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"We cannot know where we are going if we do not know where we have been."



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## An Appeal from LRDA's Indian Information Project

Dear Friends:  
The New Year-1982 is here. The Indian Information Project would like to take this opportunity to extend to you our best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

The Indian Information Project/LRDA continues to serve as an information gathering and dissemination office for Eastern Indian issues and concerns. However, in the new year, we will be assuming the role of advocate, as well as information gathering and alerting, for our people and their concerns.

Our goal is to stabilize the office and add two full-time staff members to supplement our volunteers. In the past two months, we have monitored legislation and administrative moves which have jeopardized Eastern Indians; namely, the White House Policy Task Force; the proposed transfer of Indian Education from the Department of Education to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Department of the Interior; the budget-cuts; block grants; the CETA reauthorization. In addition, our office has updated the mailing list, sent Redliner to the printers, and

caught up on correspondence.

The spirit of our October conference was uplifting and unifying. We want to continue and spread that spirit to all of our people in the Eastern United States. To do this, we need your help. Won't you consider giving the Indian Information Project a donation of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100? This will help us with the mailings and other office expenses.

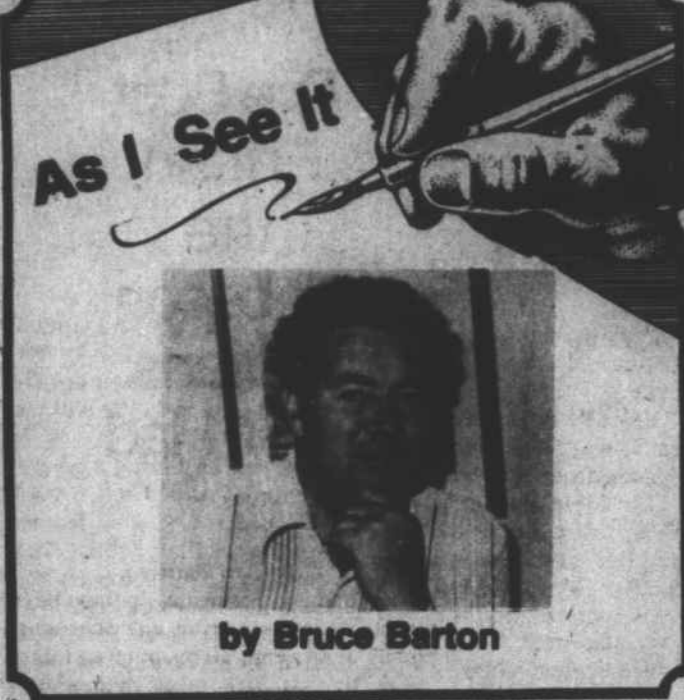
In addition, in the new year, 1982 Redliner will charge a subscription rate of \$15 for a yearly rate of eight issues. If you would like to subscribe and be an associate of the office, \$20 is the fee.

We want everyone to join our effort to educate, advocate, and fight for Eastern Indian Rights.

Won't you be among the first to pledge your help by sending your name and address.

Thanks so much for your past support and for caring by helping.

Sincerely,  
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As I See It



by Bruce Barton

### WATCH THE POLITICIANS IN LUMBERTON VOTING RIGHTS CASE

This is a red flag, a warning, a full alert. Watch the politicians in the Lumberton Voting Rights Case. They are scurrying about like bulls in a china shop attempting to get Lumberton-by hook or crook-out of the very precarious position they find themselves in.

Representatives David Parnell and Bill Gay have already gone on record saying, if one can believe the Robesonian, that they stand ready to introduce legislation in the N.C. General Assembly to let the Lumberton School System keep the annexed area (Clyburne Pines, Lakewood Estates, Barker Ten Mile, etc) in spite of the fact that it was illegally annexed, or, being blunt, raped and taken by legislative force from the Robeson County School System.

Indians, especially, can read and write now...and even do a little arithmetic. They will not stand idly by this time and let our legislators sell us out ever again.

Only Senator Sam Noble has shown any sense in the matter, as I see it. He suggests that the two affected school systems- Lumberton and the county system- sit down and talk and come up with a sensible solution. That makes sense to me.

Lumberton school officials talk glibly about this being "a mere voting rights case." That's right, as far as it goes. But, if one cannot vote, the next obvious step is that he cannot participate either. And that, whether Lumberton school officials say so out loud or not, will determine where children go to school.

