

Mr. PANNER. She cannot. In other words, they cannot belong to two tribes unless they give up their membership in one, and that has never happened. Theoretically it could happen, but nobody would ever take that chance to have it happen, so she does not change. If she is a Warm Springs woman or a Warm Springs man who marries a spouse from Yakima, that is it.

Senator McGOVERN. OK. Did you have any other questions?

Thank you very much, gentlemen.

Mr. Dellwo.

STATEMENT OF ROBERT D. DELLWO, ATTORNEY, SPOKANE, COEUR d'ALENE AND KALISPEL TRIBES; ACCOMPANIED BY JOSEPH R. GARRY, CHAIRMAN, COEUR d'ALENE TRIBE

Mr. DELLWO. Mr. Chairman, Senator McGovern, I am Robert Dellwo, and I am an attorney for the Spokane Tribe, which is near Spokane, Wash.; the Kalispel Tribe also in that area; and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

Sitting with me today is Joseph R. Garry, who is the chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and a member of the State Senate of the State of Idaho, and who was the president of the International Congress of American Indians for 8 years, and a recognized national leader in Indian affairs.

I have my roots, I might say, in the Flathead country, born and raised on the Flathead Reservation, and very familiar with that area.

It is difficult for me to think of any points that have not been covered. Perhaps I can bring out one or two things.

The first point is geographically, Senator, that here we have in the central part of the State of Washington a large tribe of over 5,000 members with a land base. Surrounding it are these other tribes. For example, to the north is the Colville Tribe, and the Spokane Tribe which I represent. To the northeast is the Kalispel Tribe and Coeur d'Alene Tribe. To the east is the Nez Perce Tribe, and to the south is the Warm Springs and Umatilla Tribes. These tribes surround the Yakima Tribe and historically and traditionally and up to the present time, the Yakima area has been a kind of crossroads, an extremely hospitable tribe with lots of activity, sports and so forth and, as a result, from the very origin of these reservations there is a complete degree of intermarriage and intermixture between these tribes and the Yakima Tribe.

Another point I wanted to make is that back in the reservation days when they were being formed, most of these tribes were in the nature of confederations; for instance, the Confederated Colvilles. In the case of Coeur d'Alene Tribe, nearly half of the so-called Coeur d'Alenes were members of other tribes who happened to live on the reservation and who were swept into enrollment in the enrollment days, and in the allotment days, so that actually on to their rolls went a number of Flatheads, Spokanes, Yakimas, and so forth. So there was a built-in intermarriage.

Therefore, we have the tradition of a history of intermixing of these tribes; commerce, and the intermarriage between them that is the rule rather than the exception.