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We Shall Survive



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WRITE

TO MY DISMAY I DON'T SEE ANY WOMEN WRITING TO THE NEW BREED, EXCEPT THE YOUTH, WHICH IS GREAT. KEEP IT UP GALS.

WHAT'S THE MATTER. RUN OUT OF PROBLEMS? OR MAYBE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY.

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS, A WOMENS ORGANIZATION, WITHIN AND SUPPORTED BY THE METIS SOCIETY. WHETHER IT BE FOR, OR AGAINST. WHEN I SAY WOMENS ORGANIZATION I MEAN, ALL NATIVE WOMEN, WHETHER YOUR METIS. NONE TREATY OR TREATY. WE ALL FACE THE SAME DISCRIMINATION ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

THIS IS MY SUGGESTION, THAT THE METIS SOCIETY SPONSOR A MEETING, WHERE WE CAN FORM A WOMENS COUNCIL. HAVE YOU ANY SUGGESTIONS OF WHO ELSE WOULD SPONSOR US. I WOULD SAY PRINCE ALBERT FOR IT IS A CENTRAL LOCATION FOR ALL CONCERNED. LETS ADMIT IT WE'RE SCARCE OPPRESSED. HISTORICALLY WE'VE BEEN OPPRESSED UNDER THIS COLONIZED SYSTEM FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS. SO LETS ALL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. WE'RE OPEN FOR SUGGESTIONS AND MOST OF ALL REPLIES. THE STRONGER THE SUPPORT THE STRONGER THE UNITY. WE SURE NEED MORE POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE THIS I KNOW IS GREATLY NEEDED.

LAST BUT SURE NOT THE LEAST, I STRONGLY STRESS IS SUPPORT FOR THE YOUTH, ALL NATIVE YOUTH. WE MUST NOT BECOME OUR CHILDRENS OPPRESSORS, THEY WILL BE OUR LEADERS SOME DAY.

LET'S HEAR FROM ALL YOU WOMEN ABOUT THIS WOMENS ORGANIZATION.

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L. LAVALLÉE "DISCRIMINATION IN JAIL?"

WHITNEY SAYS NO. I WAS LED TO BELIEVE, THIS WAS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THE WHITE MAN AND THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND WERE EQUAL, EQUAL, NO MATTER WHAT WE HAD GOING FOR US OUT THERE ON THE STREET.

EQUAL. NO MATTER WHAT COLOR OUR SKIN WAS. BROTHERS. IF YOU BELIEVE THIS, ASK YOURSELVES THESE QUESTIONS:

WHO IS GETTING OUT ON "WORK TRAINING"?

WHO IS GETTING MORE PASSES?

WHO, UNTIL RECENTLY WAS GETTING MOVED TO PRIVILEGED AREAS, SUCH AS UNIT 3 AND UNIT 4?

YES, BROTHERS. "WHITNEY" IS GETTING ALL THESE THINGS, WHILE, WE, THE TRUE NATIVES OF THIS LAND ARE GETTING "SHIT ON A STICK." WHY IS THIS SO?

IS IT BECAUSE WE AREN'T TRYING HARD ENOUGH. OR IS IT BECAUSE SOMEONE WORKING FOR THE TREATMENT STAFF IS "PREJUDICE".

THE DECISION IS YOURS BROTHERS. WHAT IS HAPPENING BROTHERS? WE ARE FORCED TO COME WITH THIS ON THE STREET. WHEN WE FINALLY GET FED UP, THIS SO CALLED CIVILIZED MAN LOCKS US UP. WHEN WILL IT END? WILL IT END THROUGH VIOLENCE? OR WILL IT END WHEN "WHITNEY" FINALLY REALIZES WE DON'T NEED OR WANT HIS SO CALLED CIVILIZATION. OR FINALLY WHEN THEY REALIZE THEY SHOULD HAVE CIVILIZED THEMSELVES BEFORE TRYING TO CIVILIZE US. REMEMBER THE INDIAN IS ALRIGHT, IT'S THE WHITEMAN THATS SCARED UP.

RIEL COUNCIL (1885)

The President Speaks

I FEEL THE ATTACK MADE ON THE ORGANIZATION I REPRESENT WAS UNHAPPY.

1) WE HAVE AT NO TIME INTERFERED IN BUSINESS AT THE RESERVE LEVEL. WE HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN BY INTERFERING. I AM A NON-STATUS INDIAN AND COULD NEVER BECOME CHIEF OF THE FSI.

2) NATIVE YOUTH HAVE ORGANIZED ON THEIR OWN. WE SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO TRY TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS.

I THINK TIME SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE METIS SOCIETY TO ANSWER THE ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST US. IF WE ATTACKED THE FSI WE WOULD GIVE THEM FLOOR TIME TO ANSWER.

WE WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN THE FSI STRUGGLE FOR TREATY RIGHTS. LOOK AT US. WE HAVE NONE, BUT WE ARE FIGHTING TO GAIN RIGHTS. WE SUPPORT THE TREATY INDIANS IN THEIR STRUGGLE. I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE, I STATED THIS IN MEETINGS WITH MINISTERS IN OTTAWA AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN TO YOU. WE DO NOT WISH TO SEE OUR BROTHERS SUFFER AS WE HAVE.

WE SHARE, AS A PEOPLE, SIMILAR SOCIAL PROBLEMS. YOU CANNOT TELL ANY PHYSICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN INDIAN AND METIS PERSON. WHEN A WHITEMAN IS GOING TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST US HE DOES NOT ASK IF HE HAVE A TREATY NO. OR NOT HE TREATS US ALIKE IN THIS RESPECT.

THE YOUTH I THINK HAVE COME TO REALIZE THIS. THEY HAVE WORKED TOGETHER IN THE PAST AND HAVE SHOWN A DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. I HAVE SUPPORTED THEM IN THE PAST AND I WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM. THEY KNOW WHAT THEIR PROBLEMS ARE. THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH IT ALL. SOME OF THEM PRESENT HAVE BEEN IN JAIL ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND THEY WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE OTHER PEOPLE GO THROUGH THE SAME THING AS THEY HAVE.

THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND SOLVENTS. THEY'VE SEEN WHAT IS HAPPENING ON RESERVES AND URBAN CENTRES IN SASKATCHEWAN. ALCOHOLISM, DRUG ADDICTION AND SOLVENT ABUSE IS A PROBLEM OF BOTH TREATY AND NON-TREATY INDIANS. WE MUST SUPPORT THESE KIDS IN TRYING TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS BECAUSE IF THEY DON'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT NO ONE ELSE WILL.

NOW, WE ARE MEETING WITH A CONCERNED GROUP WHICH YOU AND I REPRESENT. WE HAVE TO LISTEN TO THEM. THEY ARE TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING. AND IF WE DO NOT EVEN SO MUCH AS GIVE THEM CONSIDERATION WE ARE FAILING TO DO OUR JOBS AS LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE. WE MUST LISTEN AND LISTEN CLOSELY BECAUSE YOUTH ARE THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW.

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What's the Difference?

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TO: PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN
 FROM: CONFERENCE OF METIS FARM REPRESENTATIVES
 SPONSORED BY THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN
 RE: METIS FARMS IN SASKATCHEWAN

IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN, THERE ARE THREE STYLES OF FARMS WHICH ARE CLASSIFIED AS METIS FARMS.

- 1) INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS. THESE ARE INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN STARTED ON FARMS OF THEIR OWN. IN MOST CASES THEY RECEIVED SOME GRANTS, ALTHOUGH SMALL, AND OBTAINED LOANS IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH PRIVATE FARMING OPERATIONS. ALTHOUGH PRESENTED AS A GREAT POSSIBILITY, THESE PEOPLE WERE NEVER GIVEN ADEQUATE AID TO MAKE THEIR FARMING OPERATION PAY.
- 2) COMMUNITY FARM PROJECTS. THESE ARE FARMS WHICH WERE SET UP UNDER THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO EMPLOY METIS PEOPLE FROM THE SURROUNDING AREAS. THE PROJECTS WERE FORMED AS "TRAINING PROGRAMS". HOWEVER, THE METIS PEOPLE HAVE EXPERIENCED THE FACT THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO END OR BEGINNING TO THE TRAINING. THESE PROJECTS ARE MANAGED BY WHITE PEOPLE IMPORTED FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE PROVINCE, WHO PRACTICE THE GREATEST DEGREE OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE PEOPLE AS IS ALLOWED BY LAW. THESE FARMS ARE PLACES OF LOST HOPE FOR THE METIS PEOPLE, AS THEY PRESENT NO POSSIBLE MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM POVERTY AND SUBSERVIENT EXISTENCE.
- 3) THE CUTBANK PROJECT. THIS IS A STRICT TRAINING PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH WELL PLANNED AND HAVING GREAT POSSIBILITIES. IT HAS SUFFERED BECAUSE THE PEOPLE INVOLVED ARE NOT ALLOWED TO GAIN CONTROL OF A PROGRAM WHICH IS AFFECTING SO GREATLY THEIR LIVES. THIS PROJECT IS OVERLOADED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, WHO SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME CREATING THEIR OWN EMPLOYMENT RATHER THAN TRAINING PEOPLE TO TAKE OVER THE POSITIONS.

