

## Per Capitas To Stay Strong, Sub.-Com. Told

Another distribution of four hundred dollars will be made to the remaining members on March 15, 1960, it was announced by Ray Lung, trust officer for the U.S. National Bank at a meeting called by the Trust officials in Klamath Falls on February 23.

This announcement was made at a meeting to which the remaining members' sub-committee of the Executive committee were invited to discuss the developments in the management of the remaining property.

According to Lung, the four hundred dollars payment is in accordance with the 1960 budget which is based on the predicted income from cutting contracts. It is anticipated on the basis of the predicted income that a total distribution of \$1600 will be made during the current year.

The income at the present is good, stated the trust officials, because cutting is being carried out in the virgin stand of timber. It is predicted that this income will continue until the end of 1964 at which time, cutting in the virgin stand will have been completed. The price of timber at that time, will of course, determine the amount of income which remaining members will receive.

The sub-committee officials were advised that together with the March 15 payment, the trust department is enclosing information from the tax department which will specify remaining taxable income, gain or loss from the operation of the trust. The trust officials advise that this information will have to be included in the individual's federal or state income tax returns. The forms are self explanatory, but tribal members are urged to consult the trust officials if there are any questions.

There was some discussion about the possibility of acquiring Klamath Marsh, and it was explained that the trust officials do not consider it financially advisable to purchase it for the remaining group even if the law made this possible. As for the Wocus bay area which has been set aside for the remaining members, the Trust officials will probably make some arrangement to lease it to the Fish and Wildlife service.

Bob Mezger, forester, gave a run-down on what has taken place in the logging operations to date. He reported that half of the logging operations have been carried out in the burn area, on schedule, and that the rest is expected to be completed by the first of July.

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bulk of the property was made through pledge of pro rata shares, only about \$1400 being received in cash. About an equal amount of personal property remains to be sold, much of which is fire equipment. An effort is being made to have the federal gov't put in some fire equipment on a loan-use basis so that this tribal property can be sold at an early date, Skarra advised.

Detailing the tribal farming, grazing, and fringe timber land sales program, Skarra noted that land in this category had been sold for a total price of \$2,760,158 but that cash received amounted to only \$180,209. Only a small amount of this type land remains to be sold, including allotments which have escheated to the tribe and two units on which the original purchaser did not follow through. Present plans are to advertise the Klamath Agency in April, Skarra added, although it may be necessary for the BIA to retain use through the fire season.

Explaining why the Klamath Marsh has not yet been transferred and payment made, Skarra stated that the only source which the Fish and Wildlife Service has for funds to purchase the marsh is duck stamp sales. No information is yet available as to when sufficient funds will be accumulated from the sales to make the purchase, although the status of the account is expected to be known by Spring.

Skarra also described in detail the sustained yield units yet to be sold.

Translating the property disposition into terms of funds available for distribution to withdrawers, Skarra found the picture "not pleasant". There was \$220,000 in withdrawing funds in the Treasury as of Dec. 31, 1959. Another \$1,642,182 is to be paid in for the Antelope Desert Unit by April 30, 1960. Grazing permit receipts are expected to come to \$31,675 and salvage sales will bring in an estimated \$297,914. These amounts, the limited cash received in fringe and personal property sales, and prompt payment for the marsh would result in \$2,667,896 being available in July. This would make possible a distribution of \$1600 per withdrawing member. Complicating this picture, however, are the "offsets"—interest free loans, revolving cattle loans, O & M charges, and pledges against pro rata shares to buy land and personal property. These offsets would have to be applied, in the order listed, against any monies

## Procedure For Obtaining Loans Set Forth By Bureau of Indian Affairs

(At the request of Bureau of Indian Affairs officials the Tribune is providing the following information concerning the obtaining of loans.)

### Instructions to Withdrawing Members of the Klamath Tribe For Obtaining Loans

#### A. Loans by the United States

- 1 FORM. An application form approved by the Commissioner will be used. This form may be obtained from the Superintendent of the Klamath Agency.
- 2 SIGNERS. Applications will be signed only by the borrower executing an assignment of his or her beneficial interests in tribal property as security for the loan, except in the case of persons protected under Section 15 of the Klamath Act, as amended, whose applications will be signed only by their trustees.
- 3 NUMBER OF LOANS. Only one loan agreement may be in effect with any one borrower. Loan agreements, however, may be refinanced or modified to increase the amount of the borrower's indebtedness. A form for this purpose may be obtained from the Klamath Agency.
- 4 PURPOSE. The purpose of the direct loan program is to alleviate reoccurring financial difficulties caused by the discontinuance of per capita payments.
- 5 ELIGIBILITY. Any member listed on the final roll of the Klamath Tribe who has elected to withdraw, is eligible for a loan. Applications of persons protected under Section 15 of the Klamath Act, as amended, may be made by their trustees. Where parents are supporting their children, the loan would be made to either parent or divided between them, and not to the trustee.
- 6 APPROVAL. All applications shall require approval by the Area Director or his authorized representative. Recommendations of a social work-

available for distribution.

Skarra recapped the loan program, that \$2,123,250 had been loaned out thus far involving 948 loans with nearly 1400 modifications. About \$1,000,000 would go back into the loan fund if money sufficient to make a \$1600 distribution became available, he calculated.

A general discussion followed, featuring questions on the marsh and on the procedure for amending the termination law.

er and a credit officer of the Bureau will be shown on all applications. All approvals shall be given **subject to the availability of funds.** The Area Director or his authorized representative, shall be assured in the case of persons protected under Section 15 of the Klamath Act, as amended, that assignments of beneficial interests of such persons are made only by appropriately authorized representatives of such persons.

- 7 INTEREST. Loans will not bear interest.
- 8 MATURITY. Loans will be made payable on or before April 1, 1961, and will contain an **acceleration clause Providing for payment at an earlier date by any distribution of tribal assets to withdrawing members prior to April 1, 1961.**
- 9 SECURITY. An assignment of the borrower's beneficial interests in tribal property shall be the only security required. Assignments must bear the written approval of the Area Director or his authorized representative before any advance of funds is made.
- 10 AMOUNT. The amount of the loan shall not exceed the amount the borrower and his family would have received as per capita payments and been permitted to spend, had they not elected to withdraw from the Tribe. **This has been determined to be \$600 per person for a six-month period.** In no event shall the total indebtedness of a borrower be more than \$10,000 unless otherwise authorized by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

In the case of a loan for the benefit of a minor the amount shall not exceed the amount which probably would have been allowed for expenditure for the benefit of the minor from a per capita payment. Parents shall be considered jointly responsible for the support of their minor children.

**Officials of the area office of the BIA report that the tribal land sales office has been authorized to readvertise the Modoc Point, Sykan, and North Marsh sustained yield units. The plans must be submitted by Sept 1, 1960, and bids will be opened on Dec. 1, 1960. Because of time limitations, none of the sustained yield units to be put up for sale on April 1, or August 1, 1960, will be readvertised.**