

# ***'This Unborn Child'***

"It is for this unborn child . . . that my nation will stop the pipeline. It is so that this unborn child can know the freedom of this land that I am willing to lay down my life.

"I cannot understand how a man can live for wealth and power, knowing that his ambition and greed is destroying so much around him. I do not envy you, Mr. Blair, I feel sorry for you.

"Somehow, in your carpeted boardrooms, in your panelled office, you are plotting to take away from me the very centre of my existence. You are stealing my soul.

"Don't tell me you are not responsible. You are the 20th century General Custer; you have come to destroy the Dene nation."

A shaken Robert Blair heard the Fort Good Hope chief compare him with a modern-day Custer "planning the slaughter of innocent Vietnamese."

The soft-spoken Calgary executive, who also heads up Alberta Gas Trunk Lines Ltd., told reporters his firm was prepared to delay construction of the pipeline so land claims could be settled.

The strength of P'selei's attack comes from the growing conviction in the Northwest Territories among Indians and Eskimo people that construction of the pipeline will be of no benefit to the north.

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