

Termination Foe to Hold Vital Office

NESPELEM, Wash. — Mrs. Lucy Covington, who was recently elected a member of the Colville Confederated Tribal Business Council, also won one of the top offices on the Council. She will hold the office of vice chairman and in so doing is the first person in a number of years holding that office who is opposed to termination of the reservation.

Long-time councilman Narcisse Nicholson Jr., of Omak, a terminator, was re-elected as chairman, a post he has held for seven years.

Barney Rickard, councilman, the out-going vice chairman, will take over the post of secretary. His election to the post and that of Mrs. Covington to hers was determined by the flip of a silver dollar. The coin was flipped after a deadlock had been reached on the voting for a vice chairman. In three voting attempts, the results showed a tie, 7 to 7. With no precedent to follow that could be found, it was agreed by all to toss a coin. Mrs. Covington won the toss.

Mrs. Covington as vice chairman will give her group a voice in the selection of the several active tribal committees that govern the tribal affairs. The recent tribal election placed two more anti-terminators on the council. However, the group favoring termination still has a majority of seats on the council.
