PUBLIC LAW 587 INFORMATION GIVEN; QUESTIONS RAISED BY TRIBAL MEMBERS

GUARDIANSHIPS

1. Question: What is section 15 of Public Law 587 and what is its purpose?
   Answer: Section 15 relates to guardianships laws established for Klamath Indians only.
   Answer: Section 15 is to be used to determine the property of Indian children or minor Indians. The law establishes that any person can be appointed guardian of an Indian child or minor Indian. The law also provides that the guardian must protect the property of the Indian child or minor Indian and that the guardian must be approved by a court. The law further states that any person who is appointed guardian must file a bond with the court and that the bond shall be in the amount of $200,000 or more.

2. Question: Under Public Law 587, at what point will cash payment be made to those who wish to withdraw from the tribe?
   Answer: Under section 5 a (3) it is provided that whenever funds from sale of tribal property have accumulated in amounts of $200,000 or more, such funds shall be distributed equally to the members electing to withdraw. Thereafter distribution shall be made any time funds total $200,000 or more up until the property set aside for sale has been sold and the funds distributed.

3. Question: Will I harm my position on the Klamath roll if I receive a termination settlement through membership in a tribal (or other) tribe?
   Answer: Yes, if an Indian were enrolled in two or more tribes from which benefits would be received, they would be required to give up his interest in all but one tribe. A letter stating his desire and directed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Portland Area Office should be enough to accomplish this.

4. Question: At present the Bureau of Indian Affairs is building several new roads on the Klamath Reservation. Are tribal funds being used to pay the cost?
   Answer: No, tribal funds are not involved for those roads being built under an agreement with Klamath County. These are being built from funds appropriated under the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1954, and upon termination, their maintenance will become the responsibility of Klamath County.

5. Question: When will the 100 head free grazing right on tribal grazing units end?
   Answer: The 100 head free grazing right will continue until the lands are sold under provisions of P. L. 587.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTEND INTERSTATE POW-WOW

Several members of the Klamath Executive Committee were present at the ninth annual meeting of the Governors' Inter-Tribal Indian Council, held this year in Sheridan, Wyoming. Representing the Klamath Tribe at the council were Seldon Kirk, Chairman of the Oregon Indian Affairs Committee and members of the Executive Committee; Dorthea McAmunt, Boyd Jackson, Delford Lang, and Jesse Kirk.

Boyd Jackson and Harvey Wright, Director of Indian Education for the State of Oregon, were Governor Elmo Smith's official state delegates to the council.

The Council heard speeches by the Governors of Montana and Wyoming, by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and by other persons concerned with Indian problems. Due to limitations of time, only brief speeches were allowed for presentation of problems raised by P.L. 587, the Klamath Termination bill.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Glenn Emmons, again stated to members of the Executive Committee that the Department of the Interior regarded any amendments to P. L. 587 as too early at this time and that no amendments would be favorably considered by the Department or by the Bureau of Indian Affairs until after tribal assets have been appraised and until after each tribal member has made his election to withdraw from the tribe or remain in some form of tribal union.

INFORMATION PROGRAM

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This program will be continued until the termination date and it is planned to contact each individual and family to give them an opportunity to learn directly of our purpose here and to obtain whatever information they may desire and to have answered any questions that may arise. In turn, our staff hopes to learn what information is needed the most so that we can concentrate our efforts in obtaining it for you.

In addition to the informational program being conducted in the field, information on all aspects of the law will be made available at the education office in Chiloquin. Anyone having questions dealing with public law 587 is invited to come in and discuss them.

Our objective is simple. We are here to provide factual information and to be of service and help in whatever we can to the Klamath people.