

WHAT NEXT???

A meeting will be held on March 11th between Lumbee and Cherokee representatives. This meeting is an outgrowth of the recent defeat of federal recognition for the Lumbees. The bill for federal recognition was defeated as a result of Cherokee opposition.

This meeting will allow both groups to come together and discuss mutual concerns and establish open and frank lines of communication. Using hindsight, such a meeting probably should have taken place prior to the introduction of the Lumbee recognition bill. It is natural for people to oppose something they perceive might threaten their welfare. It sometimes is easy for misunderstandings and distrust to grow in such a climate. Consultation and communication are essential for trust and support. Now at least the Cherokee and Lumbee people can sit down and work out any misunderstandings or problems. Hopefully, 1989 will be the year of the Lumbee! Federal recognition should remain a top priority.

Salman Rushdie, the author of *The Satanic Verses*, probably received even more attention than he bargained for; he is worth over \$5 million. The so-called "religious" leader of Iran, Khomeini, called on Moslems, even non-Moslems, to "kill and send Rushdie to hell." This order came about because Rushdie's book insulted the Moslem faith. Since we have not been able to obtain a copy of the book, we really do not know specifically what was said. We do know that for the insult, Khomeini sentenced Rushdie to death.

Sadly, such attitudes are not confined to the sick minds of old men in some foreign country. We can recall an American war slogan, "kill a Commie for Christ," that seems just as sick as Khomeini's order. So before you jump, look. Somehow, throughout history, violence and religion have always managed to comfortably walk hand-in-hand. As the Protestants and Catholics continue to battle in Northern Ireland, as religious zealots arise throughout our world, we wonder whatever happened to the notion and message of the Prince of Peace.

The poor are easy targets. Perhaps that is why some in our society relish the news when a welfare cheat is sentenced to prison. In the great majority of these cases, a couple hundred dollars might be involved. Of course this is forgotten. But, to some in our society, this is enough to condemn all people who

receive welfare. Many quickly label those on welfare as cheats, bums or even worse.

Why not the same treatment for those who steal from and destroy our future? A brief review of the actions of some people on Wall Street, who were manipulating stocks through insider trading; a hard look at defense contractors, who sold our government hammers for \$200 and \$300 a piece; a glance at officials at some of our savings and loan institutions which, through mismanagement, theft, and bad loans, mortgaged our future to the tune of tens of billions of dollars; if anyone, these are the people we should be holding up to public scrutiny and contempt. Why don't the American people do this? Is it because the Wall Street, S&L, and defense contractor types are supposed to be role models? Such individuals are supposed to be on the "fast track"; our future leaders.

It's time to end "welfare bashing" and treat all who lie and/or steal exactly the same. However, if our society chooses to continue the "welfare bashing" sport, then we have the solution. Since some defense contractors sell our government hammers for \$200 each, we only need to give every person on welfare five hammers per month. They can then sell them to the government and be proud of the fact that they make \$1,000 per month and are now considered fine, upstanding citizens. It's the American way!

David Duke recently won a seat in the New Orleans, Louisiana assembly by less than 300 votes. Mr. Duke, and we use the term "Mr." very loosely, is a former American Nazi, former leader of the Louisiana Ku Klux Klan, and current head of the National Association for the Advancement of White People.

With such a background one might wonder how this man was elected by human beings who are living in the 1980s. We often think we've come a long way in leaving such hatred and ignorance behind, but hatred and ignorance are alive and well and not just in a small, small part of Louisiana.

Men such as Duke have just traded in their brown shirts and dirty sheets for a suit and tie. They carefully soft pedal their views to achieve their goal, which is now election. It worked for Duke, but apparently and unfortunately, he did not seem to have to mask his feelings too much. But remember, he only won by 300 votes so don't go off condemning all the people in his district. And please don't judge all of Louisiana's fine people

on this one, isolated event.

And what of David Duke....his name is more than adequate to describe him and his "philosophy": remember, people who know David well just call him, "Dukie"!

The Carolina Civic Center recently hosted a Black history program. We heard the program was a great success. If for nothing more than

improving race relations by demonstrating Robeson County's assets are for all its citizens, then the recent action by the Civic Center was successful. Blacks and Indians are also a part of the great history of Robeson County. They too deserve to sit downstairs at the ol' Carolina Theater. Hopefully, the painful memories of past events will be cleansed from our minds as we work together for a better tomorrow for all of our children!

THE READERS' FORUM

Lack of Leadership Responsible for county's problems

Dear Editor:

I read an article recently in The Robesonian concerning Eddie Hatcher and Timothy Jacobs and the meetings that have been held recently to improve the image of Robeson County.

Some people at the meetings said Eddie and Timothy were the reasons for these problems; but come on... these problems have been here for years and years. Our leaders have not solved them yet, because they are self-minded, jealous-oriented, self-proclaimed and prejudiced individuals.

I was really dismayed at the tactics of calling these young men "criminals" after a federal jury found them not guilty of all charges stemming from the Feb. 1 takeover of The Robesonian. I read the article concerning the meetings being held to improve the image of Robeson County and many people saying Eddie and Timothy were the reason for all these problems. Come on! These problems have existed for as long as our leaders have been in office!

I did not see any statements made when Robeson County's own dirty rotten tactics of a coroner's inquest ruled in favor of Kevin Stone in the killing of Jimmy Earl Cummings and they ruled it accidental AND/OR self-defense. Be for real! Was that the case? It was also stated that the FBI, SBI and a congressional committee have investigated Robeson County, but now did they?

