

The United States entered appearances on behalf of all four estates concerned, filed objections to the petitions to ratify, filed an affidavit of prejudice against Judge Brown, and obtained a transfer of the matter to another judge. The objections were based on the holding of the Prieto case, supra. The Government further petitioned the court to issue orders to Dunlevie Associates and Therieau to show cause why they should not be ordered to return all fees received in connection with the Senci lease.

The petitions for ratification and the Government's objections were heard in Riverside on November 30, 1967, by Judge Leo A. Deegan. Judge Deegan denied the petitions to ratify and issued the requested orders to show cause. The orders have been served upon Dunlevie and Therieau. A hearing is expected to be held soon.

2. Association of Conservators, Guardians, and Allottees

We believe that the United States should file suit against the Association of Conservators, Guardians, and Allottees for an accounting and recovery of all Indian monies turned over to the Association, at least to the extent that it cannot be shown that they were used in ways directly beneficial to the Indians. It appears that such monies are now being expended in attempts to vindicate the activities of the Association and its members, a use hardly compatible with the professed purposes of the organization or the interests of the Indians. The Tribal Council, individual