

## ACRE PROTECTION PLAN STILL INADEQUATE

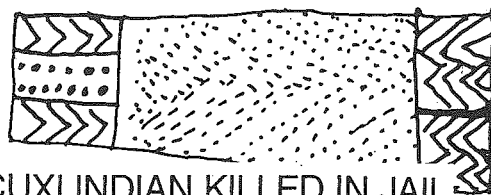
In 1985, the Interamerican Development Bank, yielding to protests that their plan to pave the BR-364 road from Porto Velho, Rondônia to Rio Branco, Acre would adversely impact Indigenous people, rubber tappers, and other people of Acre, created a "Plan for the Protection of the Environment and Indigenous Communities (PMACI)," to be designed and implemented before the road project was approved.

The latest version of PMACI, however, shows that the "national security" considerations of the Brazilian military have been placed above the concerns of the populations struggling for survival in Acre. In particular, the plan calls for the creation of "Indigenous Colonies," which UNI-Acre, the regional council of the Brazilian Indian movement, has flatly rejected, saying that it will continue to press for the complete, legal demarcation of Indian lands. The Brazilian military has ruled out recognition of large extensions of Indian lands in the border regions as a threat to "national security." (See Yanomami article above.)

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** Send letters or telegrams to Enrique V. Iglesias, President, The Interamerican Development Bank, 808 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, protesting the failure to incorporate the concerns of Native people into the PMACI.



"Acre will get money only after you demarcate Indian lands." "Who would think—Gringos with a heavy conscience."



## MACUXI INDIAN KILLED IN JAIL

Velario Damasio Macuxi, 17, was found dead in his cell at the civil police station in the town of Normandia, Roraima, on October 23rd. Other youths held in the police station allege that they had been severely beaten by members of the police.

The Macuxi, of the savannah region of the northern Amazon, have suffered encroachment on their ancestral lands by cattle ranchers. Recently, the Macuxi have become more assertive of their land rights, and in 1988, SAIIC sponsored the visit of Gilberto Macuxi, one of the tribe's spokesmen, to the U.S. (See Summer 1988 newsletter.)

Amnesty International, which has launched a year-long campaign to denounce human rights violations in Brazil, says that a number of incidents have been reported where Macuxi Indians engaged in non-violent activities aimed at protecting their land were detained and abused by the police and army.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Amnesty International, 322 Eighth Ave., New York, NY 10001.

