's proposal yesterday for congressional action to put Indians in control of their own affairs.

Lucy Covington, Colville Tribal Council member, said she was favorably impressed with the President's request for an Indian Assistant Secretary of the Interior. She said Indians had been seeking such a post for some time.

Tandy Wilbur, business manager of the Swinomish Tribe, called the proposal "a big revolutionary idea." He said he couldn't evaluate it fully without a more careful study, but added Nixon borrowed the program from Indians who have been seeking it for some time.

Both lauded Nixon's request for repeal of a resolution favoring termination of trust status of Indian lands. They had doubts, however, about the proposal to turn over complete authority for operating health, education and economic programs on reservations to Indians.

Each questioned whether Congress would implement the requested changes.

10th Reunion Slated Sunday for Ritzville

RITZVILLE, Wash. — Persons who attended the old School District 71 east of Ritzville will gather at the Ritzville City Park for their 10th annual reunion picnic at noon Sunday.

Families and former teachers also are invited.

The school, organized in 1904, consolidated with Ritzville schools in 1926. The building was moved to Ritzville and served as a garage for many years.

Sixty-eight attended the first picnic on July 10, 1960. Mrs. Hannah Weber Gale of Hubbard, Ore., organized that reunion. She, Amelia Koepf and Arthur

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