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Indians Charge New Park Steals Klamath Property

Loggers Eye Other Terms

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Land deeded to a Klamath River-Yurok Indian family by the U.S. Cavalry, President Grover Cleveland and President Theodore Roosevelt is in the new Redwood National Park boundary, and the family is mad.

In other park developments, Georgia-Pacific Corp. has pointed to a section of the legislation which authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to change the boundaries to prevent stream siltation, timber damage

or harm to scenery from outside activities.

The Indian dispute involves Dad's Camp, an area of some 120 acres on the south spit of the Klamath River mouth and nearby hillsides.

Mrs. Dorothy Haberman, a member of the Williams family which owns the property, today charged that the National Park Service has broken a written promise not to include the area.

Blames Clausen

She charged that Rep. Don H. Clausen is "completely responsible for the whole thing" and said his desire to include seashore areas in the national park led to the taking of family lands.

Clausen refuted the charge that he is responsible, responding that the move was made in the secrecy of a House-Senate conference committee without prior notification. He pointed to a section of the park bill which permits the government to purchase private property but allow the owner to remain in control for noncommercial uses for 25 years or until the death of the owner or his spouse, whichever dates is later.

Mrs. Haberman described herself and her family as "bitterly disappointed by this for the reason it's already ours."

She termed the action "a high-class scheme to get the lands."

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Tracing the history of the property, she said the Klamath-Yurok Indian people recognized the area as her grandfather's. The U.S. Cavalry made the first formal title to the family, an Indian allotment based on the authority of President Grover Cleveland. President Theodore Roosevelt renewed the title in 1907, with no change in the federal position since then.

The third generation of the family ownership now is in operation, "assisted by the fourth and training the fifth," she said. A fishing resort is the business.

In more recent history, the property was deleted from the state's North Coast Redwoods Master Plan by Gov. Edmund G. Brown in 1966.

NPS Promise in Letter

She quoted a letter of April 25 from Frank E. Harrison, assistant to the director of the National Park Service, to Lewis

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