

of all the hearings, and that these are available for any tribal member; is that your understanding?

Mrs. ORTNER. I have attended these tribal meetings, these tribal council meetings where the tapes are used, but also the tribal council has the responsibility to send out minutes since the contract, Mr. Simpson's contract says the quarterly payments are predicated upon how many meetings he has attended. The only way the Bureau can see how many times Mr. Simpson has been in attendance is by the tribal council minutes. He has not been coming out, they have been on the tape lots of times. Last year, I would say maybe we had a good five tribal minutes that were sent out to the members of the tribe, and when you do not have tribal meetings, full tribal meetings, the tribal members cannot be informed of what's going on, so you may have tapes but unless they are transcribed, what good are they? Are you all going to come from many miles away? My sister lives near San Francisco and this is ridiculous, she can't. The tribal council has the responsibility to the members to get them out.

Mr. BURTON. My point, in that line of questioning, is that I wanted to discern for myself whether the information was available, as necessary, and if it was possible for a tribal member to attend a meeting and see the business transacted. Apparently, that isn't so in your case.

Mrs. ORTNER. You can attend the meeting, but it was my experience that when you would go, and you would ask questions, they would sit there like a bunch of wooden Indians and say nothing to you when you talked, and I resent not being looked squarely in the eye if I have something to say and you have a rebuttal, or you have an explanation. Please look at me in the face and tell me, don't just sit there, and then when you adjourn the meeting say, "Whew, what a bag that is." You just don't do that. It isn't good business and it isn't fair, so they just sit there and if anything important comes up and you want an answer at that time, what do they do? Well, "We'll defer to the next meeting," so you get tired of hearing everything deferred to next meeting and you don't come, but you can attend, this, I grant.

Mr. BURTON. Thank you.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mrs. Ortner, how many meetings have you attended since March?

Mrs. ORTNER. I have attended none.

Mr. TUNNEY. Mr. Chairman?

Mr. EDMONDSON. Congressman Tunney.

Mr. TUNNEY. You made a comment, Mrs. Ortner, in your statement on page 5 that "Only through termination will you free the Indian from those guardians, conservators, council, business managers, and attorneys who invest Indians' money at a low or no return or without security, or deal with the Indians' properties to their own self-interest." Then, in answer to a series of questions, from Mr. Edmundson, the chairman, you indicated that you saw a difference between developed land and undeveloped land as far as termination was concerned; is that right? As I understand your responses, you said you felt that with land that was developed and income producing you could have termination immediately; where it is undeveloped and nonproducing, that the termination should proceed over a period of time; is that correct? Is that my understanding of this?

Mrs. ORTNER. The last part of your question was?