

DECLINES TO ELABORATE

But, the senator declined to elaborate.

Taos Indian claims on the Blue Lake Area came after the Indian Claims Commission ruled last September that land was wrongfully taken from the Pueblo.

The ruling led to the bill which Anderson introduced in Congress to get some of the land returned to Taos Pueblo because it includes a number of the Indians' religious shrines.

Montoya also said he knows of no move to file any claims for Sandia Pueblo with the Indian Claims Commission.

SAN JUANS SEEKING ESPANOLA LAND TITLE—CLAIM SET ON FEDERAL REGULATION

(By Doyle Akers)

SAN JUAN PUEBLO.—This Pueblo has served notice that it will try through federal legislation to acquire title to a vast acreage which chops into the existing Espanola city limits and highly developed properties.

Grounds for the claim will be that for centuries San Juan Pueblo has used the land for religious ceremonies and as a source of wood for their fires and vigas for construction of their dwellings.

The intent was made clear in a report made public last week showing the Pueblo's plans for economic improvement over the next 10 years.

In addition to the acquisition of the land adjacent to the present southern boundary of the reservation, the Pueblo also intends to ask for all or part of the sprawling Sebastian Martin Grant on the north which now is under the supervision of the U.S. Forest Service.

Failing in acquiring the Sebastian Martin Grant, the report notes that as an alternative the Pueblo will seek exclusive use rights on the land. The Sebastian Martin Grant touches the northeast corner of the reservation, extends north to include the community of Velarde and east to the Sangre de Cristo foothills at Las Trampas. It abuts the Black Mesa Grant on the west.

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(Balance not legible.)

Senator METCALF. Let me go through the list of witnesses.

I want to give a good deal of time to the delegation from Taos Pueblo, and then we are going to have Mr. LaCome of the Taos County Commissioners, and Mr. Pomeroy, I see, is here.

You are in town, aren't you, Mr. Pomeroy?

Mr. POMEROY. Yes, sir.

Senator METCALF. Louis Clapper, you are in town?

Mr. CLAPPER. Yes, sir.

Senator METCALF. And available.

Dean, Kelley, of the National Council of Churches, is here.

I am going to call Mr. Kelley ahead of Mr. Pomeroy and Mr. Clapper, if I may.

Is Mr. LaCome here?

Mr. LACOME. Yes, sir.

Senator METCALF. How long will you take, do you think?

Mr. LACOME. It won't take but a few minutes.

Senator METCALF. I am going to recess now until 2 o'clock. I will try to be here just as soon after 2 o'clock as I can get the floor of the Senate, and we will first hear you, and then we want to give a good deal of time to the delegation from Taos Pueblo, so you will follow Mr. LaCome, and then Mr. Kelley, and then we will finish up with the people from here in Washington, who haven't plane commitments and so forth. So at this time, we will recess until 2 o'clock.

(Whereupon, at 12:35 p.m., the committee recessed, to reconvene at 2 p.m., the same day.)