WE PROPOSE THAT THE METIS FARMS BE OPERATED AS FOLLOWS.

- 1) EACH FARM WILL BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD WHICH WILL BE ELECTED BY THE METIS PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT. THIS BOARD WILL:
 - a) EMPLOY WHAT ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL AS IS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT THE AFFAIRS OF THE FARM.
 - b) DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE INDIAN AND METIS DEPARTMENT IN MATTERS OF GRANTS AND OTHER NECESSARY PROVINCIAL ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO OPERATE THE FARMS.
 - c) ACCOUNT TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THESE PROJECTS, SHOWING THAT ALL PRODUCE AND FUNDS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT HAVE BEEN USED IN A REASONABLE MANNER.
- 2) THAT THE TRAINING PROGRAM OF ALL THE FARMS, EXCEPT THAT OF THE CUTBANK PROJECT, BE DROPPED. CUTBANK WILL BECOME THE ONLY TRAINING LOCATION. PERSONS FROM OTHER FARMS CAN BE TAKEN TO CUTBANK FOR THE TRAINING NECESSARY TO OPERATE THEIR OWN FARMS.
- 3) ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED, IN FARM PROJECTS. IN THE PAST, SHOULD BE GIVEN SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO ESTABLISH FARM OPERATIONS OF THEIR OWN. THIS WILL NECESSARILY INVOLVE LARGE GRANTS AND POSSIBLE PROLONGED SUBSIDY.

ALL PERSONS, WHO HAVE TAKEN LOANS UNDER THE METIS FARM PROGRAM, SHOULD HAVE THEIR LOANS TAKEN OVER COMPLETELY BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND ALSO RECEIVE GRANTS ADEQUATE TO ESTABLISH THEIR FARMING OPERATIONS. THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN GIVEN PROMISES, WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FULFILLED. THIS PRESENT ACTION IS REQUIRED TO MEET PAST GOVERNMENT COMMITMENTS.

WE DEMAND THAT THESE PROPOSALS BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY. THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES CANNOT BE POSTPONED.

WE SUGGEST THAT THIS PROGRAM BE APPROACHED AS A MINIMUM FIVE YEARS PROGRAM, AND THAT ANY REQUIRED PHASING BE ESTABLISHED BY NEGOTIATION WITH THE INDIVIDUAL FARM BOARD.



PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF INDIAN & METIS DEPARTMENT

WE SHOULD INSIST THAT SOME CHANGES BE MADE IN THE INDIAN AND METIS DEPARTMENT AT REGINA. THIS DEPARTMENT HAS DONE VERY LITTLE FOR OUR PEOPLE, SO FAR. IT HAS HELPED MOSTLY THE WHITE OFFICIALS WHO GET BIG SALARIES. BUT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE PUT OUR OWN PEOPLE IN THOSE POSITIONS NOW HELD BY WHITE MEN. IT WOULD BE EQUALLY WRONG TO SUGGEST THAT SOME OF THE DEPARTMENT BE ADMINISTERED BY THE METIS SOCIETY. THIS WOULD PROVIDE A FEW JOBS FOR THE INDIANS AND METIS BUT IT STILL LEAVES THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE SAME RULES AND POWER. EVEN WITH NATIVE PERSONS AS OFFICIALS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT LIKELY DO MUCH MORE THAN IT HAS IN THE PAST. THIS WOULD PROVIDE ONLY A FEW JOBS; AND WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED WITH JOBS FOR THE MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE. ALSO, IT WOULD HAVE A FEW OF OUR PEOPLE CONTROLLING THE REST OF US. THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD CAUSE HARD FEELINGS AND GUARRELING AMONG US, WHICH IS WHAT THE WHITEMAN WANTS. WHAT IS MORE, THE WHITEMAN COULD GET A FEW INDIANS AND METIS IN THE TOP JOBS IN THE DEPARTMENT AND THEN USE THEM TO TRY AND MANAGE THE REST OF THE NATIVE PEOPLE.

THE DEPARTMENT COULD BE CHANGED. GET RID OF THE SERVICES THAT DO NOTHING FOR OUR PEOPLE, AND BRING IN SERVICES THAT WOULD HELP. BUT WE WANT THE MONEY AND POWER GOING TO THE PEOPLE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL IN THE TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES. WE ARE AGAINST THE MONEY AND POWER BEING CENTRALIZED IN THE HANDS OF A FEW WHITE OFFICIALS IN REGINA. WE COULD INSIST THAT CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE INDIAN AND METIS DEPARTMENT BE FIRED FROM THEIR JOBS. THESE ARE THE SAME MEN WHO TREATED OUR PEOPLE SO POORLY IN THE PAST, AND WHO HOLD WHITE SUPREMACY ATTITUDES. THESE MEN DO NOT BELONG TO THE NEW NDP GOVERNMENT AND ITS POLICIES.

RELOCATION

WE SHOULD INSIST THAT BOTH THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS STOP THE RELOCATION OF OUR PEOPLE. BEING MOVED TO THE SOUTHERN PART OF PROVINCE, SUCH AS CUTBANK DOES NOT IMPROVE THE SITUATION FOR US. INSTEAD THIS MONEY SHOULD BE USED TO DEVELOP THE NORTHERN METIS COMMUNITIES. WE NEED TO QUESTION VERY SERIOUSLY WHY THE GOVERNMENTS ARE SO ANXIOUS TO MOVE US OUT OF THE NORTH, OR OUT OF ANY METIS COMMUNITY AND INTO THE MAINSTREAM SOCIETY. RELOCATION, LIKE MANY OTHER PROGRAMS IS AN ATTEMPT TO INTEGRATE US TO BECOME MIDDLE CLASS PEOPLE. BUT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, BECAUSE THIS IS A RACIST SOCIETY. RELOCATION IS NOT THE ANSWER TO OUR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

HONKARD ADAMS

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OF SASKATCHEWAN WITH REFERENCE TO METIS & INDIANS

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS IN PREDOMINANTLY METIS & INDIAN COMMUNITIES

AS METIS OF SASKATCHEWAN WE WANT TO HAVE FULL CONTROL OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WHERE THE POPULATION IS PREDOMINANTLY METIS AND INDIAN. THIS MEANS MOST OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN.

WE WANT CONSTITUTIONAL POWER TO ELECT A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD THAT WILL HAVE FULL POWER TO CONTROL AND MANAGE THE SCHOOLS IN LOCAL METIS COMMUNITIES. THE PROVINCIAL STATUTES NEED TO BE CHANGED SO THAT WHITE SCHOOL BOARDS, SUCH AS THE NORTHERN SCHOOL BOARD DOES NOT HOLD ANY POWER OVER THE METIS SCHOOLS; AND THAT LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS SHOULD BE MORE THAN "WINDOW-DRESSING" OR TOKENISM.

THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS HAVE TO BE GIVEN THE SAME POWER THAT PRESENTLY EXISTS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS IN WHITE COMMUNITIES OF SASKATCHEWAN. THE ISSUE OF NOT BEING ABLE TO RAISE FINANCES THROUGH LOCAL TAXATION IN NORTHERN DISTRICTS IS NOT A CONCERN OF THIS DEMAND. SCHOOLS PRESENTLY EXIST AND FUNCTION, BUT UNDER THE CONTROL OF NON-WHITE AUTHORITIES. WE INSIST ON A TRANSFER OF THIS FULL AUTHORITY TO THE METIS AND INDIAN PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THESE LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

TEACHERS

WE WANT THE AUTHORITY TO HIRE AND FIRE TEACHERS TO BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS. WE WANT THE RIGHT TO HIRE AND FIRE METIS AND INDIAN TEACHERS, WHO WILL INSTRUCT IN NATIVE SCHOOLS OF SASKATCHEWAN. SUCH NATIVE TEACHERS ARE TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO TEACH IN THE NATIVE TONGUE OF THE CHILDREN. ALTHOUGH WE LACK QUALIFIED TEACHERS AT THE PRESENT TIME; THAT IS, QUALIFICATIONS ACCORDING TO THE STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION. BUT, THIS IS NOT OUR PRIME CONCERN AT THE PRESENT TIME FOR OUR NATIVE CHILDREN. WE MAINTAIN THAT STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION ACCORDING TO THE WHITE, MAINSTREAM SOCIETY ARE OF LITTLE RELEVANCE AND IMPORTANCE TO THE METIS AND INDIAN MASSES WHO ARE RELATIVELY UNEDUCATED AND OUTSIDE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, DUE TO RACISM AND MIDDLE CLASS IDEOLOGY.

IT IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAT OUR NATIVE TEACHERS BE QUALIFIED IN TERMS OF THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND SENSITIVITY TO NATIVE CULTURE, LANGUAGE, NATIONALISM, AND ALLEGIANCE TO OUR PEOPLE AND NATION.

CURRICULUM & TEXTBOOKS

THE CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOKS PRESENTLY BEING USED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO TEACH METIS AND INDIAN CHILDREN ARE RACIST IN NATURE AND CONTENT. CONSEQUENTLY THEY DEGRADE AND HUMILIATE NATIVE CHILDREN, AND SYSTEMATICALLY INFERRORIZE THEM. THE PRESENT CLASSROOM IS A SOCIALIZATION PROCESS WHICH TRAINS OUR CHILDREN TO OBEDIENCE AND SUBSERVENCE; TO IGNORANCE AND REJECTION OF OUR CULTURE AND PEOPLE. THE CLASSROOM IS A CRUSHING AND IMMOBILIZING EXPERIENCE, PSYCHOLOGICALLY.