Y.H. Allen, the former superintendent of the Robeson County School System, as I see it, seemed intent on gutting the county system in favor of Lumberton. He never, to my knowledge, stood up to the assaults on the system he was charged to administer.

But such is not the case now. Purnell Swett, the present superintendent, is of a different cloth and color. Allen himself lived in the Lumberton City Schools Attendance Area and his children attended Lumberton schools. I believe Swett and the county board of education will protect the interest of the children they are charged to care for.

If a solution can be found and I believe it can- the county system will not lose students or territory, as they always did in the past.

Rep. Bill Gay is a former principal of Lumberton High School. It is little surprise that he has been quoted as saying he will introduce legislation to maintain Lumberton's school system. But I would remind Rep. Gay that he was elected to represent all of us, even you and me.

And, in a final note, it would be nice to hear a politician say something about the welfare of the children, all of them.

So watch them, mark them, red flag them. Politicians are dangerous folk, if you don't keep a sharp eye on them. And our politicians, dear readers, deserve close scrutiny.

PSU HOMECOMING DESERVES OUR SUPPORT  
I also recommend PSU's Homecoming to you. It's always a fun filled week. Here's a schedule of events.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mon., Feb. 8... Movie "Stripes" in Moore Hall Auditorium - (TBA)

Tues., Feb. 9... Men's Basketball vs Elon College (7:30 p.m.)  
Disco by Jimmy Abdalla in the Student Center (9 p.m.)

Wed., Feb. 10... Band featuring "Liquid Center" in the Student Center - (TBA)

Thurs., Feb. 11 Guest recital in Moore Hall Auditorium (8 p.m.)

Fri., Feb. 12... Pep Rally in Student Center (11 a.m.)  
First Round of NCAA Southeastern Regional Wrestling Championships-Quarterfinals - 6 p.m., Semifinals - 8 p.m.  
Student and Alumni Dance - National Guard Armory, Lumberton - 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. - \$4.00 person

Sat. Feb. 13... Homecoming Parade sponsored by the SGA  
Finals of NCAA Southeastern Regional Wrestling Championships Consolation Finals, 10 a.m.; Championship Finals, 12 noon.  
Alumni Banquet in Gym (5 p.m.) Tickets are \$5.00 each.  
Women's Basketball game vs Pfeiffer (6 p.m.)  
Men's Basketball game vs Pfeiffer (8 p.m.) queen crowned at halftime-(Games - Season Passes or \$3 at the door)  
Disco after the game (Disco Pat) in the Student Center  
Braves Club Victory Party following game in Auxiliary Gymnasium of Jones P.E. Center following the game. Donations accepted.

University will speak Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Covington Street School in Laurinburg.

Dr. Arden C. Miller of the School of Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill, will speak Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Wesley Pines Retirement Home in Lumberton. And Dr. Robert Wilson of Duke Uni-

versity will have a talk at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at First Methodist Church in Laurinburg.

We encourage the public to attend these interesting lectures. It's one of the many benefits deriving from having a university in our midst. Let's take advantage of it.

PSU is also sponsoring a series of lectures entitled America's Crisis of Confidence: Credibility of Institutions and Professions.

One of the nice things about living in or near a university town like Pembroke is the exciting programs and speakers that come to the campus from time to time.

Dr. Robert Gustafson and his colleagues in the philosophy and religion department at PSU are sponsoring, thanks to a grant from the N.C. Humanities, a series of lectures in the next few days.

The series of lectures are built around the theme of America's Crisis of Confidence: Credibility of Institutions and Professions.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Barton,

I am sending you a copy of an editorial I recently had in the Robesonian, if you find it worth printing I wish you would since a lot of our people read your paper. If it will help just one person to stop and think it will be worth my time.

I would like you to know also that people around St. Pauls like your paper too. We also love the Lord and invite you and anyone else that will, to come and worship with us at Ten Mile Center Baptist Church, we have preaching every Sunday except the 5th Sunday on which we have a singing at 2:30 p.m. Our pastor is the Rev. Jimmie Strickland.

### RELIGION SEEN AS HELP TO KEEP OUT OF COURT

To the Editor:

Having been on jury duty the week of January 4 to 8, I have been very disturbed ever since. While in court I couldn't help but notice that everyone who was tried that week was Indian. Being an Indian myself, I was very concerned and I started wondering and asking myself questions.

What has happened to our race of people? Who is to blame? Is it the church? Or is it just the individual him/herself? I don't think we can point a finger at any one individual, but it is time all of start doing our part as Christians.

