Court Steps Into Sale of Indian Land

PORTLAND (P) — A Circuit Court judge voiced suspicion Monday that a recently publicized sale of Indian timberland was "just too raw to get by this court."

Circuit Judge Ashby C. Dickson directed Attorney Leroy Lomax to make an investigation of the sale and the Indian Affairs Office part in it.

If Lomax finds anything wrong with the transaction, the court will back him up in a suit to invalidate the sale, Dickson said.

The sale referred to was on the Southwest Oregon coast last summer, 800 acres of timberland owned by two Indians being sold for \$135,000. Lomax said the Indian Affairs Office would not allow the two Indians to make their own dicker. Instead the land was sold to another Indian. who was free of Indian Affairs Office Restrictions, and the land then went to white men for \$160,000. Next it went on option to other white men for \$300,000.

Lomax, attorney for the two Indians who originally owned the timber, asked the court to order an abstract of title on the land.

The judge granted his request, the commented:

"If these people have had some of their rights taken from them, I want those rights restored, if it is humanly possible to do so. If this transaction is as I surmise it to be, it is just too raw to get by this court without some effort to restore their rights to them."

Wool Price Support Plan Said Certain

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That government support of
wool prices on a non-recourse loan
basis up to 90 per cent of parity
appears certain, is the message
R. A. Ward brings to Oregon from
Washington, D. C.

Ward, general manager of the Pacific Wool Growers Association, has just returned from the national capital. The expected support price is the result, Ward said, of a conference held by wool growers' representatives, Western senators and congressmen and government officials in Washington. Ward is also a member of the wool advisory committee to the Office of Price Stabilization.

While many growers would probably prefer no wool support program at all, under the defense production act, Ward explains, it is mandatory for the secretary of agriculture to announce a support program. The wool growers' associations were unanimous in their stand that the non-recourse loan program, in which the producer maintains his beneficial interest in the product until it is sold, or taken over by the government, rather than a wool-purchase program, would be the best for the growers.

Ward also reports that representatives of the wool groups agreed that the government loan proposal should be an emergency measure. and they expressed hope that the market would stay above the loan level so growers would not have to resort to it. They were also in agreement that other permanent remedies should be undertaken to "chore up" declining wool markots. One proposal was to urge the treasury department to levy countervailing duties on the importation of wool or manufactured wool tons entering this country under subsidy conditions. It had been reported that the governments of Argentina and Uruguay were subsidizing manufacturers in their countries on wool tops exported, which enabled them to dump this semi-manufactured wool in the United States at less than the cost of raw wool.

Ward urged that the military purchasing departments stockpile reserves of wool fabrics and uniforms to strengthen demand for wool, to provide work for thousands of idle textile workers, and to give some support to the wool market by taking weights of wool off the market. This proposal was endorsed at the Washington, D. C. meeting and will be incorporated in the recommendations of the wool groups.

Valley Men In Maneuvers

Willamette Valley service men who are participating in Exercise Snow Fall maneuvers at Camp Drum, N.Y.. include Pfc. Roger L. Hawley Jr. of Salem and Pfc. Dennie T. Higdon of Newberg.

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Both are members of the 11th
Airborne Division's 511 Regiment,
stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kv. The
Army and Air Force are joining
for the winter maneuvers.

Hawley, an automatic rifleman, foined the Army Nov. 2, 1950, and graduated April 20, 1951, from Ft. Benning Parachute School. He attended Tigard High School and Willamette University.

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Higdon, an 81 mm mortar assistant gunner, entered the Army in January, 1951, after attending Newberg High School. He graduated from parachutist school in June, 1951.

Along the Maryland and Virginia coasts, menhaden, a species of fish, are known as bughead, bugish, oldwife, alewife, greentail, and chebog.