REFORM OF CURRICULA AND TEXTBOOKS UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM WHICH WOULD MAKE IT MORE ACCEPTABLE TO NATIVE PEOPLE IS NOT THE SOLUTION. FOR IT WOULD ONLY BE A CONCESSION, AND AN UNACCEPTABLE ONE TO US. THERE HAS TO BE A COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WHEREBY THE METIS AND INDIAN PEOPLE ARE IN FULL CONTROL; AND WHERE INSTRUCTION IS RELEVANT AND MEANINGFUL TO OUR PEOPLE, AND WHICH SERVES A POSITIVE AND DIGNIFIED PURPOSE.

IMMEDIATE PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPOSAL FOR METIS & INDIAN CHILDREN

1. FOR THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE LEGISLATION SO THAT LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS ARE GIVEN FULL AUTHORITY TO CONTROL AND MANAGE THE SCHOOLS IN PREDOMINANTLY METIS AND INDIAN COMMUNITIES.
2. A PLAN WHEREBY METIS AND INDIAN TEACHERS WILL BE CERTIFIED TO TEACH KINDERGARTEN, GRADES ONE, TWO AND THREE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF METIS COMMUNITIES.
3. THESE PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS TO BE GIVEN A SHORT COURSE OF TWO MONTHS OF TEACHER TRAINING IN THE SUMMER, 1972. THIS COURSE TO BE UNDER COMPLETE AUTHORITY AND INSTRUCTION OF NATIVE PEOPLE AND NATIVE EDUCATORS.
4. THESE TEACHERS TO BE SUPERVISED BY NATIVE PERSONNEL DURING THEIR FIRST TEACHING YEAR (1972-73) AS IN-SERVICE TRAINING.
5. THAT THE PRESENT CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOKS IN THE SCHOOLS BE COMPLETELY REPLACED BY A NEW CURRICULUM AND SET OF TEXTBOOK MATERIAL WHICH WOULD BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND AUTHORITY OF NATIVE PEOPLE AND NATIVE EDUCATORS.

6. THAT AN APPROPRIATE BUDGET BE ALLOCATED TO IMPLEMENT THE ABOVE PROGRAM AND TRANSFORMATION OF THE METIS AND INDIAN SCHOOLS OF SASKATCHEWAN.
7. THAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE PREDOMINANTLY METIS DEPARTMENT, SINCE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND INSTITUTIONS OF TEACHER TRAINING HAVE PROVEN TOTALLY UNSATISFACTORY IN THE PAST; AND BECAUSE THEY CONTINUE TO BE WHITE SUPREMACY ORIENTED, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPPRESSIVE AND COLONIZING. CULTURAL IMPERIALISM MUST BE STOPPED IN SASKATCHEWAN.



THE NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT

THE NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT IS A GROUP OF INDIAN AND METIS, WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE NATIVE YOUTH TODAY. AT THE CONFERENCE IN PRINCE ALBERT ON THE 19, 20, AND 21ST OF OCTOBER, WE WERE OPENLY ATTACKED BY THE FERRATION OF SASKATCHEWAN INDIANS. IT WAS SAID THAT WE WERE A GROUP OF MINDLESS MILITANTS WHO ARE HONDERING AROUND THE STREETS TRYING TO EXTRACT MONEY FROM OUR PEOPLE BY THREATS OF VIOLENCE. IT WAS ALSO SAID THAT WE WERE ORGANIZED BY AND UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE METIS SOCIETY. THE F.S.I. STATED THEY WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE AN INDIAN AND METIS ORGANIZATION. THEY ALSO STATED THAT WE SHOULD DIRECT OUR ENERGIES AT WORKING WITH AND AMONG OUR PEOPLE LIKE THE F.S.I. SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM. FIRST OF ALL, DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS THE NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT HAD A PROGRAM GOING. WE HAD YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE. THEY LIVED WITH AND WORKED AMONG THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE. OUR CONCERNS IN THIS SUMMER PROGRAM WERE PRINCIPALLY WITH SOCIAL PROBLEMS. WE ALSO SET UP WITHIN THE CITY OF REGINA A SPECIAL PROGRAM WHICH CAME UNDER OUR PROVINCIAL PROGRAM. IT WAS CALLED THE NATIVE YOUTH DISCOVERY PROGRAM. WE WERE DOING A STUDY OF SOLVENT AND DRUG ABUSE AMONG NATIVE YOUTH. THE PROGRAM WAS PLANNED AND EXECUTED BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.

WE LEARNED THAT A NON-STATUS INDIAN IS OPPRESSED AS MUCH OR MORE THAN A TREATY INDIAN AS IS DARK WITH INDIAN FEATURES. HE POSSESSES IN MOST CASES A DISTINCT INDIAN ACCENT WHICH IS ACQUIRED BY BEING BROUGHT UP SPEAKING HIS MOTHER LANGUAGE. HE IDENTIFIES WITH THE INDIAN CULTURE, SHARING THE SAME OUTLOOK, THE SAME PHILOSOPHIES, AND THE SAME BELIEFS AS AN AVERAGE STATUS INDIAN. COMMUNICATIONS ARE LIMITED IN THE NORTH. IN SOME CASES WESTERN CIVILIZATION IS A TOTALLY NEW THING. JOB TRAINING AN EDUCATION IS VERY POOR. A NON-STATUS INDIAN'S OPPORTUNITIES ARE LIMITED TO MEANING LESS POOR PAY JOBS IN THE CITIES. INFORMATION LEADING TO THE UPGRADING OF A PERSONS ECONOMIC STANDING IS LIMITED. FOR INSTANCE INSTRUCTIONS ON PROPER CHANNELS TO GO THROUGH TO BETTER ONES JOB TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL STANDING IS JUST NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF A LACK OF INFORMATION WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC BUT NOT READILY AVAILABLE IN NORTHERN AREAS. ALSO WE SHARE IN FACING THE SAME HOPPLESSES WITHIN THIS SOCIETY AND THE SAME FRUSTRATIONS WHICH LEADS US TO ESCAPE THROUGH ALCOHOLISM OR DRUGS. HE IS THEREFORE SUBJECT TO ECONOMIC AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION JUST AS ANY TREATY INDIAN IS. WE NOW CONCLUDE THAT COOPERATION IS BETTER THAN CONFLICT. WE BELIEVE THAT A LOT MORE COULD BE DONE IF WE COMBINED OUR EFFORTS.

METIS FOSTER HOME PLAN: SASKATOON

THE METIS OF SASKATCHEWAN ARE ENDEAVORING TO HAVE THE METIS CHILDREN WHO ARE IN FOSTER HOMES IN SASKATOON PLACED IN METIS FAMILIES OR IN A GROUP FOSTER HOME.

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 100 METIS CHILDREN IN SASKATOON PRESENTLY RESIDING IN FOSTER HOMES OR IN THE KILBURN FOSTER HOME.

AS METIS PARENTS OF SASKATOON, WE ARE DECIDEDLY OPPOSED TO HAVING OUR CHILDREN SEPARATED FROM METIS HOMES AND CULTURE AND BEING FORCED TO LIVE IN WHITE HOMES.

IN THIS PLAN WE ARE PROPOSING A SYSTEM OF FOSTER HOME CARE OF OUR METIS CHILDREN TO BE PLACED IN METIS FOSTER HOMES OR IN A GROUP FOSTER HOME UNDER THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF METIS PEOPLE.

SPECIFICALLY, WE OBJECT TO THESE WHITE FOSTER HOMES BECAUSE:

1. OUR METIS CHILDREN ARE SUBJECT TO DISCRIMINATION, BECAUSE IN A WHITE SUPREMACY SOCIETY, CHILDREN OF INDIAN BLOOD ARE NATURALLY REJECTED.
2. IN WHITE HOMES OUR CHILDREN ARE NOT GIVEN GENUINE LOVE AND A FEELING OF BEING WANTED.
3. OUR CHILDREN NATURALLY FEEL MORE CONTENTED AND HAPPY IN THEIR OWN METIS CULTURE.
4. BECAUSE OF THEIR INDIANNESS AND APPEARANCE OUR CHILDREN CAN NOT REALLY BE ACCEPTED IN THE WHITE SOCIETY.
5. THE WHITE FOSTER PARENTS ARE ABLE TO TERMINATE ACCEPTANCE AT ANY TIME THE CARE OF OUR CHILDREN.
6. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE SHOWN FROM FOSTER HOME TO FOSTER HOME, CONTINUOUSLY.
7. AS METIS PARENTS, WE FEEL A SENSE OF RACIAL AND CULTURAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR CHILDREN.
8. WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO BE BROUGHT UP AS METIS AND NOT AS MIDDLE CLASS PSEUDO-WHITES.
9. THESE CHILDREN BELONG IN OUR METIS CULTURE AND NATION.
10. WE ARE OPPOSED TO A FOSTER HOME SCHEME AS A RELOCATION OR INTERGRATION PROGRAM.
11. WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE IMPERSONAL AND DEHUMANIZING INSTITUTIONAL EXPERIENCE IMPOSED ON OUR FOSTER CHILDREN BY WHITE STAFF.

