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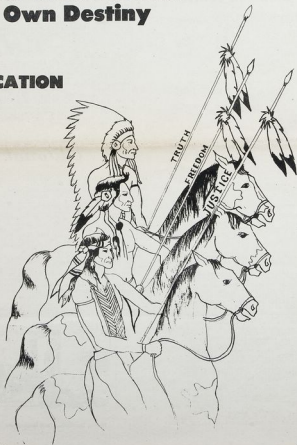
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DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS SENATOR YUZAK OF THE CANADIAN SENATE HAS BEEN VERY BUSY WORRYING ABOUT THE INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE IN THE UKRAINE IN RUSSIA. HE SEEMS TO BE WORRIED ABOUT HIS PEOPLE, AND RIGHTLY SO. BUT, WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT OUR PEOPLE HERE IN CANADA WHOSE HE MAKES HIS HOME. WE FEEL WE SHOULD BE HELPING ON HIS ADOPTED HOME DOORSTEP FIRST AS HE CAN DO LITTLE OR NOTHING ABOUT THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA. HE HAS BEEN SENDING US MUCH INFORMATION ON THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE'S PROBLEM IN RUSSIA. THIS IS OUR REPLY TO THE SENATOR WHO SEEM TO WORRY MORE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLES PROBLEMS ARE NOT CANADIAN PROBLEMS. WE SUGGEST OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS OR NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS TAKE A STAND WITH THIS AND MAKE THEIR FEELINGS PUBLIC.

- EDITOR

HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN SENATE

WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF SENATE DEBATES JUNE 3, 1971 AND HAVING READ THE DEBATE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THESE FEW COMMENTS FROM YOUR OWN DOORSTEP.

FIRST OF ALL WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE CANADIAN BILL OF RIGHTS - PART I, §1, WHEREIN IT STATES: IT IS HEREBY RECOGNIZED AND DECLARED THAT IN CANADA THERE HAS EXISTED AND SHALL CONTINUE TO EXIST WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION BY REASON OF RACE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, COLOUR, OR SEX, THE FOLLOWING HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.

- NAMELY:
- THE RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO LIFE, LIBERTY, SECURITY OF THE PERSON AND ENJOYMENT OF PROPERTY, AND THE RIGHT NOT TO BE DEPRIVED THEREOF EXCEPT BY DUE PROCESS OF LAW;
 - THE RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW AND THE PROTECTION OF THE LAW;
 - FREEDOM OF RELIGION;
 - FREEDOM OF SPEECH;
 - FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION; AND
 - FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

SECONDLY WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE NATIVE PEOPLES PROBLEMS IN CANADA AND THE PROBLEMS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UKRAINE.

- WE ARE A SEPARATE RACE OF PEOPLE LIVING IN A COUNTRY WHICH DOES NOT TREAT US FAIRLY OR JUSTLY.
- WE WOULD WANT THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE OUR OWN DESTINY.
- WE HAVE ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN "PARING TREATIES" THE MAJORITY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DISHONORABLE: NORTH WEST ANGLO TREATY NO. 2, QU'APPELLE TREATY NO. 2.

THESE THREE THINGS HAVE A BASIC SIMILARITY WITH THE TREATMENT OF THE UKRAINE BY RUSSIA, THE "HONOURABLE MR. YUZAK" SEEMS TO SUPPORT AN INTELLECTUAL INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT BY THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF CANADA.

WE HAVE TO DIFFER HERE FROM THE UKRAINIAN MOVEMENT AS WE LACK INTELLECTUALS. THE CAUSES OF THIS PHENOMENON IS FORCED INTERMARRIAGE AND ASSIMILATION POLICIES. THE HONOURABLE MR. YUZAK SPEAKS OF THE DECEIT OF RUSSIA AND THE SUBVERSION OF THE FREE WORLD.

FIRST OF ALL - AGAIN READ TREATIES OF CANADA - IS THIS NOT DECEIT AND TRICKERY. THE TREATIES OF WITH THE INDIAN AND METIS HAVE BEEN BROKEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN. DO YOU SUPPORT THE UKRAINE AGAINST COLONIAL OPPRESSION AND NOT US THE NATIVE OF CANADA.