As parents, if we are not born-again Christians, we need to be. Then we need to raise our children according to God's Word, the Holy Bible. Then as Christians and a part of the church it is time we put our work for the Lord in its rightful place, and be up and about our Father's business or witnessing to others and trying to help them get their life in order.

As an individual we need to look at ourselves, first be proud to be an Indian. Second, ask ourselves what we want out of life. Then realizing that God loves us as much as he does anyone else, we should turn our lives over to God and let him be a part of it every day in everything we say or do. Christians need to pray more and work harder and live what they preach. If all these things were done, maybe there wouldn't be so many of our people in the courts to be tried.

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:2  
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The easiest way to finish a hard job is to get to work. After a start is made, the finish is near at hand.

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Hardly any church needs any particular individual, but there are few individuals who do not need a church.

## President Reagan's Letter Portent of Good Things at Indian Unity Conference

Indian people in N.C. have always been proud people. Life has never been easy for us. We have, by necessity, been creative, resourceful, hard working and persevering. We have wrestled with discrimination, prejudice, segregation, poverty, and injustice in all of our Indian communities for centuries. Some battles we have won, some we've lost, in the war on these social evils and they are far from being over.

Throughout most of those hardships, however, Indian people have worked quietly but with great determination and commitment. We have asked only for a chance to make decisions concerning our own destiny. We have asked for support in helping us to achieve the goals of social and economic self sufficiency.

As more than 500 Indian people in North Carolina and the East Coast prepare to gather in Raleigh for the 7th Annual Indian Unity Conference on March 4,5,6, is it any

wonder then that President Reagan has recognized our past and continuing efforts by sending his support and congratulations for a successful conference?

For the first time in the 7-year history of the conference the Planning Committee has been able to get a letter of support and encouragement from the President of the United States-Ronald Reagan.

We consider the symbolic nature of the letter to be highly significant.

The Guilford Native American Center in Greensboro, through the Office of Rep. W. Eugene Johnston, the freshman Republican from Greensboro, contacted President Reagan that resulted in the significant letter.

We applaud them for their efforts, particularly Ruth Revels, the energetic director of the Guilford Native American Center.

It is a portent of good things to come at the upcoming Indian Unity Conference.

## Letter from the President

Dear Conference Participants:

It is a pleasure to extend my best wishes and warm regards as you gather for the Seventh Annual Indian Unity Conference sponsored by the North Carolina Indian Commission. I salute and support your theme, "Building a Better Future through Indian Unity."

Yours is a state with the fifth largest Indian population in the nation. As you know, I was governor of the state with the largest Indian population. California, like North Carolina, is home to both federally recognized and non-federally recognized tribes and to both urban and rural off-reservation Indian communities. These similarities make me aware of your needs, interests and concerns. I am especially aware of the heritages cherished by each Indian committee. But I am mindful of your needs for a forum such as the Unity Conference through which you can share ideas for controlling your own destiny, gaining social and economic efficiency, and assuring your rights as Indian people and as American citizens.

There is no more important foundation for realizing these goals than that of restoring this nation's economic health-a major task of this Administration. I sincerely solicit your support in this important undertaking.

As President, I have been working to open up agencies for consultation with Indian leaders. I commend your efforts and look forward to hearing the results of your deliberations.

RONALD REAGAN



## WHO KNOWS?

1. Name the three vice presidents who served with President F.D. Roosevelt.
2. Who wrote, *True worth is being, not seeming...*?
3. Who was the first president to give an inaugural ball in Washington, D.C.?
4. What flower is the emblem for Delaware?
5. What island is at the tip of the Italian boot?
6. How many signed the Declaration of Independence?
7. Who painted the picture *The Praying Hands*?
8. When did Russia project the first animal into space?
9. Soldiers from what three wars are buried at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?
10. When was the first heart transplant made?

### Answers To Who Knows

1. John N. Garner, Henry A. Wallace and Harry S. Truman.
2. Alice Cary, in her poem, *Nobility*.
3. James Madison, 1809.
4. The Peach Blossom.
5. Sicily.
6. Fifty-six.
7. Albrecht Durer.
8. November 3, 1957.
9. World Wars I and II and the Korean War.
10. December 3, 1967.

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Religion is the possession of the human race; no small group of any faith has exclusive possession of Divine resources.

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No sensible adult makes fun of young people; the chances are that they have more sense than their elders.

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