

Dear Congressman Swift

Most of your views on social & economic matters I am in agreement but there are some statements in your April "Washington Report" with which I take issue.

You state you have introduced legislation to overturn Judge Walter M^cGovern's decision dismissing charges against two Indians for killing elk in Olympic National Park. He based his decision on the treaty of 1855 giving Indians the right to hunt in the park. His opinion evidently was based on the same reasoning as Judge Baldt's decision relative to fishing. While I agree with what you are attempting to accomplish I object to any legislation which would abrogate a treaty. To me a treaty is a treaty and a sacred covenant to which all citizens should respect.

I think we are extremely fortunate that most of the Indian Tribes are agreeable ~~to~~ in attempting to ~~work out a~~ come up with a solution ~~with~~ they and the white population can live by. It this kind of approach which should be followed & not an unilateral one even though you might get by with it due to force and numbers. Let us retain our honor & integrity with respect to treaties regardless how painful it may be.

After all the treaty preceded the National Park
~~and~~ which you state as "one of the main purposes of the
park," which was to preserve elk. If you are correct
in this then how come all the many other purposes
like recreation, roads, skiing etc. were added. It
is unfortunate