YOU SPEAK OF THE SUBVERSION OF THE FREE WORLD. FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO YOUR PEOPLE STARTED SUBVERTING OUR LEADERS AND IT HAS BEEN GOING ON EVER SINCE. FREE WORLD DEPENDS ON HOW FAR UP OR DOWN YOU DWELL ON THE TOTEM POLE OF SOCIETY. IT SEEMS THAT IN NEITHER COUNTRY DOES THE BASIC RIGHT OF DETERMINING ONE'S DESTINY EITHER AS INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS EXIST.

EVERY NATION IS ENTITLED TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL STATE OF ITS OWN. THIS IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT IT HAS TO BE HONORED NOT ONLY IN THE U.S.S.R., BUT HERE IN THE COUNTRY YOU ARE CLAIMING AS YOURS.

MR. YUZAK, LET US SAY THAT YOU CANNOT SUPPORT ONE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE WITHOUT SUPPORTING ALL SUCH STRUGGLES. THIS ALSO AFFECTS DIFFERENT RACES OF PEOPLE UNDER COLONIAL RULE AS WE ARE.

A NOTE FOR YOUR ATTENTION, MR. YUZAK, YOU STATE -- THE UKRAINE, THE POLES, THE ITALIANS, THE SERBS, AND OTHERS -- THESE TOGETHER WITH THE TWO FOUNDING RACES, MAKE UP THE CANADIAN FAMILY.

FOUNDING RACES? MR. YUZAK, THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY FOUNDED THIS COUNTRY. THE FRENCH AND BRITISH CONQUERED US BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MORALLY. YOUR JUSTIFICATION OF THE UKRAINIAN STRUGGLE, HAS JUSTIFIED OUR STRUGGLE. YOU ARE THE INFRINGER, WE ARE THE FOUNDING RACE. THE METIS NATION IS BEHIND. WE WOULD LIKE THIS READ TO THE HONOURABLE MR. YUZAK AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN SENATE BY THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE.

Editorial

AS THIS ISSUE OF THE "NEW BREED" GOES TO PRESS, MANY OF US ARE GETTING READY TO GO TO OTTAWA. AT THIS TIME MANY BRIEFS WILL BE PRESENTED FROM VARIOUS NATIVE GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE. SOME BRIEFS ARE FROM OUR PEOPLE SERVING TIME IN THE PRISONS OF SASKATCHEWAN. OTHERS ARE ON SUBJECTS FROM FARMING TO NATIVE RIGHTS. ALL THESE BRIEFS AND PROPOSALS MEAN MAINLY ONE THING AND THAT IS THAT NATIVE PEOPLE ARE THROUGH SITTING BACK AND TAKING HANDOUTS WITH STRINGS ATTACHED. THEY ARE NO LONGER SATISFIED TO BE SECOND CLASS CITIZENS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY. THEY ARE NOW SPEAKING OUT AND THE VOICE IS BECOMING LOUDER AND LOUDER. THE THINGS THEY ARE ASKING FOR ARE NOT SELFISH NOR ARE THEY MORE OF THE OLD HANDOUT DEMANDS. ALL THE REQUESTS HAVE A BASIC THEME AND THAT IS TO HELP OR AID OUR OWN PEOPLE TO STAND UP PROUD AND CAST OFF THE CHAIN OF COLONISATION. IF THESE REQUESTS AND PROPOSALS ARE IMPLEMENTED THEN THE WORK LOAD OF THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE ENORMOUS. MOST OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS TRIP ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOOKED AROUND, SAW A JOB TO BE DONE, AND PROCEEDED TO DO IT.

ONE OF THESE BRIEFS IS IN THE AREA OF COMMUNICATION. ESPECIALLY IN THE NORTHERN REGIONS WHERE COMMUNICATIONS ARE FOR THE MOST PART CONTROLLED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PRIVATE COMPANIES. ALL OVER SASKATCHEWAN WE HAVE A DESPERATE LACK OF NATIVE NEWS-PAPERS, TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMMING, AND IT IS NO USE HAVING A PIECE OF SOMEONE ELSE'S PROGRAM ON PAPER BECAUSE WE WANT TO SAY THINGS IN THE WAY WE WANT TO SAY THEM. WHAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US AS NATIVES MIGHT NOT BE IMPORTANT TO THE WHITE SOCIETY. AND THEY CONTROL EVERYTHING.

