

Rajneesh file

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Dear Bob:

I just thought I would jot down a few of the things that have been happening and you can pass them along to Bob Oliver or to the Governor as to what you think is necessary.

As I mentioned some of the cooler heads are very concerned about what may happen from outside influence. Also, we are trying to find some one from Antelope who would discuss a middle road - compromise solution of some sort. The Rajneesh will settle for a service area on the site of their proposed city. (Of course the city battle will go like a great crusade clear to the final Court.)

We at the County level have no problem with the Rajneesh. They apply for permits and follow our instructions. At the meeting there were only two (2) from Antelope. I questioned several people I knew who were there and they didn't want any of their tax money going to a "closed city".

In researching, we find most of the pressure is coming from Don and Donna Smith - about 5 year residents of Antelope City. (He is the one who pulled his usual trick of stomping out of the meeting.) The 1000 friends of Oregon along with Dr. and Mrs. Perkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly McGreer, Mayor Hill, and Buck Coe (a ranch manager who lives on the upper Deschutes, all most in Jefferson County.) These people have built the fires and are certainly keeping them burning. Many of the ranchers in that area are neutral or are saying "let them do their thing, they have the legal right and are not hurting anything."

Most of the people I talk to are not against them as long as they operate legally. Who knows what's down the road a few years? Maybe they will over run the County, but most of us are not very worried. Maybe they deserve to take over the County, but they get the "budget" with it.

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As far as the Rajneesh going back on their word - they haven't with us and I really do not see where they have with Antelope. I readily agree they change their minds, but the reasons are very apparent when they do.

Thanks for coming up, Bob, and thank Bob Oliver also, please. It is felt, with my legal problems, that I don't address him, therefore you get to be the go-between.

Your friend,

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