AS A BEGINNING PROGRAM, WE PROPOSE THAT THE GOVERNMENT TRANSFER THE KILBURN RESIDENTIAL HOME OF SASKATOON TO THE METIS PARENTS OF SASKATOON.

AS METIS, WE WILL MANAGE, CONTROL AND MAINTAIN KILBURN HALL EXCLUSIVELY AS A METIS GROUP FOSTER HOME.

AT THE PRESENT TIME TIME THIS HALL ACCOMMODATES MOSTLY METIS AND INDIAN CHILDREN.

THROUGH A LOCAL COUNCIL OF METIS PARENTS, WE WILL ADMINISTER THIS HALL ON TERMS IN ACCORDANCE TO ITS PRESENT BUDGET.

HOWEVER, WE WOULD CHANGE THE STAFF TO BEING STRICTLY METIS AND INDIAN. LIKEWISE THE REGULATIONS WOULD BE REVISED TO BE ACCORDANCE WITH METIS AND INDIAN CULTURE.

ALTHOUGH, ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO CULTURAL, NATIONAL, AND BROTHERHOOD QUALIFICATIONS.

IN ADDITION TO KILBURN HALL, WE WILL LOCATE METIS FOSTER FAMILIES IN SASKATOON WHICH WILL TAKE METIS CHILDREN AS FOSTER HOME PLACEMENTS. THESE POTENTIAL FOSTER HOMES WOULD BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND APPROVED BY OUR OWN METIS WORKERS AND WOULD BE SUPERVISED REGULARLY.

THE PAYMENT FOR FOSTER HOME CARE SHOULD REMAIN RELATIVELY THE SAME, AS WE DO NOT WANT FAMILIES TO BECOME FOSTER HOMES FOR FINANCIAL GAIN. ON THE OTHER HAND, FOSTER HOME PARENTS SHOULD BE COMPENSATED ADEQUATELY TO COVER MOST EXPENSES.

THERE ARE SEVERAL ADEQUATE METIS HOMES IN SASKATOON THAT WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE METIS CHILDREN AS FOSTER CHILDREN AND CARE FOR THEM MORE ADEQUATELY THAN THE PRESENT WHITE FOSTER HOMES.

OUR COMMITTEE SUGGESTS THAT THIS NEW METIS FOSTER HOME PLACEMENT PLAN BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO THE INDIAN AND METIS DEPARTMENT BECAUSE PAST EXPERIENCES WITH WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PROVEN THAT IT IS UNABLE TO TREAT THE METIS PEOPLE AS EQUAL AND FULL CITIZENS AND ANY NEW FOSTER HOME PLAN UNDER THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ADMINISTERED IN A REPRESSIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY MANNER.

OPPOSED TO AIM ADS

OUR COMMITTEE SEVERELY OPPOSES THE ADVERTISEMENT PLACED IN NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TELEVISION ABOUT OUR METIS AND INDIAN CHILDREN THROUGH THE AIM PROGRAM. THESE ADS ARE RACIST PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE METIS AND INDIAN PEOPLE, FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. SUCH ADS PROJECT METIS PARENTS AS BEING INCAPABLE OF LOOKING AFTER THEIR CHILDREN.
2. IT INFERIORIZES AND DEGRADES OUR METIS CHILDREN IN THAT THEY ARE DISPLAYED AS SURPLUS AND UNWANTED CHILDREN.
3. IT PORTRAYS OUR PEOPLE AND NATION AS BEING A WEAK BECAUSE WE ARE PORTRAYED AS BEGGING TO WHITE PEOPLE TO TAKE OUR CHILDREN.
4. IT IS USING OUR CHILDREN TO DEBASE AND HUMILIATE OUR PEOPLE BY PLAYING ON CHILDREN'S PATHETIC APPEARANCE TO HAVE WHITE PEOPLE CARE AND SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN.
5. THE PICTURES OF THE METIS CHILDREN USED TO PROMOTING THIS AIM PROGRAM ARE RACIST FOR THEY SHOW THOSE CHILDREN WHO HAVE SLIGHT, CUTE INDIAN APPEARANCE BUT YET REMARKABLY WHITE FEATURES.
6. IT CREATES A SITUATION THAT METIS CHILDREN ARE SO UNWANTED AND UGLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO MAKE GREAT EFFORTS TO FIND SOME KIND OF A HOME FOR THEM.
7. IT SUGGESTS THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE DESPERATE FOR HOMES AND WILL ACCEPT ANY WHITE FAMILY WHO IS SYMPATHETIC ENOUGH.
8. IT ENTRENCHES THE PATERNALISTIC AND ARROGANT ATTITUDES OF RACISM, AND REINFORCES STEREOTYPES.
9. IT PROMOTES THE IDEA THAT METIS PARENTS DO NOT WANT NOR LOVE THEIR CHILDREN.

WE URGE THAT THIS KIND OF ADVERTISEMENT BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY.

FINALLY WE OBJECT TO METIS CHILDREN BEING SHIPPED OUT OF THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN FOR ADOPTION TO WHITE HOMES IN OTHER PROVINCES.

PHYLLIS TROTCHIE
NORA THIBIDEAU
VICKI BACETTE



I HEAR THERE'S SEGREGATED SCHOOLS & SEGREGATED WASH-ROOMS IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT CANADA IS ONE COUNTRY WITH SEGREGATED ADOPTING CENTRES

IN A SKEWER



DUCK



LAKE

"Home for the Elderly"

METIS HOUSING GROUP

THE METIS HOUSING GROUP IS A REGISTERED COMPANY FORMED UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN. THE GOVERNING BODY CONSISTS OF FIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: RAY HAMILTON, CHAIRMAN, FEDERIC MCDUGALL, SECRETARY, PIERRE CARRIER, ARNOLD DUFOUR, AND NAP LAFONTAINE. HARRY VANDALE IS THE MANAGER OF THE COMPANY. GEORGE VILBRUNT WAS RECENTLY HIRED AS ASSISTANT TO THE MANAGER. DONNA JOY WEASELCHILD IS THE STENO IN THE SASKATOON OFFICE LOCATED AT 308 BIRKS BUILDING 175 3RD AVE. S.

THE MONEY USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS HOMES COMES FROM A LOAN FROM CENTRAL MORTGAGE & HOUSING CORPORATION, AND MUST BE PAID BACK IN 50 YEARS WITH 7% INTEREST.

THREE PROJECTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY AND PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY. THE DUCK LAKE PROJECT IS APPROXIMATELY 70% COMPLETE, THE CUMBERLAND HOUSE PROJECT IS ABOUT 50% COMPLETE AND THE ILE A LA CROSSE PROJECT IS JUST NICELY STARTED. LESTOCK & LEBRET PROJECTS WILL BEGIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

EVERY PROJECT OF THE METIS HOUSING GROUP EMPLOYS ONLY LOCAL METIS HELP AND PAY WORKMEN BETTER THAN AVERAGE LOCAL WAGES.

ERNIE VANDALE WAS THE SUPERVISOR ON THE DUCK LAKE PROJECT AND WAS MOVED TO ILE A LA CROSSE TO START THE CONSTRUCTION THERE.

HAROLD LAJIMODIERE WILL NOW SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION AT DUCK LAKE R.D. (DOUG) MACDONALD FROM PRINCE ALBERT IS THE SUPERVISOR AT CUMBERLAND HOUSE. THESE MEN HAVE MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE CONSTRUCTION FIELD AND ARE DOING A COMMENDABLE JOB WITHOUT ANY QUALIFIED TRADESMEN ON THE PAYROLL.

EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO START FIVE SIMILAR PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE WINTER. LOCATIONS OF THESE PROJECTS HAVE YET TO BE DETERMINED.

THIS CONSTRUCTION WILL COME UNDER OUR WINTER WORKS PROJECTS. THE METIS HOUSING GROUP WILL CONSTRUCT ALL CABINETS FOR THE PENSIONER'S HOMES AT A SHOP AT DUCK LAKE AND DISTRIBUTE THEM IN PREFABRICATED PACKAGES. IT IS THE INTENTION TO CARRY ON THIS SHOP AT A FUTURE DATE WITH REPAIR AND REMODELING OF NEW AND USED FURNITURE FOR RESALE TO ANY PROJECT OR PERSON OF THE METIS SOCIETY.

A WINTER WARMTH PROGRAM DESIGNED TO DO MINOR REPAIRS TO METIS PEOPLE'S HOUSES THAT ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR TO GET THROUGH THE WINTER IS UNDERWAY AND AS STAFF OF 8 HOUSING OFFICERS ARE TRAVELLING THROUGHOUT THE

PROVINCE LOOKING AT THESE HOUSES AND ESTIMATING THEIR NEEDS. INFORMATION GATHERED IN THIS PROJECT WILL BE VERY VALUABLE AND WILL BE USED IN OUR GENERAL HOUSING PROGRAM WHICH WILL START IN MARCH 1972.

THIS IS OUR LAND.



