

Forrest Cooper Comments on Beatty Meeting

The December, 1958, issue of the Klamath Tribune carried an article about a meeting held at Beatty on December 12, 1958, at which the formation of a non-profit corporation under the presidency of Hi Robbins was announced. The part played in the meeting by Forrest Cooper, Lakeview attorney, was related in detail.

Mr. Cooper makes the following statements, which we quote from his letter to the Klamath Tribune dated January 30, 1959:

"1. You commence by giving my name and by linking me with one of my clients, namely, the Association of Oregon Counties. I think that this was improper because a reader might get the impression that the Association of Oregon Counties was directly or indirectly involved in my presence and the purpose for my being present and was contributing some degree of help. There was no connection between that client or any other client and my presence at that meeting except the clients hereinafter mentioned.

"2. You then state, and I quote, 'The management specialists and the government tried to sell the Indians out,' Cooper declared, 'but both counties (Lake and Klamath) refused to be so induced.'

"The writer denies having used words stated in your direct quote or having used said words in substance. Since I was a stranger to quite a few of the persons present I was requested to assist those who brought me to the meeting clarify my connection, if any, with the principal tribal advocate of Public Law 587, and my connection, if any, with the federal purchase program of the Indian Bureau and of the management specialists. I stated that the writer did not cooperate with the tribal sponsors of Public Law 587; that I did not give personal support to the plan of the management specialists and others to promote a federal purchase program and that my client, The Association of Oregon Counties had not done so, although it had been requested to do so, thereby indicating that I had not been bound, because of any contract of employment, to support something that a client desired but I did not.

"3. The next important matter that you state with which the writer takes issue, is, and I quote: 'Cooper's legal fees were set at \$20 per hour or \$100 per day, whichever is less.' Messrs. Robbins, Jackson and Kirk stated to the meeting that they had employed me to prepare the articles

of incorporation and the by-laws and get the organization under way. Neither they nor anyone else stated what compensation I was to receive for having done so or for services that I might render in the future. In reading the articles and by-laws at the meeting the writer made no such statement for no such statement is contained therein. No express contract, written or verbal exists between the corporation or the officers thereof and the writer relative to the rate of compensation for past or future legal services. My services have been sought from time to time the past several weeks by the corporation officers on the basis of the reasonable value of the services rendered in the light of the ability of the corporation to pay for the same. My services have been paid for in full to date. There is no connection between the quantum of such compensation and the price that you have so unequivocally stated."

The Editors are sorry if they have given any misinformation about the December 12th meeting. It is hoped that the above information clarifies Mr. Cooper's position.

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resent them. The need for reelecting a new executive committee was also discussed at the earlier March 6 meeting. It was pointed out at both meetings that the withdrawees were carrying 77% of the cost of executive committee salaries with only 50% representation on the committee.

The present executive committee is split evenly with five withdrawing and five remaining members. Windsor stated that because withdrawing members constitute three-fourths of the tribal membership they could be able to swing the vote in a tribal election.

During the meeting questions were raised about dead trees on tribal property, forest fires and fire protection. It was Windsor's opinion that these questions were irrelevant because the government has guaranteed a certain amount to the withdrawing members regardless of what happens to the forest. Windsor added that there were more important issues to consider such as getting a fair appraisal.

Delford Lang, chairman of the group, objected to the way the March 23 hearing on the appraisal review was conducted. Lang informed the group that he sent a telegram to Sen. Richard Neuberger asking for a postponement of the hearing but this request

Results of KTL-1-59 Fringe Unit Sales Told; New Bids to be Opened April 28 1959

Final results of sales of units advertised under invitation KTL-1-59 are given below. With two exceptions noted, the buyers were tribal members.

Opening of bids on units advertised in KTL-2-59 was scheduled for 10:00 a. m., Tuesday, March 31, at the Tribal Land Sales Office. Invitations for bids have also been sent out for KTL-3-59, offering 10 units. Bids on these units will be opened at 10:00 a. m., April 28, at the Tribal Land Sales Office.

Unit No.	Successful Bidder	Amount of Bid
87	Joseph Jackson, Jr.	\$ 8,000.00
*88B	Rufus P. & Dorothy I. Robinson	350.00
95	Dorothea McAnulty	19,100.00
97	Marvin J. Walker	1,900.00
99	Rachel R. Tupper	8,600.00
101	Coralie Crawford Nelson	1,055.00
102	Coralie Crawford Nelson	2,000.00
106	Joseph Jackson, Jr.	17,000.00
107	Joseph Jackson, Jr.	6,300.00
114A	Sylvan Crume	27,750.00
115A	Rachel & Filmore Tupper and Dorothy Jonathan Crume	94,100.00
115B	Marvin Walker & Effie W. Driscoll	30,000.00
117	Clarence Clinton, Mary Burgdorf, Zelmarien Haskins, Glen Haskins, Evelyn Cheraldo and Delford Lang	18,588.00
117A	Same as above	32,723.00
119	Theodore A. Crume	2,075.00
128	Lura Martin	20,000.00
*130	Joseph Kycek	760.00
132	Earl Rambo Jepson	1,000.00
222	Rosetta M. Crain	16,000.00

*—non members.

was denied. According to Lang, Boyd Jackson was asked to present a statement on his behalf. He wished to make clear, Lang said, that Jackson should be given credit for having done this for the withdrawing members.

The need for getting the Secretary to approve the \$10,000.00 bank loans was brought out again. It was felt that to secure approval, it would be necessary for the withdrawing members to have someone in Washington fighting for it. Chairman Lang stated that the group should continue to seek the full unrestricted \$10,000.00 loans.

Windsor was asked by Lang to report on the meeting held at Sen. Neuberger's Portland office in January at which Windsor and a small group of tribal members were present. Windsor related the following highlights of that meeting: the Senator refused to support the withdrawees on their request for a ten thousand dollar loan; Congress was getting tired of hearing about the problems of the Klamath Indian Tribe; tribal

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not have withdrawn either. As for the special education program, Ben said, "You'll never get another chance like this." In his opinion, this program is far better than that offered to GI's and added, "It doesn't pay to pass it up if you have the gumption to go to school."

Ben is proving by his athletic achievements, popularity, and good grades at Lewis and Clark that he had the gumption to go to school and to make good.

members would be given adequate notice of the appraisal hearing which would be held in March; and that his subcommittee would consider the problems relating to hunting and fishing rights.

It was decided that the withdrawees should get together at 7:00 P. M. on April 10 at the Council hall to plan for the general council meeting which is expected to be held on April 11 at 10:00 A. M.