

## Montauk Indians Ask What Their Status Is

Washington, Jan. 26—At the instigation of a representative of the Montauk tribe of Indians, Representative Snyder of New York is asking the Interior Department to make a report on the exact status of the tribe. The survivors of the Montauk tribe allege that some whites have been encroaching on what they regard as a part of their reservation at Montauk. They do not know just what rights they possess and want to find out. Mr. Snyder, who is chairman of the House Committee on Indian Affairs, introduced a resolution asking the Secretary of the Interior, who has jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to make an inquiry.

The resolution asks for information as to where the Montauk tribe now resides; whether a tribal organization is still maintained; whether any members of the tribe are citizens of the United States; whether the tribe still owns lands to which its title has not been extinguished by cession; where such lands, if any, are situated and their extent, and whether any members of the tribe are in the care or custody of the Interior Department.

The descendants of the Montauk tribe are hazy themselves as to their rights to land at the eastern extremity of Long Island and are anxious to get their status officially cleared up.

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