THE ACTIVITIES OF THE N.A.C. HAVE GROWN CONSIDERABLE NOT BECAUSE OF THE MONEY WE HAVE TO OPERATE WITH, BUT RATHER FROM THE DEMAND FROM THE NATIVE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

THE ACTION OF THE FIELD STAFF HAS BEEN A REAL EFFORT AND CREDIT TO THOSE INVOLVED.

THE NATIVE YOUTH COUNCIL FROM A TRIAL PROGRAM THEY HAD THIS SUMMER ARE INCLUDED IN THE N.A.C. PROGRAM. A REAL CONCENTRATED EFFORT BY THE YOUTH HAS BEEN MADE BY THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE GLUE SNIFFING AND DRUG PERFORMS IN THE SKID ROAD AREA OF THIS CITY. THEY HAVE ROUNDED UP ALL THE KIDS THAT GATHER AROUND THE PUBS AND ALLEY WAYS AND PARKS, PROVIDED ONE HOT MEAL AND PROVIDED A BAND, A PLACE TO GATHER FOR DANCING, LECTURING AND FILMS ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL. AMONG THESE GROUP OF CHILDREN WE HAVE REARED SIX OF THESE AGGRESSIVE YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE COUNSELLING SERVICE IS KEPT BUSY WITH LOCAL CASES IN THIS CITY. REFERRALS IN THE PROVINCIAL ALCOHOL CENTRES HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS - THERE HAS BEEN NO SLACK PERIODS IN THESE CENTRES INCLUDING OUR OWN.

THE HOUSE IN NORTH BATTLEFORD HAS HAD OVER 120 CLIENTS FOR FOUR WEEK COURSES AND OF THESE 99 ARE STILL FOLLOWING UP THE AA PROGRAM AS AN INSURANCE FOR THEIR CONTINUING SOBRIETY.

ON ENTERING THE HOUSE THESE PEOPLE ARE GIVEN A COMPLETE MEDICAL AND ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE DOCTOR OF THE HOUSE BEFORE ENTERING. WHILE THERE THEY ARE GIVEN A SERIES OF LECTURES IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE. THE CLEANING OF THE HOUSE, COOKING AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE IS DONE BY THE PATIENTS. AN AA MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR THEM EVERY NIGHT. MANY OF THESE CLIENTS IN THE LAST WEEKS ARE TAKEN TO RESERVE MEETINGS IN THE AREA OF BATTLEFORD.

THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERALL EFFORT IN ALL DEPARTMENTS TO COMBAT THESE PROBLEMS OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS. ALL THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, BOTH FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL, ARE KEPT AWARE OF THE NEED AND THE EFFORT THAT THE FIELD STAFF OF THE NATIVE ALCOHOL COUNCIL ARE DOING.

THE MAIN EFFORT OF THESE FIELD STAFF IS TO SET-UP LIAISON WITH THE FIELD STAFF OF METIS AND INDIAN PEOPLE IN THIS WORK. WE HAVE LOCATED JOBS FOR SIXTY-SIX OF THESE PATIENTS THAT HAVE BEEN THROUGH N.A.C. HOUSE - MANY OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE NEVER HAD A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, AND THESE ARE NON-WORKING. THE SUCCESS IN THIS AREA IS TREMENDOUS, BUT AFTER LEVELLING OFF PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT ARE STILL SOBER, OUR EFFORTS WILL BE WELL REWARDED.

WE HAVE TRIED IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO STAY OUT OF THE INDIAN POLITICAL WARS, BUT THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO STAY OUT OF THE INDIAN POLITICAL WARS, BUT THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE AS MANY ATTACKS WERE MADE ON OUR STAFF AND PERSONNEL BY THE CHIEF OF THE FEDERATION. THE DIRECTORS HAVE TRIED TO HAVE MANY MEETINGS WITH THE CHIEF BUT HE REFUSES TO, WE HAVE HAD FOUR MEETINGS WITH HIS EXECUTIVE, BUT HE OVERRULES THE DECISIONS OF HIS EXECUTIVES, AND ON THE LEVEL OF PRESS AND PARLIAMENTARY PERSONALLY ATTACKS THE DIRECTOR. PERSONALLY, I FEEL THE SITUATION WAS NOT IMPROVED WITH THIS MAN. BUT AS THE CHIEF AND COUNCIL OF EVERY RESERVE ARE THE PULING PEOPLE OF THE RESERVES WE HAVE THE RIGHT BY REGULATION TO WORK IN THESE AREAS. OFF THE RESERVE, INDIANS ARE LOOKED AFTER IF THEY COME FOR HELP. WE CANNOT

REFUSE A PERSON IF HE IS SICK REGARDLESS OF HIS NATIONALITY. ALCOHOL IS NOT DISCRIMINATORY, AND IF A WHITE PERSON COMES TO US FOR HELP WE IMMEDIATELY SET THE WHEELS IN MOTION FOR HIS TREATMENT.

THE FIELD STAFF ARE SPREAD VERY THINLY OVER THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN. THERE ARE EIGHTY-FIVE REGISTERED LOCALS IN THE PROVINCE AND SIXTY-SEVEN BANDS. THERE IS APPROXIMATELY 55,000 METIS AND 32,000 REGISTERED INDIANS. WE DO NOT FORCE ANY KIND OF COUNSELLING AS WE CAN NOT HANDLE THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WHO REQUEST TREATMENT, WE HAVE A SELECTION TEAM OF A DOCTOR AND COUNSELLOR. THOSE THAT ARE REAL HARD CASES ARE TREATED IMMEDIATELY, ABOUT 75% OF THE REQUESTED FOR HELP ARE REFERRED TO AA GROUPS AROUND THE PROVINCE, AND MANY ARE CLOSELY COUNSELLED BY OUR OWN FIELD STAFF.

THE STRUCTURE AND SET-UP OF N.A.C. IS SHOWN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

SAY, IF YOUR AN INJUN
HOW COME YOU AINT DRINK?



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N.A.C. con'd Youth

THE NATIVE ALCOHOL COUNCIL HAS HIRED SIX YOUTH TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH THEM IN COUNSELLING OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE. WE WILL BE DEALING DIRECTLY WITH YOUTH IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES ON THE EDUCATIONAL ASPECT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE.

THE EDUCATIONAL PART OF THIS PROGRAM WOULD BE THROUGH FILMS, SEMINARS, GROUP SESSIONS, INDIVIDUAL COUNSELLING AND CLASSROOM LECTURES.

WE WILL BE WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF THE LOCALS, CHIEFS OF RESERVES AND FIELDWORKERS OF THE METIS SOCIETY AND COUNSELLORS OF THE NATIVE ALCOHOL COUNCIL.

OUR MAIN CONCERN WOULD BE TO WORK WITH YOUTH WITH THEIR SPECIFIC PROBLEMS IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES BE IT DRUGS OR ALCOHOL. BY THIS WE MEAN THAT IF THE PROBLEM IS DRUGS THEN WE WOULD BE WORKING WITH DRUGS AS OUR PRIORITY AND IT WOULD BE THE SAME FOR THE ALCOHOL PROBLEM.

DUE TO THE FACT THAT 4% OF NATIVE PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN DIE YEARLY DUE TO ALCOHOL MISUSE, WE HAVE TO TRY AND HELP WITH THIS PROBLEM.

N.A.C. YOUTH

Voice of Women

WE HAVE TO STRIVE HARDER THAN WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING, BECAUSE MORE AND MORE OF OUR PEOPLE ARE GETTING KILLED DUE TO ALCOHOL, AND IN SOME CASES, INNOCENT ONES.

IF PEOPLE COULD ONLY LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER AS ONE BODY, I AM SURE WE COULD GET TO THE BASIC PROBLEM, AS TO WHY OUR NATIVE PEOPLE ARE TURNING TO CHEMICALS. THIS IS WHAT OUR AIM IS IN N.A.C. WE NEED SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF THE PEOPLE, THIS IS FROM THE WOMEN'S POINT.

ELVINA COTE
ISABEL KEENATIN

N.A.C. HOUSE NORTH BATTLEFORD



N.A. MEETINGS WILL BE HELD EACH THURSDAY EVENING AT NINE O'CLOCK AT THE:
NATIVE ALCOHOL COUNCIL OFFICE
1800 TORONTO STREET
REGINA, SASK.
ALL IS WELCOME.

A C T I O N N O W

POWER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



D. ASKELIN '71

We Are One

NATIVE YOUTH AND NATIVE WOMEN WERE BOTH SHOT DOWN AT THE F.S.I. ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN PRINCE ALBERT, SPEAKING FOR A SUPPOSEDLY INDIAN ORGANIZATION WERE A LOT OF WHITE PEOPLE, TOKEN INDIANS AND BROWN POLITICIANS.

DO OUR DISTINGUISHED INDIAN LEADERS BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL LIVE ON FOREVER OR THAT THEIR SHOTS WILL BE CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH PROBLEMS THEY WILL EVENTUALLY LEAVE BEHIND WITH THEIR DEATHS? I SAY WITH THEIR DEATHS BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL NEVER STEP DOWN THOUGH THEY BE CRIPPLED IN BOTH BODY AND MIND.

