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Robeson Writes Off Some Bills

LUMBERTON - The Robeson County Board of Commissioners has decided to give up in its attempt to collect more than \$130,000 in past due ambulance bills.

The board Monday agreed to "write off" the bills at the request of the county finance

County Manager Paul Gra-ham told the board that some of the bills were two years old, and some had been paid partially by Medicald and Medicare funds.

Medicaid and Medicare pay \$25 for an ambulance call. The county charges an average of \$35 per call. Graham said the rest of the bills are "uncollectable" and recommended that they be written

The county started its own ambulance service three years ago when tighter state regulations caused funeral homes and other private firms to go out of business.

In other actions the board agreed to give \$3,950 to the Lumber River Legal Services Inc.. a Pembroke group which offers legal services to the disadvantaged.

The group had asked for county funds to increase its -shaff so it can extend legal services to elderly residents

who cannot come to the Pembroke office.

The bulk of the agency's funding comes from federal

Mr. President? Have you remained silent because you

elders?

is it? What is it you are afraid of? Something must be stopping you from doing the honorable thing because I see you are an honorable man. What is preventing you from acting with honor toward the Indian? What is preventing you from intervening in the slaughter of Indian women and children in South America? Could it be Mr. President

treaties you might have to return your peanut farm in

Georgia to the descendants of

those Indians it was stoler from at the time of the Removal? Is that what you are

afraid of Mr. President? What

MORE LETTERS

Editor's note: This letter was

dian Voice as an open letter

We saw your message to

Congress when you returned from the SALT Treaty Con-

ference. Of particular interest

to us was your remarks about

South America and what Cas-

tro is doing there. You see, we

are Indians--Native American

people. In this country we are

a minority, but if you count all

of us in both hemispheres of

this continent and subtract

that by the number of whites,

if you do that you will find that

Now, you said you did not like

what is happening in South

America. We do not like it

either. The countries are controlled by a few very rich

families who belong to the

same jet set as your Mr.

Kissinger. They keep their

control by rigid suppression of

the poor who are Indian.

Bounties are offered for dead

Indians. In the country of

Uraguay all of the Indians

have been murdered. Did you

hear me Mr. President? All of them have been murdered!

When Indians went to Geneva

this last time to protest the

genocide perpetrated against

Indian people in this hemis-

phere there were Indians to

speak from every country in

this hemisphere except Ura-

guay. All the Indians in

Uraguay have been murdered.

In Indian stores around the

Nation it is possible to buy a

poster with a picture on it of

one of the last Indians alive in

Uraguay. The caption under it

reads: "I did not know it was

wrong to kill an Indian." It

was spoken by a member of

the ruling class in Uraguay.

Was it a friend of Mr.

Kissinger's? And tell us this

Mr. President. How can a Jew

who survived Nazi prison

camps be now so actively

involved in perpetrating the

genocide of Indian people in

the Western Hemisphere? Did

he learn his values from

guards in the concentration

camps in Nazi Germany?

When America intervened in

We are told he plotted the

assassination of the president

their treaties. We are told the

C.I.A. executed this man

under orders from Mr. Kissin-

ger. Is this true Mr. Presi-

Kissinger used troops to mur-

der 35,000 Indians in Chile.

Could this be the reason Mr.

President why you refused to

meet with Indian people who

walked from Alcatraz to

Washington, D.C. last sum-

mer to see you about our

treaties? Were you afraid that

if you honored our treaties Mr.

Kissinger would have you

assassinated too? Is that why

you refused to meet with our

We are told a treaty is a sacred thing. That it repre-

sents the honor of a country and that it is above the

our treaties are violated every

day. Why is this continuing

we are a majority.

submitted to the Carolina

to President Carter.

Dear Mr. President,

TO EDITOR

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

> that you are a victim of the "John Wayne Syndrome?" That you believe those movies were reality instead of vicious propaganda perpetrated against Indian people, their way of life and their honor?

> Could it be that you believe you need to sacrifice Indian lives to preserve your own, as portrayed in those Westerns? Could it be that you believe you must sacrifice the Indian way of life to preserve your own way of life? Could it be that you believe you must sacrifice Indian honor in order to preserve your own honor?