SOME FROM THE PRISONS ARE SHOWING PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT HOW WRONG IT IS TO PICK SOMEONE OUT OF SOCIETY'S END RESULT, LOCK THEM UP FOR MONTHS OR YEARS. THEN DUMP HIM OUT INTO THE SAME OLD MESS. AGAIN WE HAVE HERE THE IDEA OF THOSE WHO HAVE A PROBLEM SOLVING IT FOR THEMSELVES, AND PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE. AT THE LAST COUNT ALMOST 80% OF MEN SERVING TIME WERE OF NATIVE ORIGIN AND THE OFFENSES WERE MOSTLY CAUSED BY LIGOURY. IN THE WOMEN'S CASE, NATIVE WOMEN MAKE UP ALMOST 50% OF THE TOTAL WOMEN SERVING TIME. THESE PEOPLE HAVE THE ANSWERS TO THEIR OWN PROBLEMS LET THEM TRY AND SOLVE THEM THEMSELVES.

Editorial

HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND JOBS ARE THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS OUR PEOPLE ARE ASKING FOR RIGHT NOW. THESE ARE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND SHOULD BE HONoured IN TOTAL. CANADA IS THE SECOND RICHEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD AND YET SHE IS FAILING TO SOLVE THESE THREE BASIC PROBLEMS. MAKES YOU WONDER - DOESN'T IT?

AT A MEETING AT THE REGINA NATIVE YOUTH PROGRAM CENTRE OUR PRESIDENT, MR. JIM SINCLAIR, STATED THAT WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS. MR. SAYLOR, OF THE REGINA CITY POLICE, SAID THAT FIGHTING IS NO GOOD - WE HAVE TO WORK, O.K. WELL I AGREE WITH JIM. WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS AND DIGNITY AND THIS IS WORK. HARD WORK AND FRUSTRATING WORK. IN ANSWER TO MR. SAYLOR, FIGHTING IS NOT NECESSARILY PHYSICAL. YOU CAN FIGHT WITH WORDS AND MANY OTHER WAYS. THE WORK YOU MEANT IS THE AGE OLD EXPRESSION OF TELLING INDIANS TO GO TO WORK WHEN THERE IS NO WORK AND THAT GOES FOR THE WHITES, TOO. YOU PROBABLY FEEL THAT ANYONE WHO HAS NO WORK IS PROBABLY LAZY. TAKE OFF YOUR SHADES AND LOOK AROUND YOU - UNEMPLOYMENT IS AS HIGH NOW AS IT WAS BEFORE THE WAR.

- EDITOR



They're Demanding Total Employment . . .

COMMUNAL OR CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT METIS COMMUNITIES

MOST METIS COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED ECONOMICALLY OVER THE PAST YEARS; HENCE, THERE ARE NO INDUSTRIES, FACTORIES OR ANY KIND OF DEPENDABLE ECONOMY. EVER SINCE THE GOVERNMENT DESTROYED THE BUFFALO ECONOMY ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, IT HAS DELIBERATELY KEPT OUR COMMUNITIES ECONOMICALLY POOR AND UNDEVELOPED. WE HAVE NEVER BEEN COMPENSATED FOR THIS TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF OUR ECONOMY. INSTEAD WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO LIVE IN POVERTY, OFTEN ON WELFARE, AND WITHOUT ANY POLITICAL POWER. NOW WE MUST REBUILD OUR COMMUNITIES ECONOMICALLY.

SINCE THE GOVERNMENTS OWE US MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN COMPENSATION, WE MUST DEMAND THIS MONEY AND USE IT TO DEVELOP OUR COMMUNITIES, SO THEY WILL PROVIDE A MEANS OF LIVING FOR ALL OF US. THE OTTAWA GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HESITATE TO GIVE EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO WHITE BUSINESSMEN WITHOUT THEM EVEN ASKING FOR IT. THE METIS OF SASKATCHEWAN SHOULD DEMAND AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT. IT IS CERTAIN THAT SUCH MONEY WOULD PROVIDE JOBS AND LIVELIHOOD FOR MOST OF THE SIXTY THOUSAND HALFBREEDS OF SASKATCHEWAN.