NATIVE YOUTH ARE THE LEADERS OF THE FUTURE - THEY WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO TAKE THE DUTIES AND BURDENS ON THEIR SHOULDERS, IT IS SOUND REASONING THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO TAKE A SMALL RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT LOAD RIGHT NOW SO THAT THEY MAY GAIN EXPERIENCE THROUGH THE METHOD OF TRIAL AND ERROR SO THAT THEY MAY BE ALL THE WISER, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND MORE CAPABLE OF CARRYING THAT BURDEN.

FURTHERMORE, NATIVE YOUTH REPRESENTS A GREAT MAJORITY OF THE INDIAN SOCIETY AND HAVE MORE PROBLEMS BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES WHO ARE ASKED AND FORCED TO LEAVE THE RELATIVE SAFETY OF THE RESERVE.

IT IS NOT ILLOGICAL THEREFORE FOR NATIVE YOUTH TO WANT A VOICE IN THEIR DESTINY AS INDIANS - A VOICE IN THE INDIAN ORGANIZATION OF THE FEDERATION OF SASKATCHEWAN INDIANS.

MR. AHENAKEN EMPHASIZES THAT THE INDIAN PEOPLE WANT AND NEED CONTROL THEIR OWN DESTINY AND CONTRADICTS HIMSELF BY LITERALLY REFUSING TO HELP NATIVE YOUTH CONTROL EVEN A SMALL PORTION OF THEIR DESTINY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE F.S.I.

I SAY TO INDIAN LEADERS THAT THEY WERE BORN OF THE INDIAN WOMEN THEY SUPPRESS AND WERE OF THE AGE OF THE YOUTH THEY CONDEMN. I WONDER IF THEY THINK THAT THEY WERE BORN WISE AND EXPERIENCED.

THE ORGANIZATION, IT APPEARS IS MADE UP OF F.S.I. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS; SENATORS; SASKATCHEWAN INDIAN CHIEFS OF RESERVES; SASKATCHEWAN INDIANS; F.S.I. EMPLOYEES; LEGAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

NOWHERE ARE NATIVE YOUTH AND INDIAN WOMEN REPRESENTED - IT STRIKES ONE THAT THEY ARE NOT PARTICULARLY WELCOME EITHER.

I BELIEVE THAT INDIAN YOUTH SHOULD BE ALLOWED DELEGATES ON THE SAME SYSTEM AS RESERVE PEOPLE AND THE SAME FOR WOMEN. WHEN I STOP TO CONSIDER WHOM THE ORGANIZATION IS SUPPOSEDLY REPRESENTING, I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I AM COMPLETELY BAFLED.

THE ONLY ANSWER TO THIS IT SEEMS MUST BE THAT THESE TWO SUPPRESSED GROUPS FORM THEIR OWN LOBBYING SYSTEM AGAINST THE F.S.I. WHO SEEMS TO HAVE FORMED AN EFFECTIVE LOBBYING SYSTEM AGAINST THEM.

-LOUISE SACKETT DAY

HOW TO NEGOTIATE

SINCE THERE IS A DEFINITE NEED FOR ACTION GROUPS THE FOLLOWING GUIDE LINES WILL BE OF VITAL USE TO ANY ORGANIZATION WHO WANTS TO GET SOMETHING DONE ON THEIR OWN.

WHY TALK?

ACTION GROUPS GET TIRED OF MEETING AND TALKING ALL THE TIME. THEY WANT ACTION. BUT THERE ARE SOME GOOD REASONS FOR A FORMAL TALK WITH YOUR OPPONENTS—WHICH IS CALLED NEGOTIATING.

GET THE RIGHT MAN

THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON TO SIT DOWN WITH YOUR OPPONENTS IS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE YOUR OPPONENTS. MANY TIMES GROUPS GET ALL STIRRED UP ABOUT SOME ISSUE AND THEY BEGIN SCREAMING AWAY AT THE WRONG ENEMY. THIS HAPPENS BECAUSE THE REAL ENEMY IS USUALLY SMART ENOUGH TO SET UP A SMOKE SCREEN. HE SITS BACK AND CHUCKLES WHILE PEOPLE WHO SHOULD BE ALLIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIM, FIGHT AGAINST EACH OTHER. THIS IS WHAT THE POLITICIANS AND LANDOWNERS HAVE DONE WITH THE PEOPLE.

TO FIND OUT WHETHER HE IS REALLY THE ENEMY, GO OVER YOUR DEMANDS AS CLEARLY AND SIMPLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE MAN. CAN HE MEET THE DEMANDS. IF HE REALLY WANTED TO? IF NOT, FIND OUT WHO CAN. HE IS YOUR MAN.

HOW MUCH POWER ON EACH SIDE?

WHEN YOU ARE SURE THAT HE IS THE RIGHT MAN, THE NEXT THING TO DO IS TO BE SURE EACH OF YOU UNDERSTANDS THE OTHER ONE'S POWER. MANY FIGHTS COULD BE AVOIDED IF PEOPLE HAD CHECKED BEFOREHAND TO SEE WHICH SIDE WAS THE STRONGEST.

USE NEGOTIATIONS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR GROUP

ANOTHER REASON TO NEGOTIATE IS TO GET YOUR GROUP TOGETHER. IF THE GROUP IS STILL NOT TOGETHER FOR A BIG PUSH, SOMETIMES A MEETING WITH ITS OPPONENTS IS A GOOD WAY TO GET IT TURNED ON. IF THIS IS THE PURPOSE, TRY TO GET AS MANY OF THE GROUP AS POSSIBLE TO THE NEGOTIATION SCENE, AND LET YOUR OPPONENT SEE WHAT HE'S UP AGAINST.

MAKE YOUR THREATS BELIEVABLE

THE FOURTH REASON FOR TALKING WITH YOUR OPPONENT IS TO GET ACROSS TO HIM AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF HE DOES NOT COME THROUGH ON YOUR DEMANDS. THIS IS CALLED MAKING YOUR THREATS BELIEVABLE. PEOPLE ACT QUICKLY WHEN THEY ARE TRULY THREATENED. WHEN THEY THINK YOU ARE JUST BLUFFING, THEY WILL BLUFF BACK. SPELL IT OUT SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY TO THEM.

FIGHT ABOUT THE IMPORTANT THINGS

YOU SHOULD ALSO SIT DOWN WITH YOUR OPPONENT TO BE SURE YOU ARE FIGHTING ABOUT THE THINGS. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT MAN, BUT BE FIGHTING ABOUT THE WRONG PROBLEM.

FOR EXAMPLE, YOU MIGHT MEET WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN YOUR TOWN TO DEMAND THAT HIS MEN STOP USING THE WORD "BOY". YOU MAY FIND THAT THE CHIEF HAS ALREADY ISSUED AN ORDER AGAINST THE USE OF SUCH WORDS. HIS WRITTEN ORDER, PERHAPS YOU COULD GET HIM TO GIVE YOU A COPY OF IT, SO THAT IT COULD BE WELL-PUBLICIZED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY.

THE CHIEF IS PROBABLY THE RIGHT MAN, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T BE FIGHTING WITH HIM ABOUT ISSUING AN ORDER. INSTEAD, THE PROBLEM IS GETTING THE ORDER ENFORCED.

WELL-PUBLICIZED NEGOTIATIONS GAIN PUBLIC SUPPORT

THE LAST REASON FOR NEGOTIATING IS TO GAIN PUBLIC SUPPORT. MOST PEOPLE WILL SYMPATHIZE WITH DIRECT ACTION TACTICS MORE READILY IF YOU HAVE BUILT UP A CASE FOR THEM. SO, IF YOU CAN SAY IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND LARGER NEWSPAPERS THAT YOU TRIED TO SIT DOWN AND TALK OVER YOUR DEMANDS, PEOPLE WILL BE MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT YOU IN A CAMPAIGN OF NON-COOPERATION OR WHATEVER OTHER DIRECT ACTION TACTIC YOU DECIDE UPON.

THREE DON'TS

DON'T NEGOTIATE FOR SOMEONE ELSE

IF THE PROBLEM IS NOT YOURS, DON'T TALK FOR SOMEONE ELSE. FOR TOO LONG, POOR PEOPLE HAVE HAD DO-GOODERS NEGOTIATING FOR THEM. THIS IS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS WHY WE ARE STILL POOR. AS AN ORGANIZER, IT IS YOUR JOB TO TEACH THE

GROUP HOW TO NEGOTIATE FOR ITS DEMANDS—NOT DO IT.

DON'T NEGOTIATE IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACT

IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO TAKE ACTION IF YOUR NEGOTIATIONS BREAKDOWN, THEN DON'T NEGOTIATE.

DON'T NEGOTIATE IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO DO THE HARD WORK

AND IF ALL WANT IS THE GLORY OF WINNING AN ARGUMENT BUT NOT THE HARD WORK OF ORGANIZING A STRIKE, A SIT-IN OR A DEMONSTRATION, THEN DON'T NEGOTIATE.

WHY TALK

1. TO GET THE RIGHT MAN
2. TO CHECK EACH OTHER'S POWER.
3. TO MAKE THREAT BELIEVABLE.
4. TO STRENGTHEN GROUP.
5. TO FIGHT ABOUT IMPORTANT THINGS.
6. TO GAIN PUBLIC SUPPORT.