One can ask any Indian or black in Robeson County if there is corruption here and the answer is YES! We are second-class citizens when it comes to jobs, justice, human rights and in the courts. Now, you know that is corrupt.

Look at Robeson County — where is the problem? The problem is the so-called leaders of our county.

1. Why is everyone not treated equal?
2. Why was Horace Locklear set up?
3. Why was the Jimmy Earl Cummings inquest an open-and-shut case?
4. Why was money taken from the Sheriff's Department?
5. Why aren't Indians and blacks given jobs fairly in the county government?
6. Why shouldn't an Indian be chancellor of PSU?
7. Why are Indians, blacks and poor whites not treated fairly within the court system?

To our leaders, I ask you, did you check around to see if your chances of being re-elected would be hurt if you

made a statement? You know for yourself, Indians and blacks in Robeson County are second-class citizens. I thank God there is coming a day when every man and woman must stand before God and answer for their

actions here on Earth. Are Eddie and Timothy the true criminals? These men have been set free, free, free. (Read my lips), by a federal jury. Some people would have found them guilty before looking at the facts, wouldn't they? Do people know all the circumstances surrounding Eddie and Timothy's situation? Did any of our leaders go to any of the trial and see how the judge handled the proceedings in the courtroom? If you did, you would have seen what YOUR court system is really about!

Here are some suggestions for cleaning up our county!

1. The first thing the county/state should do is drop the charges against Eddie and Timothy. If they are not dropped, bad images of this county will continue.
 2. Get the grassroots people involved into sessions, because they are the victims; and they have a lot of answers.
 3. Lumberton is jealous of the other cities in the county; it wants all industries to locate only in Lumberton; Lumberton wants to control everything.
 4. Who makes all the decisions in the county? The county commissioners? City council members? Who is responsible for the IMAGE in Robeson County? Thank God Bobby D. Locklear was re-elected, maybe he can begin to do things fairly!
 5. There should be an Indian representative in the state legislature.
 6. What is wrong with outside influence? This is what it is going to take, because our so-called leaders have had years and years to solve our problems; but they have not been able to do so!
 7. Why can't our churches begin to give money for recreation centers in each town instead of sending our monies to foreign countries? Let us start at HOME first! Our children need somewhere to go and something to do; besides turn to drugs!
- For all those interested, publicity is not, has not, and never will be a reason for my actions I have chosen to take. I, like many others, am concerned about the county in which I live.

Carnell Locklear
Pembroke

The United Tribes of North Carolina Will Present the Following Awards At The 1989 North Carolina Indian Unity Conference

1. Distinguished Service to the Indian Community
2. Economic Advancement of Indian People
3. Outstanding Indian Student
4. Indian Elder of the Year
5. Distinguished Service to Indian Education

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Nominations will be accepted from Indian Tribes, Indian Organizations, Indian Education Programs and Indian agencies affiliated with United Tribes of North Carolina.
2. All nominations must be submitted on the official nomination forms. The forms may be duplicated. Only one name may be submitted on a form. Nominations must be made for specific awards and accompanied by a one page statement on the nominee and appropriate documentation.
3. Nominations should be mailed to: AWARDS COMMITTEE
MRS. SHELBY PATRICK, CHAIRMAN
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4. Each Nomination Form and one page statement may be accompanied by any support materials such as:
NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS CITATIONS NEWSLETTERS
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SCRAPBOOKS (could contain all of the above)
PHOTOGRAPHS (of the nominee, trophies and/or plaques)
AUDIOTAPES (although transcripts are preferred)
5. Support materials must be arranged in an orderly sequential manner. All items must be fastened together.
6. Items must be properly numbered and labeled.
7. Materials must be mailed in a large envelope or securely packed and wrapped in a box.
8. All support materials must be related to one or more of the criteria listed for the award.
9. Nominees must be Indian and living at the time of nomination.

AWARD SELECTION PROCESS

1. Nomination forms and criteria information will be distributed to all North Carolina Indian Tribes, Indian Organizations and Indian Education Programs by JANUARY 31, 1989.
2. Deadline for nominations is February 27, 1989.
3. Award criteria will be weighted and nominees will be judged by the criteria with final awards selected by the Board of Directors of United Tribes of North Carolina.
4. All awards will be FINAL.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE INDIAN COMMUNITY AWARD will be presented to an individual who has provided outstanding leadership and contributed to the advancement of Indian people at the local, regional, state or national levels in any aspect of Indian affairs.

THE ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT OF INDIAN PEOPLE AWARD will be presented to an Indian individual who has contributed significantly to either business or economic enterprises which have extended economic and employment/training opportunities for Indian people.

THE OUTSTANDING INDIAN STUDENT AWARD will be granted to the Indian student whose academic success and leadership provides a positive role model for all Indian students.

The recipient will have demonstrated strong academic success, student leadership activity and extensive community involvement.

This award will be presented to a full-time student in high school or post-secondary school who is 25 years of age or younger.

THE INDIAN ELDER OF THE YEAR AWARD is presented to an outstanding Senior Citizen who has made outstanding contributions to the Indian community.

This award will be presented to a Senior Citizen who is 60 years of age or older.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO INDIAN EDUCATION AWARD is presented to an administrator, counselor or teacher who has provided outstanding leadership and contributed to the improvement of the quality of Indian Education and thus expanded educational opportunities for Indian students.

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