HOWEVER, THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMMUNITIES MUST BE DONE ON A COMMUNAL, CO-OPERATIVE, SOCIALIST BASIS. IT IS NECESSARY TO THINK IN TERMS OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY OR NATION OF THE METIS OF SASKATCHEWAN; AND NOT IN TERMS OF JUST A FEW PRIVILEGED HALFBREEDS. WE MUST CONCERN OURSELVES ABOUT THE MASSES OF OUR PEOPLE; OF ALL OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND ABOUT THE NATION.

EACH COMMUNITY SHOULD DEVELOP ITS OWN INDUSTRY, SUCH AS A BOX FACTORY, PLYWOOD PLANT, SAW MILL OR TANNERY, OR WHATEVER IS BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE. THESE FACTORIES SHOULD BE DEVELOPED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL NATIVE PEOPLE OF THAT PARTICULAR AREA. THEY WOULD BE UNDER EXCLUSIVE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL NATIVE PEOPLE, AS A GROUP. THERE WOULD BE PAID WAGES THAT WOULD PROVIDE A DECENT LIVING. FINISH PRODUCTS FROM THE FACTORIES WOULD BE SOLD PRIMARILY TO NATIVE PEOPLE OF THE LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL AREAS. THESE FACTORIES WOULD BECOME SELF SUPPORTING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, FROM THE PROFITS OF THEIR SALES.

IN THE SOUTH THERE MAY BE GREATER DEVELOPMENT IN FARMING INDUSTRIES. FOR THIS KIND OF COMMUNAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY WE WOULD NEED SKILLED WORKERS, TECHNICIANS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATORS, AS WELL AS A SPECIAL KIND OF POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE.

TOGETHER WITH THIS METIS FACTORY SYSTEM, A SUPPORTING SCHEME OF LOCAL FARMS, SUCH AS GRAIN FARMING, RANCHING, GARDENING AND OTHER FARMS WILL NEED TO BE ESTABLISHED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR THE WHOLE NATIVE COMMUNITY. ALTHOUGH THESE FARMS COULD BE OPERATED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, THEY WOULD SERVE AS PART OF THE TOTAL HALFBREED COMMUNITY OR NATION. THIS TYPE OF A CO-OPERATIVE SOCIALIST SYSTEM WILL NOT NECESSARILY MAKE METIS WORKERS AND FARMERS RICH, BUT IT WILL PROVIDE GOOD WAGES; A DECENT, SECURE AND DIGNIFIED LIVING FOR THE GREAT MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE. IN ADDITION THIS SCHEME WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ALL METIS COMMUNITIES, BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH.

THE DETAILS OF SUCH FACTORIES AND FARM INDUSTRIES CAN BE WORKED OUT AFTER WE HAVE AGREED ON A COMMUNAL SOCIALIST SYSTEM FOR OUR NATIVE COMMUNITIES AND NATION. HOWEVER, THIS PROGRAM MEANS A LOT OF PLANNING AND PREPARATION, WHICH MUST BE DONE NOW. WE MUST UNITE, WORK TOGETHER AND PRESENT OUR CASE TO THE PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE NECESSARY GRANTS OF MONEY - COMPENSATION FOR OUR DESTROYED ECONOMY.

AT THE SAME TIME OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WE MUST TAKE OVER OTHER ACTIVITIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES, SUCH AS SCHOOLS, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS. THE SCHOOLS SHOULD BE PART OF THE METIS COMMUNAL SYSTEM, TIED CLOSELY TO THE FACTORIES AND FARMS. THEY SHOULD BE CHANGED COMPLETELY TO MEET OUR NEEDS AND OUR CULTURE, AND MADE MORE REALISTIC AND PRACTICAL. RACISM AND INFERRIORIZATION IN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM MUST BE STOPPED; AND THE BOLDER, THE BETTER.

