

Mr. SCHAAB. That is the way I read it.

Senator METCALF. And the law, as I interpret it, and you have to read it to interpret the congressional intent, says that others shall have some use after the resource needs of the Indians are taken care of.

Mr. SCHAAB. The area of conflict there is really a question of whether or not the rights of the Forest Service to sell the timber to others or to operate the area for national forest purposes should be subordinate to Congress principal intention of setting the area aside for the Indians to occupy said lands, use the resources thereof for the personal use and benefit of said tribe.

The "personal use and benefit" I think would include their religious uses of the land which requires privacy and secrecy and the exclusion of outsiders.

The permit that was issued under the act gave the Pueblo the right to veto entrance into the area by outsiders. It said that entrance shall be on permits concurred in by the Governor. That would be a matter of controversy between the tribe and the Forest Service.

Senator ANDERSON. Isn't the same permit of record signed by the various parties? Don't the Indians sign these permits?

Mr. SCHAAB. They sign some permits, Senator.

Senator ANDERSON. No; they signed them all, didn't they?

Mr. SCHAAB. When?

Senator ANDERSON. If you say they didn't we will put some witnesses on the stand but you must know that they signed them.

Mr. SCHAAB. In 1964 I understand they signed no permits. I think you have to say what time period you are talking about. They have signed some permits certainly.

Senator ANDERSON. Has there been any trouble from 1964 on?

Mr. SCHAAB. About the permits?

Senator ANDERSON. Yes.

Mr. SCHAAB. I think there has been some controversy perhaps with respect to whether the Indians have an unrestricted unqualified right to veto entrance.

Senator ANDERSON. You are speaking here as the attorney for the Indians. Can you cite one case after 1964?

Mr. SCHAAB. Let me refer to the——

Senator ANDERSON. The Governor understands it very well. Has there been trouble, Governor?

Senator METCALF. The Senator is addressing a question to the Governor who is going to be a witness, but would you stand and respond to the question of the Senator from New Mexico. Give your name to the reporter.

STATEMENT OF PAUL J. BERNAL, SECRETARY OF THE PUEBLO COUNCIL

Mr. BERNAL. Mr. Chairman, this is Governor Querino Romero of Taos Pueblo. My name is Paul J. Bernal. I am interpreter for Taos Pueblo and also the Taos Pueblo Council Secretary. I would like to interpret Mr. Romero's statement.

Senator METCALF. I want the Senator from New Mexico to repeat his question and solely for the purpose of answering that question we called you.