

farms without the Cherokees. To be quite realistic about it, the full-blood just not--did not make a good worker. He didn't work too much then, and a lot of them don't work too much now. But he was not suited. It was difficult to hire a Cherokee, a full-blood Cherokee, and say, "Would you go till my fields?" Well, when it was time for something else he didn't take it that seriously. He would not come to work. So the Negroes made excellent slaves over here and it was working quite well. All right, over in Little Rock was a man by the name of Albert Pike. Albert Pike would be a perfect hippie today. Albert Pike had a beard down to here. His hair is down to here. He would have been perfect among Berkley or the Chicago riot because he was--they been calling Santa Clause hippie. Albert Pike was very loved by all the Indians. He worked among great fields. He was a high nation. In 1840, they had already set up a masonic lodges over here in Cherokee Nation. It was very powerful and still, I presume, our lodges completely in the Cherokee and all the old Nations. Albert Pike came here and they chose him to come over here as a delegate. All right, Pike came over here and talked to John Ross, and he says, "Let's cecede." He says, "Arkansas is gonna cecede. Texas's gonna cecede. Louisiana's gonna cecede." He says, "Why don't you cecede. He says, "you got slaves. What are you going to do yourself. How are you going to till your fields, Mr. Ross, if slaves are set free?" Ross says, "No." He says, "We have contracts, and we have agreements, and we have treaties--Treaty of Nuechota, Treaty of Holston, and many treaties." He says, "We are not going to break our word with the Federal Government. They pay us money every year."

Well, you see, money was cut off from the Federal Government. They said, "Well, it's a little risky to send U.S. dollars into the Cherokee Nation because it doesn't look too steady over there among the Cherokees. You look like you might go the wrong direction."

Ross was incensed about this, he said, "This is ridiculous. You owe us our money. Pay us the payments."

Next, the Federalist or Yankees withdrew their troops from all the forst and, also, in the treaty agreements: We will keep our