DISCUSS THIS PLAN WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEN SEND US YOUR IDEAS AND PROPOSALS ON THIS SUGGESTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

- HOWARD ADAMS

TOURIST INDUSTRY

TOURIST BUSINESS IN OUR NATIVE LAND OF NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN IS NOT THE ANSWER TO OUR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. REGARDLESS OF HOW CAREFULLY IT IS PLANNED, TOURISM NEVER REALLY BENEFITS THE LOCAL PEOPLE, EXCEPT FOR A FEW TOURIST BUSINESS FOR THE WHITE PEOPLE IS ACTUALLY HARMFUL TO THE METIS AND INDIANS, AND THEIR LAND LAWS AND RULES ARE MADE THAT EVENTUALLY DESTROY AND KILL THE ANIMALS WE NEED SO EASILY FOR OUR WILDLIFE FOOD. HUNTERS OF PROTINEN ARE ALLOWED TO KILL FOR PLEASURE, AND NOT FOR NEED, WHILE WE ARE PREVENTED FROM HUNTING OR FISHING FOR WHICH WE NEED FOOD.

TOURISM IN THE NORTH ATTRACTS MOSTLY THE WHITE AMERICAN AND CANADIAN BUSINESSMEN, WHO USUALLY HAVE WHITE SUPREMACY ATTITUDES TOWARDS OUR PEOPLE, AND

CONSEQUENTLY TREAT US AS INFERIORS. THESE MEN EXPLOIT NOT ONLY THE GAME AND FISH IN OUR AREA, BUT ALSO THE YOUNG NATIVE GIRLS. TOURIST INDUSTRY DOES NOT BRING DEVELOPMENT OR HEALTH TO OUR COMMUNITIES. AS TOURISTS SPEND MOST OF THEIR MONEY ON EQUIPMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND LIQUOR BEFORE THEY ARRIVE IN THE NORTH, THE KINDS OF JOBS GIVEN TO OUR PEOPLE ARE GUIDING, CLEANING, AND THE USUAL DIRTY JOBS. THE RATE OF PAY TO US IS OFTEN POOR, SO THAT WE HAVE TO DEFEND ON TIPS, WHICH FORCES US TO CATER TO WHITE PEOPLE. IN THIS WAY WE BECOME LITTLE MORE THAN BEGGARS OR SERVANTS. THIS CREATES A VERY BAD IMPRESSION FOR THE REST OF OUR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING FOR EQUALITY AND FREEDOM.

TOURIST INDUSTRY MEANS GIVING UP MORE OF OUR LAND AND RESOURCES FOR THE PLEASURES OF WHITENEN. INSTEAD THE METIS SHOULD DEVELOP THE LAND AND FORESTS FOR THEMSELVES. TOURISM DOES NOT ALLOW THE NATIVE PEOPLE TO BE IN POSITIONS OF CONTROL OF OUR LAND. IT IS THE USUAL TYPE OF INDUSTRY THAT IS ESTABLISHED IN COLONIAL AND UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND WHICH EXPLOITS THE NATIVE PEOPLE. AS HALFBREEDS OF SASKATCHEWAN, WE ARE NOW CAPABLE OF MANAGING AND DEVELOPING OUR COUNTRY. IT IS TIME WE BECAME MASTERS OF OUR LAND AND DECIDED FOR OURSELVES THE KIND OF INDUSTRIES WE WANT ESTABLISHED.



Discrimination claimed against Indian students

WEST BATTLEFORD — A joint federal and provincial government investigation into allegations of discrimination against Indian students has been called for by the Red Pheasant Indian Band.

Carroll Wallace, band spokesman, said there are 20 students who are bused to the segregated school in Canada. He complained that some teachers in the school were discriminating against Indian students.

Red Pheasant reserve, about 20 miles north of West Battleford, has between 60 and 70 students, who are bused daily to the Canby school, about 10 miles south of the reserve. Approximately 10 students attend the Canby school.

Mr. Wallace said the band has forwarded its request for an investigation to the provincial anthropological department and the justice department in Ottawa.

He said the band has started an investigation of its own

and that an Indian affairs representative recently looked into the allegations.

However, Mr. Wallace said the band was not satisfied with the Indian affairs investigation because the investigation only spoke to the teachers, and not the students.

"Once the wrong has been done, it was the children, not the teachers, who were discriminated against."

Mr. Wallace said there has been a problem at the school since the students first began being bused about three years ago.

In view of the integration plan, Mr. Wallace said the Indian government was moving into the building of a new school in Canada.

"But they don't integrate the children. All they started was the money."