> And another thing Mr. President: Why do you still allow school children to be taught that Indians came across the Bering Strait and moved down? That is a lie. Except for the Eskimo, Indians came from very highly civilized cultures in South America, and the movement was North, not South. Our oral history verifies this. Indians had highly civilized cultures when your ancestors were living in cold, damp caves in Europe. Think about that Mr. President. I mean really think about it. When Europeans, your an-

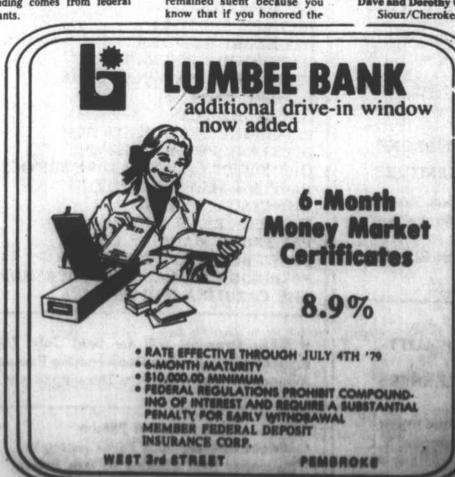
cestors, decided that Indians

were game to be hunted, they based their decision on one fact, ignoring all others. Indians had no private property. What one had they all shared. When one ate, they all ate. When one went hungry they all went hungry. To a European that put the Indian on a par with animals because a Chile it was Mr. Kissinger who European knows that human they live by the ethics of the jungle and "to the victor goes who was returning the land to the spoils." The evidence of the Indian people according to cooperation, sharing and the pursuit of harmony which is the way of life of an Indian tribe, did not seem like the proper way for human beings dent? We know that Mr. to behave, at all. Do you share those beliefs

with your ancestors? Is that why you allow Indians to remain under the Department of the Interior to be exploited along with the wild horses? Is it those beliefs which caused 'your inertia, your impotence, when it comes to righting the wrongs done to Indian people? Must you rearrange your ideas in order to see us as just, outraged, honorable, truly human beings?

We know that you are a very busy man and that we will probably get no answer to this Congress of the country and on letter because you are so busy. a par with the constitution of Yet we will be praying that you will consider these questions that country. That it is not to be violated by Congress. Yet we have asked you--perhaps in your sleep.

Sincerely,
Dave and Dorothy Chief
Sioux/Cherokee





Tuscarora Tribe Makes Progress

We have many of our Indian people that want to be recog-nized by the Federal Govern-ment of our United States.

Over the years the Ind and surrounding counties have talked of changes that they want. Talk is not what brings these changes into a reality. but action. We in no way are speaking of violence. The reality is that the Indian people know that in order for us to become recognized by our federal government, there must first come thorough research and much hard work, and it will take money to accomplish our goals.

The reality is that the Indian people in this area are going to be recognized as a duly constitued tribe.

This has come about through means, some of which many feel were unnecessary. How-ever our forefathers found out the hard way what happens when you sit back and take no

Now is our time to stand united to see a dream become a reality. We cannot talk about heritage and roads; and not want to take some kind of a positive stand to maintain what is ours - the "Indian culture" and our heritage. By remaining a silent frightened minority we shall remain an unrecognized people.

Who gave the Indian people the following?- 1) buses for school children during the 1930's 2) the Indian Normal School, now PSU 3) the solution to double voting in

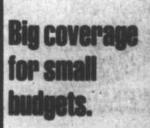
The answers to the above are all the same - "Postive Active Indians" who thought more about the benefits of their people rather than what they as individuals would gain. Are you willing to sacrifice and take a stand for your people?

A petition asking for federal acknowledgement of the existance of an American Indian tribal government in this county, has been in the works for some time. This petition, written according to the federal guidelines, will run to a couple of hundred pages, and will go up to the Federal Acknowledge Board at the Bureau of Indian Affairs some time in the next few months, if not sooner. The work that went into preparing the peti-tion was sponsored by the Tuscarora Indian Tribe (Chair man, Vernon Locklear)

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