

RESOLUTIONS OF THE PAPAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL

RES. NO. 1430

WHEREAS, Clifford A. Bruce, who operates the Covered Wells Trading Post at Covered Wells has not paid any part of the Tribal three per cent (3%) sales tax levied on all non-Indian traders on the Papago Reservation, and

WHEREAS, It appears from time to time that there has been various complaints brought to the attention of the Papago Tribal Council concerning Clifford A. Bruce. One is that Mr. Bruce hired a Papago girl for three dollars (\$3.00) per day to do baby sitting, work in the store and unload groceries brought from town, a wage far below the national wage scale. Second is that Mr. Bruce sold pastry that was already soiled and he refuse to refund the buyer and it is also reported that on several occasions has sold spoiled milk. Third instance reported is that when people pay their bills and buy groceries he adds the paid bill onto the new one. The people that live in the Covered Wells area have a long walk on foot to the store to buy groceries and many times they buy a large quantity that is impossible to carry home, they try to ask Mr. Bruce to take them home in his pickup truck, but he refuses to do so and gets sarcastic about it. There is also certain reports of him from Pappago, Arizona where he sells from a truck house to house late at night getting people up from bed trying to sell them groceries.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, By the Papago Tribal Council that in view of the above facts the Council carefully considered it and discussed it in a great length of time and came to the conclusion that Mr. Bruce is without an excuse to pay the Tribe three per cent (3%) sales tax, which every other trader on the Reservation pays and the complaints against him stated above do exist, therefore the Papago Tribal Council will not renew his trader's license.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That the Tribal Attorney and the Papago Agency be notified to take any action necessary.

The foregoing resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on November 12, 1965, with a vote of 18 for, 0 against, and 4 not voting, during a meeting at which a quorum was present, pursuant to authority vested in the Council by section 2 (f) of Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Papago Tribe ratified by the Tribe on December 12, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 6, 1937, (Stat. 984), pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

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