Corridor - continued

NORTHERN CO-OP TRADING SERVICES LTD. WITH ITS HEAD OFFICE IN PRINCE ALBERT AND A CHAIN OF "CO-OPERATIVES" STORES ON THE NORTH EASTERN SIDE OF SASKATCHEWAN HAS PUT IN A BID FOR THE WEST SIDE INDEPENDENT CO-OP STORES AND OFFER A BRIEF STRUGGLE HAS WON.

LOCAL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDEPENDENT CO-OPS STRUCK OUT DEFIANTLY AT FIRST TO MAINTAIN THEIR CONTROL AND INDEPENDENCE FROM THE AUTHORITARIAN CHAIN, BUT UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM THE PERSONNEL HIRED BY THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATION, THEY HAD TO CONCEDE TO A "SUPERIOR" CO-OP CHAIN AND RECEDE INTO OBLIVION AS DIRECTORS.

THE METHOD UTILIZED BY MR. TORNGUISH AND MR. FISHER OF THE DEPARTMENT CO-OPERATION HAVE BEEN MOST SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR PLAY TO REDUCE THESE CO-OPERATIONS TO SUBMIT TO THEIR PLAN OF TAKE-OVER.

LOOKING BACK AT THEIR TACTICS NOW, FIRST THEY SUGGESTED AN AMALGAMATION WITH N.C.T.S. WHEN THAT SUGGESTION WAS REFUSED BY THE INDEPENDENT CO-OPS, THEY THEN REFUSED FURTHER ACCOUNTING SERVICES TO THESE STORES UNTIL THEY WERE PAID A FEE FOR THESE VITAL SERVICES. FOR YEARS PREVIOUS TO THIS, THE DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPS HAVE PROVIDED FILEMEN IN THE NORTHERN COMMUNITIES, HAVE PROVIDED MANAGEMENT, ADVISORS AND ACCOUNTANTS, SO THE FINAL BREAK-UP WAS EVIDENT: THEY PULLED OUT ALL THEIR PERSONNEL AND DEMANDED A FEE FOR SERVICES.

IT WOULD APPEAR OBVIOUS THAT THE CONSEQUENCE HAS MANAGEMENT DIFFICULTY BECAUSE INCREASED PRESSURE WAS BROUGHT TO BEAR UPON THE MANAGERS BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY CREATED. PROBLEMS DEVELOPED AND CO-OP PERSONNEL STOOD BY AND WATCHED THE DETERIORATION WAITING FOR THE MOVEMENT TO SEIZE THEM AND PRESS ON WITH THEIR PLAN OF AMALGAMATING THE INDEPENDENT STORES INTO NORTHERN CO-OP TRADING SERVICES.

WHILE THE NEW CHAIN STORES WILL PROVIDE THE RETAIL SERVICE, THEY HAVE SHATTERED THE CONCEPT OF CO-OPERATION AND PERPETUATED THE CONCEPT OF PATERNALISM TOWARDS THE NATIVE BOARD DIRECTOR AND CUSTOMER.

IT CANNOT BE DENIED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATION SET UP THE ORIGINAL STORES WITH THEIR PRE-CONCEIVED CONCEPT OF BUSINESS, AND THROUGHOUT THE YEARS PATERNALLY PROVIDED FOR ALL THE NEEDS OF THE BUSINESS. THE LOCAL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS WERE CONSULTED ONLY AS A ROUTINE, BUT THE PRE-CONCEIVED PLANS WERE THE ACTUAL PLANS. THUS, THE INITIATIVE THAT THE LOCAL COULD HAVE UTILIZED WAS UNNECESSARY AND ANY IDEAS WERE FRUSTRATED TO THE POINT WHERE THE DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPS HAS NOT ACTED IN A CO-OPERATIVE MANNER BECAUSE THEY FORCED THEIR IDEAS.

THE CHAIN-STORE CO-OP HAS ISOLATED THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT OF CO-OPERATION BECAUSE BY ORGANIZING THEMSELVES ON SUCH A LARGE SCALE, THE CONTROL HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE LOCAL LEVEL TO BE LIMITED TO TOP LEVEL MANAGEMENT AND EVERYONE KNOWS MANAGEMENT ON THAT SCALE KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS AND YOU JUST DON'T DARE TO DISAGREE.

