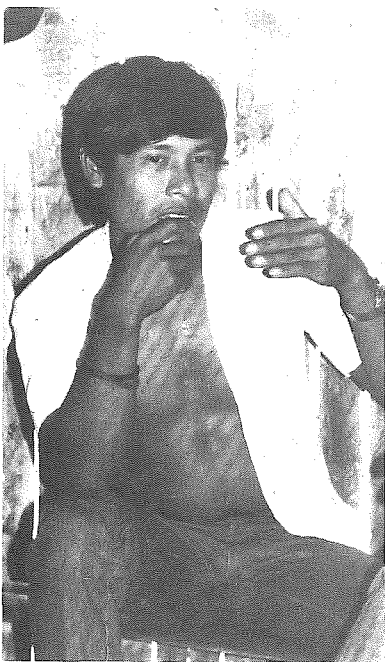


*Itabira, chief of the Suruí, at the First Encounter of Indian People of Rondônia: "We need the rain-forest to survive. When you cut a lot of the trees and the shade is gone, sickness follows." The Suruí have successfully resisted encroachment by cattle ranchers and gold miners.*



*Damián (left), chief of the Sakirapbia (Black Monkey) group, confers with other leaders of the Rio Mequens Reserve (above) and confronts a tractor plowing a road through his village (below). Lumber companies illegally cut timber from the reserve for three years before Indians' demands that they be expelled from the reserve were heeded by the Brazilian government (see SAIIC Newsletter, Fall, 1985, p. 13).*

