

HERE AND THERE -- Cont'd.....

Indian Jack Jacobs Dies ... to join the Bombers as quarterback. He took the Blue Bombers into the Grey Cup twice, but failed to capture the trophy.

He left Winnipeg in 1954 to coach the Sarnia, Ontario team in the Old Ontario Rugby Football Union, and later moved to London, Ontario in the same league.

He settled in Greensboro in 1965. Canadians, who remember Jacobs in his five seasons with Winnipeg Blue Bombers, think of him primarily as a quarterback with a compulsion to throw a pass on 65% of his plays.

The truth is that he was one of the greatest all-rounders ever to perform in football.

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INDIANS IN COURT GET HELP

Vancouver, B.C. - When he was 17, George Brown appeared in court on Burns Lake, B.C., on a theft charge. He got court fright and spent seven months in Oakalla prison.

Now, at 31, he plans to help other Indian youths find their way through the judicial labyrinth.

He is one of 11 graduates of the first special training program set up by the Native Courtworkers and Counselling Association of British Columbia.

"When I went to court and the Judge asked me what I had to say for myself, I just stood there and said nothing", said Mr. Brown.

The problem is that Indians know about as much about the police and courts as the police and courts know about Indian people.

Mr. Brown believes that by the time most Indians understand the legal system, they are in federal penitentiaries, "and by then its too late for us to help them."

The courtworkers' Association maintains, "it has oftern been found that the Indian, when charged, is not represented in court, and is often confused as to just what he has been charged with and why.

"This often occurs because he is too poor to obtain legal counsel himself and does not know the procedure for getting a legal aid lawyer should there be one in

his area.

The concept of Indian courtworkers is not new - various Indian centres have used part-time lay personnel and the John Howard Society has employed one since 1970 - but the recent graduates represent a refined and expanded use of the concept.

They are fully accredited courtworkers. They will have access to lock-ups, a voice in the courtroom and the power to act for their clients if a lawyer cannot be present.

The federal justice department and the provincial attorney - general's dept. are supplying \$200,000 for the project on a one-year trial.

The 11 graduates will start a community relations program to let those in charge - police, magistrates, welfare, tenant groups, manpower officials, parole and probation officers and other socio-legal organizations - know about the new human resource in town.

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INDIANS REGAIN LAND

New Brunswick - Chief Albert Levi and a nine member delegation of the Big Cove Indian Reserve in New Brunswick approached Jean Chretien, Minister of Indian Affairs, on Dec. 5, 1973, asking for a return of 3,000 acres of land the federal government took over in 1879.

The Minister responded immediately stating 1,500 acres would be returned as a "Christmas present."

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SMALLBOY WON'T MOVE

Edmonton - Chief Robert Smallboy, who has been camping with his 140 band members in the Kootenay Plains forest reserve since 1968, said he will not move his people from the area under any circumstances.

The 75 year old Chief made the statement last November after the Alberta Cabinet rejected a recommendation that his band be given land in the forest reserve.

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"His money is twice tainted: 'taint yours and 'taint mine."