

Utility District Tax Law Upheld

The Dalles — (U.P.) — A circuit judge has upheld the Oregon law allowing levying of property taxes on people's utility districts.

The ruling was made yesterday by Judge Malcolm W. Wilkinson in a case brought by the Wasco County PUD.

His ruling was in the form of a memorandum opinion in favor of the defendants — Wasco county, the State Tax Commission, city of The Dalles, Oregon Business and Tax Research of Portland and six individual Wasco county taxpayers.

Except for the levy in the 1950 fiscal year, Judge Wilkinson held property taxes levied against the district were legal. The PUD had filed suit on the grounds that state law authorizing levying of property taxes on PUD's was illegal.

Judge Wilkinson said, "Wasco county does have authority from under the constitutional and legislative provisions to impose, levy and collect a tax upon the plaintiff district for the years 1951, 1952 and 1953 and . . . such levies for such years are lawful, but . . . the levy for the year 1950 made under the 1939 act was void because of title limitations."

Power Cutback In Northwest Ends

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. William A. Pearl, Bonneville Power Administrator, last night announced the end of the Northwest's 75 per cent cutback in interruptible power.

Dr. Pearl, who appeared on a Portland television show, said improved Columbia streamflows had brought piecemeal restorations recently.

However, he said the decision to restore power to aluminum and other large industries was reached yesterday because it was felt warmer weather at Columbia headwaters had brought conditions at federal dams back to near normal.

Interruptible power loads were cut 25 per cent early in March. By the end of March, the reduction was stepped up to the full 75 per cent.

The cutbacks, which affected 14 big industrial plants, forced purchase of more expensive steam-generated power.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Over east of the mountains—especially in Klamath and Lake counties, and to a lesser extent in Modoc and Siskiyou counties in California—the termination of federal supervision of the Klamath Indian reservation is a matter of the utmost interest and importance.

The termination, with its accompanying problem of removing the Klamath Indians from the status of wards of the federal government and making them over into full citizens with all the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, was initiated by the enactment, in the frenetic closing days of the congress last summer, of Public Law 587. It is under this law that the transition of the Indians from wards of the government to full U.S. citizenship is to take place. Some imperfections in the law are showing up, and these imperfections are presenting problems.

I suppose interest in the Klamath reservation is much less keen on the west side of the mountains. Still, 2500 SQUARE MILES of area, containing some of the finest pine timber and some of the best grazing lands in the West, can hardly fail to be of interest to any citizen of Oregon. The economy of the entire state will be affected by the success or the lack of it that attends this rather staggering social and economic experiment.

THIS IS the present situation, in brief:

Public Law 587 provided for a CHOICE on the part of the members of the Klamath tribe. They can either take their share in cash and get out, or they can stay with the ship.

In order to get the money to pay off those who want out, Public Law 587 provides for the SALE under certain prescribed conditions of reservation property. Since the money must be provided rather quickly, it would amount to FORCED SALE of the more liquid of the reservation assets.

The most liquid of the reservation's assets is its TIMBER. In order to provide the amount of money needed within the time limits provided, the timber would have to be sold to the highest bidder.

THE RESULT of such a procedure would be to throw the reservation timber — probably the finest body of Ponderosa pine remaining in the West — on the market for IMMEDIATE CUTTING, thus putting an end to the policy of sustained yield management under which this

great stand of timber has been administered for decades.

THE RESULT of that would be several years of wild boom followed by a BUST.

The three able citizens of Oregon who make up the "management specialists group" that is charged with the responsibility for putting Public Law 587 into effect could not bring themselves to accept such a situation.

So they declined to serve unless their contract was revised in such a manner as to permit them to proceed with the job of termination of federal supervision in a more orderly manner. They convinced the federal authorities that their position was sound, and the contract was changed.

THE MOST important change in the contract was one granting to the management specialists the right to SUBMIT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF CONGRESS. Mr. Watters, Mr. Favell and Mr. Phillips (the management specialists) believe that if carefully drawn amendments permitting more orderly handling of the reservation's huge assets can be presented to the congress at a time that is less hectic than was the case when Public Law 587 was enacted—congress was then hastening to reach adjournment in a Presidential campaign year—it will be possible to secure amendment of the law providing for wiser and more orderly liquidation procedures.

That is the long and the short of the present situation. HERE IS a point we must all keep clear in our minds: THE LIQUIDATION OF FEDERAL SUPERVISION OF THE KLAMATH INDIAN RESERVATION IS A MATTER THAT IS OF PRIMARY CONCERN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE KLAMATH TRIBE. The Klamath reservation is their heritage. It is all that remains to them of the country that belonged to their ancestors. In the process of termination of federal supervision it is THEIR WELFARE that must be primarily considered.

BUT— It seems to the three able and public-spirited men who compose this management specialist group that the welfare of the members of the Klamath tribe and their descendants will be better served by a more orderly process of liquidation than is provided by Public Law 587. This objective of a more or-



HE'S READY — President Eisenhower tells newsmen in Washington that he is ready to attend a Big Four chiefs of state meeting to test Russia's sincerity on relieving world tensions. He said he preferred that such a top level meeting be held in a neutral country and that the meeting last about three days.

Springfield Vote Recalls Councilmen

Springfield, Ore. — (U.P.) — Two city councilmen here were recalled by an overwhelming vote in last night's special election, an unofficial tally indicated.

A poll of precincts by local reporters showed Paris Breedlove was recalled by a vote of 1400-406. The vote against Ralph Nicholas was 1403-413.

The special election was called because of a dispute over the "too-rapid" acceptance of the resignation of former city manager L. D. Bartlett, now Lane County Road Administrator.

Citizens charged the city council put the resignation into effect too soon, and were too hasty in appointing Herbert C. Hamilton, Cottage Grove, as Bartlett's successor.

Mayor Ed Harms strongly protested the city council's action.

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Why? Because this kind of driving increases the build-up of certain combustion chamber deposits—the root of most power and gasoline waste. And to overcome these deposits you need a gasoline with a special kind of additive.

What happens is this:

As your engine warms up, these deposits warm up, too—glow red hot. And these glowing particles act like hot coals—ignite the gasoline mixture ahead of time . . . before the

pistons reach proper firing position. This is called pre-firing and means that power works against you instead of for you.

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