THE ONLY TROUBLE IS, AND IS PROBLEM ENOUGH, IS THE FACT THAT THE BLAME FOR THE DECLINE OF THESE INDEPENDENT STORES RESTS SOLELY WITH LOCAL MANAGEMENT AS FAR AS THE DEPARTMENT OF CO-OP IS CONCERNED, AND THAT MANAGEMENT INCLUDES THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF THE COMMUNITY FROM THE CONSUMER DOWN TO THE STORE MANAGER. THE BLAME GOES TO THE CONSUMER FOR HIS "UNWISE" CREDIT BUYING, TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THEIR LACK OF INITIATIVE, AND IN THE ENSUING TURMOIL, THE CONFUSED STORE MANAGERS AND FOR MISMANAGEMENT. CONVERSELY, THESE STORES WOULD NOT TODAY HAVE LISTED SUCH HIGH ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES IF THEY UTILIZED A REASONABLE SYSTEM OF WRITING OFF "DEAD" ACCOUNTS, AND THEY WOULD HAVE HAD AN INTERESTED AND ACTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAD THERE BEEN NO FRUSTRATING ENCOUNTERS WITH THE "GOVERNMENT" BACKERS, AND GOOD MANAGEMENT HAD THE MANAGER BEEN LEFT TO MANAGING HIS STORE INSTEAD OF BEING CAUGHT BETWEEN POLICIES.

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THERE HAS BEEN MORE AND MORE TALK LATELY ABOUT DEVELOPING THE NORTH. THIS BY ITSELF WOULD SEEM LIKE A NORMAL THING TO DO. THE NORTH HAS MANY RESOURCES AND PEOPLE NEED THESE THINGS -- BUT.

WHO IS GOING TO BENEFIT FROM THESE RESOURCES, WHO WILL DECIDE WHAT RESOURCES WILL BE USED AND HOW THEY WILL BE USED, IS THIS LARGE SCALE PLAN GOING TO BENEFIT OR JUST A CHOSEN FEW, WHO OWNS THE NORTH, WHEN WE LOOK AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH WE HAVE TO ASK OURSELVES THESE QUESTIONS. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE IN THE NORTH ARE NATIVE, ARE THEY GOING TO BENEFIT OR IS IT THE SAME OLD EXPLOITATION OF NATIVE BY WHITE AGAIN.

LET US GO OVER THESE DEVELOPMENT IDEAS OURSELVES. LET US STATE OPENLY HOW WE FEEL ABOUT THIS, AND LET US PUT FORWARD OUR IDEAS AS NATIVES IN OUR OWN COUNTRY. WE KNOW THAT IT IS MAINLY AMERICANS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THIS DEVELOPMENT. WE KNOW THE MAJORITY OF THE PROFITS WILL GO TO THE UNITED STATES. WE KNOW THEY NEED THE RESOURCES ESPECIALLY OUR WATER IN THE SOUTH WEST. WE KNOW THEY WANT TO MANUFACTURE OUR RESOURCES INTO THEIR FINISHED PRODUCTS THEN SELL THEM BACK TO US AT HIGH COST. WE KNOW ALSO THAT WHEN BIG INDUSTRY TALKS OF DEVELOPMENT THEY MEAN EXPLOITATION AGAIN OF NATIVE PEOPLE. WHEN THEY SPEAK ABOUT "HUMAN RESOURCES" THEY MEAN TO USE US JUST AS THEY WANT TO USE ALL OUR OTHER RESOURCES.

