



## STATE OF OREGON

## INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Gerry Thompson

DATE: January 4, 1985

FROM: Bob Oliver *BO*

SUBJECT: Rajneesh

John Mathis called at 10:30 a.m. on January 4. He says the Wasco County Court is under pressure by various individuals, particularly Bernie Smith, to limit the festival permit for 1985, in terms of what was granted in earlier years. John believes this will result in a defiance by the Rajneesh, mass arrests, nationwide publicity unfavorable to Oregon, etc. He asks the Governor to persuade Wasco County to renew the permit on the usual basis.

Under ORS 433.735 to 433.770, an "outdoor mass gathering" may be held only if a permit has been issued by the county governing body. The Governor plays no legal role in procedures for issuance of a permit. Under ORS 433.750 (3), "Any decision of a county court of board of county commissioners on an application for a permit to hold an outdoor mass gathering may be appealed to a circuit court for the county."

I told John I doubted the Governor would wish to intercede on behalf of the Rajneesh before the Wasco County Court, but I would convey this request.

John also said questions had been raised about the ability of the Rajneesh to control such a large gathering of people. Consequently, he says K.D. "stupidly" arranged a demonstration today of the use of weapons possessed by the Peace Force and its reserve. John says this demonstration was staged in the presence of about 14 media representatives (equipped with cameras). Col. Pankratz told me the State Police sent one of their uniformed officers as an observer.

On a related matter, Col. Pankratz told me this morning there had been 8 "dumps" in Portland yesterday, three ticketed. Last week K.D. told the State Police he no longer would communicate information about departing individuals, because he believed the State Police were using this information in order to question those who were departing. Consequently, the State Police have resumed their policy of stopping all vans and buses leaving the community.

cc: Denny Miles  
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8 a.m.

Pankratz called. Eight street people showed up in Portland last night, three with bus tickets.

About a week ago K.D. said he wasn't going to tell us when there was movement of street people.

OSP isn't talking to K.D., but stopping all their buses and vans looking for street people. Pankratz said he always calls after these stops, asking why they are stopping the vans.