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## **Red Arrow and the Braves. Written by L. Brooks and C. Dickerson**

*[45 RPM Record]: Kinzua: The Last Days of Kinzua. [B side]: Red Skin Rumble*

Olean, N.Y.: The Kinzua Publishing Company [1962]

\$100



45 RPM record. Fine in two sleeves, one unprinted, the other illustrated. Appear either unplayed or very lightly so, thus fine in fine unprinted inner sleeve, in very good or better outer illustrated sleeve with a little soiling. We have seen speculation on record collector sites that the record was issued twice in two different sleeves, one printed, the other not - this seems as if they both came together - one fits comfortably inside of the other. Laid in is a printed notice about the meaning of the A side song, about a dam being built that would flood Seneca reservation lands in Western Pennsylvania and would negate a 1784 treaty between George Washington and Chief Cornplanter. A serious and seemingly locally produced protest record, the seriousness negated a bit by the cliché tom-tom background. The B side surf rock instrumental "Red Skin Rumble" (complete with traditional Native American saxophone) is far superior to the A side, and is reminiscent of Link Wray's "Rumble". Record sites also note that it was issued twice, once in this format, the variant with an instrumental version of "The Last Days of Kinzua," with no priority established. We can find very little about the band, beyond mentions of this single recording. Clyde Dickerson, who co-wrote both songs was an African-American saxophone player. Both songs appear on a CD of Native American-themed rock songs on the Rockabilly label Buffalo Bop. [\[BTC#399261\]](#)

## *The Last Days of Kinzua . . .*

GEORGE WASHINGTON AND CHIEF CORNPLANTER SIGNED A PACT UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE IN 1784, GRANTING THE SENECA INDIANS A RESERVATION THAT INCLUDED A LITTLE TOWN THAT IS NOW CALLED KINZUA.

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS THE PACT HAS BEEN BROKEN, A DAM HAS BEEN BUILT THAT WILL FLOOD THE RESERVATION LANDS, AND AS A RESULT MANY HEARTS HAVE BEEN BROKEN. KINZUA IS BEING LEFT IN A WATERY GRAVE, AND IN A SENSE ELIGIBLE FOR THE "OH-KEE-WEY" (CHANTER FOR THE DEAD CEREMONY).

