

United States Engineers Host to *Journal Aug 7, 37.* Five Indian Tribes at Bonneville Dam

Protection For Salmon Run Outlined

Bonneville, Or., July 31.—United States engineers were hosts recently to Indians representing three major tribes in Oregon and Washington, the Yakima, Warm Springs and Umatilla, and two smaller tribes, the Wasco and the Cascades.

Because concern had been manifested by the Indians over the fact that, with completion of the dam, some of their favorite fishing rocks will be flooded, arrangements were made with the bureau of Indian affairs to bring the Indians to Bonneville to view the huge project that they might gain a clearer understanding of the provisions made by the government for the protection of the salmon industry.

Colonel Thomas M. Robins, division engineer, Portland, and Major Theron Weaver, district engineer at Bonneville, drove to The Dalles where the government motorboats, the "Sandy" and the "Bonneville," piloted by Glenn Ferrington and Lee Sams, were waiting, ready to bring the Indian party to Bonneville.

Twenty-two Indians, including two squaws, and representatives of the bureau of Indian affairs from the three reservations, made the trip. Another prominent member of the party was K. Simmons of the bureau of Indian affairs in Washington, D. C., who came from Washington especially to make the trip. Six of the Indians boarded the boats at The Dalles and the rest were picked up on the Washington shore opposite the lower end of the Celilo canal.

Coming down the river the party made a short trip up Wind river to look at favorite Indian fishing rocks, stopped at Hood River for lunch and paused at various fishing grounds to permit the photographer from the bureau of Indian affairs to secure pictures.

At Bonneville the motorboats landed on the south shore of Bradford island just east of the power house where they were met by government trucks and cars which took the group over the project. The Indians, some colorful in native costumes, watched scores of blueback salmon going through the temporary fish ladders in use until the permanent ladders are completed; exclaimed in strange Indian sounds over the hundreds of wriggling eels clinging to the concrete walls of the ladder; marveled at the huge dam that will check the mad descent of their "heap big river," and—all in all—seemed to enjoy most heartily their outing.

But they were still skeptical that any man-made dam could stop their giant river.

Concluding the tour of the project, government trucks took the Indians back to The Dalles.

Sav Dam Won't Stop River at Bonneville



Columbia river Indians from the first have been insistent that the mighty waters would not be held back by handiwork of man. These pictures were taken on a recent trip over the project and the river upstream from the dam. The two men are Chief William Yallup of the Columbia River Indians, and a son, Thomas. The squaws are Sally Ann Joyce of the Cascade tribe (left) and Sarah Lumley of the Wascos. With them is Charles F. Bolin of the Yakimas. Below is Phillip Olney of the Yakimas, interpreter.