

not know what is going on. Everybody is afraid to say anything. I am the only one on the whole reservation that is able to get up and say something, because people are off the reservation or out of the State.

We have had a lot of publicity through the Boston papers, the New York papers; they cut us out of the Maine papers, blanked us right out. They do not allow reporters to come on there no more. I do not know why.

Several of your Washington officials were up there 2 weeks ago last Saturday on the housing problem. We had a letter from New York out there which wanted to get us, wanted to get houses for us. How can we buy a home when our yearly average income is \$430. They expect you to buy a home on that. That cannot be done. But they are trying to force housing—this is not the Federal Government, I do not think that that has anything to do with it.

But I cannot find head or tail who is behind all this, causing the housing problem. They figured we wanted to build 30 houses on each reservation—there are two reservations—which is impossible for them to make those payments. They cannot even keep up the interest alone. If they do get houses on it, who is going to pay the interest on the houses? Eighty percent of those people up there cannot even pay their electric light bills, because I know; I pay them. I think they owe me about \$2,000 now in electric light bills I have paid in the past, and I will never get back.

So 10 years ago, they had a housing project brought up there and the housing project cost us \$80,000 for 11 homes. Up to now, those houses have cost us over \$200,000 because those houses were built on a swamp. I told them at that time—I was not the Governor at the time. I told them, you cannot build houses on a swamp.

Well, they just took me for granted that I did not know nothing. But 6 months after those houses were built, the foundation went one way and the house went the other way. So they spent almost \$46,000 to put the houses back together again.

Now, they did that twice already. Now, they have to do it again. That is why I am fighting this housing project up there. We do not want to be taken again for \$100,000.

I cannot find anybody who will tell me what is backing this. That is one reason I came down here. I am going to the Housing Authority to see who is really behind it. I know that FHA came up there 2 weeks ago Saturday, and they said they had nothing to do with it. Before, up to that time, they were behind us. Now they fell out. Now I would like to find out just what to do and who is behind all this. This is just nothing but a money scheme, that is all it is.

Now, I had a problem. We have a trust fund up there for \$212,000 which we do not get no interest out of the trust fund. The interest is taken away from us; I do not know why. Our stumpage on the land is \$150,000 a year. That is \$25,000 we are supposed to get that would build at least five houses. In 10 years, you would have them all built on your own money. But they will not do that.

Those are things that I really came down for, to find out why they are holding our trust fund and taking our interest money away from us.

Thank you.

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