BUT DON'T TALK

1. FOR SOMEONE ELSE.
2. IF YOU NOT READY TO TAKE ACTION.
3. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THE HARD WORK OF ORGANIZING DIRECT ACTION.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR NEGOTIATIONS

1. ALWAYS WRITE YOUR DEMANDS. MAKE THEM SIMPLE AND CLEAR. BE SURE EVERYONE IN THE GROUP UNDERSTANDS THEM. THIS WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE NEGOTIATING TEAM TO GET THEM ACROSS TO THE OPPONENT, TOO.
2. ALWAYS GET THE OPPONENT'S POSITION IN WRITING. ASK HIM TO WRITE OUT AND SIGN ANY PROMISE THAT HE MAKES. SOMETIMES THEY WILL SAY THEY AGREE WITH YOUR DEMANDS, BUT NOTHING IS EVER SAID ABOUT WHEN AND HOW THEY WILL CARRY OUT THEIR AGREEMENT. DON'T LEAVE UNTIL THIS IS MADE CLEAR—AND YOU HAVE IT IN WRITING. ALSO, ASK HIM TO SIGN A COPY OF THE DEMANDS YOU TAKE, BECAUSE LATER ON HE MAY CLAIM HE NEVER TALKED WITH YOU AND WHAT YOU WANTED.

IF YOU REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE OF PUTTING IT INTO WRITING, YOU ARE ON YOUR WAY. YOU CAN CHANGE A FEW WORDS, BUT NEVER CHANGE THE MEANING OF YOUR DEMANDS.

3. ALWAYS SELECT A NEGOTIATING TEAM. THIS GIVES YOU MORE ROOM TO MANEUVER. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, YOUR OPPONENT MIGHT ASK YOU IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT A COMPROMISE SOLUTION—OFFERING YOU

"HALF A LOAF." SINCE YOU DON'T WANT TO REFUSE HIM FLATLY (HE MAY BE FEELING OUT YOUR STRENGTH), YOU MIGHT SAY, "WELL, THAT'S AN INTERESTING SUGGESTION. IF YOU WOULD WRITE OUT WHAT YOU HAD IN MIND, WE'LL TAKE IT BACK TO THE ORGANIZATION AND SEE HOW EVERYBODY FEELS ABOUT IT."

4. NEVER UNDERESTIMATE YOUR OPPONENT. IF HE IS A BUSINESSMAN OR POLITICIAN, HE PROBABLY GOT THERE BECAUSE OF HIS ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE. WHEN HE STARTS SLINGING BIG WORDS AROUND, AS HIM TO BREAK IT DOWN. WILL HE MEET YOUR DEMANDS? IF NOT, WHAT, SPECIFICALLY, IS HIS POSITION? YOU NEED TO KNOW, SO YOU CAN TELL THE GROUP. THEY HAVE SENT YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT HIS POSITION IS.

EVERYTIME HE TRIES TO THROW YOU OFF THE TRACK, JUST ASK HIM VERY SLOWLY, "WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT OUR DEMANDS?"

A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS QUESTIONING TECHNIQUE WAS IN A SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY WHICH WAS ABOUT TO LOSE ITS NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION PROGRAM. THE PROVINCIAL WELFARE SENT A MAN DOWN TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE TO TRY TO EXPLAIN WHY THE PROGRAM HAD BEEN REMOVED WITHOUT TELLING A SOUL IN THE COMMUNITY. IT WAS A LARGE TURNOUT, AND THE PROVINCIAL WELFARE MAN EXPLAINED AND EXPLAINED. FINALLY HE SAID, "ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?"

A MAN IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM STOOD UP AND SAID SLOWLY, "WHY ARE WE LOSING THE PROGRAM?"

THE WELFARE MAN EXPLAINED FOR ABOUT TEN MORE MINUTES, THEN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.

ANOTHER MAN STOOD UP AND SAID VERY SLOWLY, "WHY ARE WE LOSING THE PROGRAM?"

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THIS GAME WENT ON FOR ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE THE WELFARE MAN REALIZED THAT HE COULD NOT LIE TO THIS GROUP.

5. BE SURE TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO YOUR OPPONENT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF HE DOES NOT MEET YOUR DEMANDS. KNOW WHAT YOUR STRENGTH IS BEFORE YOU NEGOTIATE. AND SPELL OUT WHAT YOU PLAN TO DO IF THE NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN.

6. BE SURE YOU HAVE AN ACTION PLAN BEFORE YOU NEGOTIATE. IF YOU DO HAVE AN ACTION PLAN IN YOUR POCKET WHEN YOU GO TO NEGOTIATE, YOU ARE JUST BLUFFING, AND MOST OF YOUR OPPONENTS WILL CALL YOUR BLUFF.

A NEGOTIATING TEAM OF FOUR GUYS WHICH IS TRYING TO GET AN AGENCY OF 500 PEOPLE TO CHANGE ITS MAYS HAS TO HAVE SOMETHING TO BACK IT UP. YOU ARE NOT GOING TO CHANGE SOME OLD-LINE AGENCY, BUSINESS OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WITH YOUR GOOD LOOKS, OR WITH SWEET TALK.

7. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, TRY TO MEET YOUR OPPONENT ON YOUR OWN GROUND, OR AT LEAST ON NEUTRAL TERRITORY. EVERY TIME YOU HAVE TO GO TO HIM, SIT IN HIS OFFICE, WAIT FOR HIM TO ANSWER HIS PHONE, IT PUTS YOU AT A PHYSIOLOGICAL DISADVANTAGE.

REMEMBER WHEN THE WELFARE MAN CAME TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER? WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM THIS?

8. MAKE YOUR DEMANDS AND THREATS SOFTLY BUT CLEARLY. MAKE YOUR DEMANDS AND THREATS SOFTLY AND CLEARLY. MAKE YOUR DEMANDS AND THREATS SOFTLY AND CLEARLY.

GOT IT?

GRAY, LET'S SEE YOU TEACH IT TO SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THE GROUP YOU HAVE HELPED TO ORGANIZE.

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Editor.

Justice In The North

"I ONLY WENT TO COURT ONCE AGAINST THAT APPLE SIX YEARS AGO IN A CURLING RINK AT ILE-A-LA-CROSSE," JOHN DAIGNEAULT SAID.

HE WAS REFERRING TO JUDGE T.D. AGNEW OF PRINCE ALBERT WHO HAS SPENT FIVE YEARS COVERING THE NORTH, HOLDING TRIALS, PRELIMINARY HEARINGS AND GENERAL OFFENCE SITTINGS.

IN AN ARTICLE "JUDGE TAKES JUSTICE TO NORTHERN RESIDENCE" PRINTED IN THE PRINCE ALBERT HERALD AND WRITTEN BY BOB MILLS, JUDGE AGNEW IS PAINTED AS A BENEVOLENT, SAINTLY JUDGE OF MANKIND.

HOWEVER, PERSONS SUCH AS MR. DAIGNEAULT, HOLD NO SUCH PICTURE OF HIS NORTH ESPECIALLY AFTER APPEARING BEFORE HIM. IN FACT, JUSTICE IN THE NORTH APPEARS TO BE HANDLED IN A DICTATORSHIP MANNER.

"YOU TALK TO HIM AND HE IGNORES YOU, HE LOOKS AT HIS BOOK, AT OTHER PEOPLE, ANYWHERE BUT TO THE PERSON WHO IS SPEAKING TO HIM," MR. DAIGNEAULT SAID, ADDING THAT HE THOUGHT THE JUDGE WAS A LITTLE "TIN GOD" IN THE NORTH.

THE JUDGE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT LIQUOR IS THE PROBLEM IN THE NORTH AND THAT SOCIAL WELFARE GOES HAND IN HAND WITH IT. "THE PEOPLE GO DIRECTLY FROM THE WELFARE OFFICE TO THE LIQUOR STORE, BUT THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING ARE GOOD."

HE ALSO SAID THAT MORE CRIMES ARE COMMITTED BY YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 30. HE SAID, "THAT THEY DO IT JUST FOR KICKS."

"KIDS DON'T STEAL FOR KICKS BUT OUT OF NECESSITY," MR. DAIGNEAULT SAID AND ADDED THAT PRICES ARE SO HIGH IN THE NORTH BECAUSE STORE OWNERS HAVE NO COMPETITION WHAT SO EVER. HE CONTINUED THAT SOCIAL WELFARE CHECKS DO NOT COVER THE COST OF LIVING.

THE ROYAL MOUNTED POLICE ALSO CAME UNDER ATTACK BECAUSE OF THEIR TREATMENT OF NATIVE PEOPLE. MR. DAIGNEAULT EXPLAINED THAT THE RCMP TAKE KIDS 15 MILES FROM THEIR HOMES AND DUMP THEM THERE TO WALK HOME - A NEW METHOD OF COOLING A PERSON'S HEELS.

LAW & ORDER IS
NECESSARY IN
CIVILIZATION!



WHEN

WHEN WILL MY PEOPLE SEE
THE NEED TO BE OURSELVES - FREE
TO HUNT OUR DEER AND DO OUR DANCE
TO STOP OUR FEET AND SING OUR CHANTS,

WHEN WILL MY PEOPLE HEAR
THE UNDISGUISED CRY OF FEAR
OF UNWANTED CHILDREN AND FORGOTTEN OLD
OF BROKEN HOMES AND TREASURES SOLD,

WHEN WILL MY PEOPLE FEEL
THE OVER-POWERING URGE TO PEEL
OFF THE FETTERS OF WHITE SUPREMACY
TO LIVE IN THIS -- OUR LAND, OUR LEGACY,

LYNDA COOK

USE IT!

ON SEPTEMBER 25th, 70 DELEGATES FROM THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN MARCHED ON THE SASKATCHEWAN PARLIAMENT IN REGINA AND PRESENTED A SERIES OF BRIEFS AND PROPOSALS TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE DELEGATES DEMANDED TO SEE THE PREMIER (WHO WAS NOT IN) AND THEN PRESENTED THE PROPOSALS AND BRIEFS TO THE PREMIER'S STAFF.

LISTED BELOW ARE THE BRIEFS AND PROPOSALS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

PROPOSALS: METIS FARMS
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (REFERENCE TO METIS & INDIANS)
INDIAN & METIS DEPARTMENT OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

BRIEFS:

- 1) BRIEF REQUESTING THE RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS TO HUNT FREELY AND WITHOUT OBSTRUCTION
- 2) BRIEF FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
- 3) BRIEF FROM THE CUTBACK INDIAN & METIS TRAINING CENTRE
- 4) METIS FOSTER HOME PLAN FOR SASKATCHEWAN
- 5) ALSO THE BRIEFS WHICH WERE PRESENTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. THESE BRIEFS ARE LISTED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) BRIEF TO CANADA MANPOWER
- 2) WINTER WARMTH PROGRAM (HOUSING REPAIR)
- 3) SASKATCHEWAN METIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
- 4) COMMUNICATION
- 5) NATIVE ALCOHOL COUNCIL
- 6) METIS CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL HISTORY RESEARCH PROJECT
- 7) NATIVE HALFWAY HOUSE PROJECT (REGINA)
- 8) "PRIDE HOUSE" HALFWAY HOUSE (PRINCE ALBERT)
- 9) GENERAL HOUSING PROGRAM (SASKATCHEWAN)
- 10) HUMAN RIGHTS (COURT WORKERS, LEGAL SERVICE ETC.)
- 11) NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT GRANT

CANADA MANPOWER

THIS FIRST PROGRAM IS FOR JOB TRAINING FOR THE PEOPLE BEING HIRED BY HOUSING. THIS WOULD BE ON THE JOB PRACTICAL TRAINING WITH SOME THEORY AS WELL. THIS WAS PRESENTED TO CANADA MANPOWER AND WOULD WORK TOGETHER WITH THE HOUSING PROGRAMS. BOTH OLD AGE HOUSING PROJECT AND SENIOR ONE FOR FAMILY UNITS. THIS CANADA MANPOWER BRIEF WAS RECEIVED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES WHO SAID ALLOT BUT SO FAR HAVE DONE NOTHING.

WINTER WARMTH PROGRAM

THE SECOND PROGRAM PRESENTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS ONE WHICH IS IN DESPERATE NEED BEFORE WINTER SETS IN. THIS PROGRAM WOULD HELP PEOPLE FIX THEIR HOUSES ENOUGH TO GET THEM THROUGH THE WINTER. FOR INSTANCE: BROKEN WINDOWS, POORLY FITTED DOORS, LEAKING ROOFS, STORM WINDOWS, ETC. WE HAVN HAD WORD BACK ON THIS PROPOSAL BUT AS USUAL TWO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE PASSING THE BUCK BETWEEN EACH OTHER. (POLITICAL GAMES)

SASKATCHEWAN METIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

THIS THIRD BRIEF IS TO GET OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKERS INTO THE COMMUNITIES AND TO SLOW PEOPLE DOWN TO GET FINANCES TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. THEY WILL TRY AND HELP GET EMPLOYMENT GOING, TO GET EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS STARTED AND TO DEVELOP ECONOMIC BASES STARTED. THEY WILL WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE PEOPLE OF THOSE COMMUNITIES. NO WORD AS YET FROM THE SILVER HILLS.

COMMUNICATIONS

THIS FOURTH PROPOSAL DEALS MAINLY WITH THE NEWSPAPER AND INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE PAPER BETTER, WITH MORE NEWS, ARTICLES, PHOTOS, ETC. ON NATIVE TOPICS OR ON ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE NATIVE SOCIETY. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO USE AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT (INSTANT T.V.) SO THAT PEOPLE NOT ONLY HEAR WHAT IS GOING ON BUT WILL SEE WHAT IS GOING ON FROM ALL PARTS OF THE PROVINCE. THIS PROPOSAL WAS PRESENTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE DEPARTMENT IN OTTAWA. ON THIS SUBJECT THEY WANT TO STUDY THE THING SOME MORE. (WE'VE HEARD THAT EXCUSE BEFORE)

NATIVE ALCOHOL COUNCIL

THE FIFTH PROPOSAL IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE. MOST OF YOU HAVE HEARD OF N.A.C. AND ALTO ARE PROBABLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SERVICES THEY HAVE GIVEN. ALCOHOLISM IS ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FACED BY OUR PEOPLE AND THE NEED TO FIGHT IT IS EVEN GREATER. THIS WAS PRESENTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUT HAS BEEN BLOCKED BY POLITICAL MOVES BY GOVERNMENT AND HAS BEEN BLOCKED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUT AND THE P.S.I. WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THOSE PLAYING POLITICS THAT PEOPLES LIVES ARE AT STAKE.

METIS CULTURAL & HISTORY RESEARCH PROJECT

THE EIGHTH PROPOSAL WILL DEAL WITH RESEARCH INTO THE HISTORY AND CULTURAL ASPECTS OF THE METIS NATION. THIS PROPOSAL WAS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT SO THE METIS PEOPLE COULD LEARN THE TRUE HISTORY OF THEIR ANCESTORS AND NOT BE ASHAMED OF WHO THEY ARE. ALSO MOST LITERATURE ON METIS HISTORY IS THISTED, OR IS OUT AND OUT LIES. SO FAR ON THIS PROPOSAL WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING.

NATIVE HALFWAY HOUSE PROJECT

THIS THE SIXTH PROPOSAL WAS PUT FORWARD BY THE "NATIVE PROJECT SOCIETY" IN THE PROVINCIAL JAIL. AGAIN THERE IS A DEFINITE NECESSITY FOR THIS TYPE OF OPERATION. IT WOULD ALSO MEAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES DEALING WITH ALL PLACKS OF REHABILITATION. IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT SO FAR NO ANSWER.

"PRIDE HOUSE"

THE SEVENTH PROPOSAL IS FOR ANOTHER HALFWAY HOUSE REHABILITATION CENTRE THIS TIME IN PRINCE ALBERT AND HELPING THOSE FROM THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY. THIS WAS PRESENTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND AGAIN NO ANSWER AS YET.

GENERAL HOUSING

THIS NINTH BRIEF, (A VERY LARGE AND IMPORTANT ONE) WAS PRESENTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IT TAKES IN THE FULL SCOPE OF HOUSING. HOUSING IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WE FACE TODAY NEXT ONLY TO EDUCATION AND FULL EMPLOYMENT. THIS PROJECT WOULD MEAN BUILDING HOUSES ALL OVER THE PROVINCE, AND ESPECIALLY IN VERY POOR AREAS WHERE OPPORTUNITIES ARE NIL. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING ON THIS ONE YET, BUT IT WILL TAKE A WHILE COMING TO THE SIZE OF THE UNDERTAKING.

HUMAN RIGHTS

THIS BRIEF NUMBER TEN IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE TO OUR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY SINCE DISCRIMINATION IN ALL IT ROTTEN MOODS IS BECOMING WORSE. WE HAVE PEOPLE BEING JAILED FOR NOTHING, DENIED JOBS AND HOUSING WITH NO JUSTIFICATION. WE MUST TAKE A STAND. THIS MONEY WILL HIRE COURT WORKERS, LEGAL ADVISORS ETC. AND INVESTIGATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT. ANY ACTS AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AND ACTION TAKEN. WE HAVE HEARD LITTLE ABOUT THIS ONE.

ALL OF THESE BRIEFS WERE PRESENTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND COPIES WERE PRESENTED TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. THE DIPLOMATS CAME TO THE MEETINGS WITH MANY SUGGESTIONS SUCH AS, MORE STUDY, WE HAVE TO EXPERIMENT SOME MORE, AND WILL WE PROFIT BY THESE THINGS. THE DELEGATE TOOK A FIRM STAND ON THESE IDEAS AND REFUSED ALL OF THEM SAYING THEY WANTED THE PROPOSALS PUT INTO EFFECT WITHOUT ANY MORE NONSENSE.

AS WE HEAR FROM THE GOVERNMENTS ON THOSE PROPOSALS WE WILL PUBLISH THE FULL PROGRAMS AND THE ANSWERS RECEIVED. SO FAR ALL WE HAVE HEARD ARE RUMORS AND HEAR-SAY WE WILL NOT PUBLISH ANYTHING IN DETAIL UNTIL WE ARE ASSURED FROM OTTAWA OR REGINA IN WRITING. WE WILL BE THE FIRST TO KNOW AND WE WILL BE THE FIRST TO MAKE IT PUBLIC.

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