- 1) WE BELIEVE THAT ALL RESOURCES SHOULD BE LEFT AS THEY ARE -- UNLESS -- THEY ARE USED TO BENEFIT ALL PEOPLE AND NOT JUST A FEW EXPLOITERS. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL RESOURCES SHOULD BE USED AND MANUFACTURED HERE BY US FOR OUR BENEFIT. THEN, THE SURPLUS CAN BE EXPORTED AT OUR COST.
- 2) IF WE ARE GOING TO USE RESOURCES LET'S MAKE SURE THE PEOPLE ARE IN FULL CONTROL OF THEM. IF THERE IS TO BE AN IRON MINE AT CHIOCLAND, LET THERE ALSO BE A STEEL MILL AT PRINCE ALBERT SUPPLYING VARIOUS OTHER SUB INDUSTRIES THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE, AND LET IT BE OWNED BY THE PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN.
- 3) IF THERE HAD TO BE A PULP MILL AT DORE LAKE LET US USE IT SENSIBLY. ALL FACETS OF THE PAPER AND TIMBER INDUSTRY LOCATED IN SASKATCHEWAN AND THE PROJECT OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE PEOPLE. LET US HARVEST THE FOREST PROPERLY WITH THE ADVICE OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION, AND IF IT IS TO BE BUILT LET IT BE BUILT WITH TOTAL POLLUTION CONTROL TO PREVENT POLLUTION AND NOT TRY AND CURE IT AFTER IT IS POLLUTED.
- 4) WHY CAN WE NOT PROCESS THE POTASH MINED IN SASKATCHEWAN OURSELVES, SHOULD WE KEEP ON BEING EXPLOITED BY FOREIGN OR INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS WHEN ALL COULD BENEFIT IF IT WAS PROPERLY HANDLED, THE BENEFIT OF THESE THREE AREAS OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN IS ENORMOUS IN EMPLOYMENT POTENTIAL AND IN A GOOD STANDARD OF LIVING FOR ALL INVOLVED, THESE THREE MAJOR INDUSTRIES MUST BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN. ALL OTHER SUB INDUSTRIES SHOULD BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES OR AREAS INVOLVED. ALL MANUFACTURING TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE FIRST WITH EXPORT OR TRADE SECONDARY.



IF CANADIAN'S WOULD SHUT THE DOOR TO THE MID-WEST CORRIDOR IT WOULD BE ALOT HAPPIER FOR YOU.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN HAVE YOUTH WORKERS GOING TO ALL THE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES IN THE PROVINCE, INTERVIEWING THE METIS PEOPLE OF EACH COMMUNITY.

THE TWO GIRLS WHO WERE SENT TO ABERNETHY TO HELP ME INTERVIEW THE METIS PEOPLE OF BOTH ABERNETHY AND BALSARRES ARE, GLADYS MORIN FROM GREEN LAKE AND JOYCE VANDALE FROM ERINFERRY.

WHEN I FIRST MET THE TWO GIRLS I FOUND THEM VERY FRIENDLY AND NOW THAT I KNOW THEM WELL ENOUGH, THERE IS NO ONE WHO COULD POSSIBLY TURN THEM AWAY FROM THEIR DOORSTEP.

THE FIRST NIGHT THEY WERE IN ABERNETHY, THEY SAID THEY WISH THEY WERE HOME, BUT NOW YOU ASK THEM IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO GO HOME, THEY'RE ANSWER IS "NO WAY". THEY LIKE THE PEOPLE VERY MUCH.

GLADYS AND JOYCE ARE BOARDING AT MR. & MRS. ED FAYOETS, AND THEY SAID NO ONE COULD BE AS LUCKY AS THEY ARE TO FIND ANYONE AS NICE AS ED AND DOROTHY, THE GIRLS ARE ENJOYING THEIR WORK AROUND ABERNETHY AND BALSARRES.

LINDA RACETTE

SIR: I HAVE TODAY, WRITTEN TO HON JEAN PIERRE COYER M.P. HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

QUOTE "SIR I RECENTLY VISITED R.C.M.P. MUSEUM IN REGINA. I WAS APPALLED TO SEE ON DISPLAY A SKULL FRAGMENT WITH HAIR OF ALMIGHTY GOD OR AN INDIAN KILLED BY ARTILLERY IN 1870. (DO THE R.C.M.P. STILL CONSIDER NATIVE AS 'SAVAGES'?) THE HAIR BRAIDS OF WANDERING SPIRIT, CUT PRIOR TO HIS HANGING. WHY NOT DISPLAY HIS HEAD? PART OF THE ROPE USED TO HANG LOUIS RIEL, METIS LEADER. I CONSIDER THESE EXHIBITS INDICENT. AS A MEMBER OF LIBERAL PARTY, ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM, INDIAN-ESKIMOSAN OF CANADA, CANADIAN INDIAN CENTRE TORONTO AND FOUNDATION FOR ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS SYDNEY AUSTRALIA, I DEMAND REMOVAL OF SAME AND RETURNED TO HEIRS OF ABOVE. "RESPECTFULLY YOURS, PETER FRANK ENVOUÉ"

DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO SASKATCHEWAN I NOTED THE RACISM OF THE NON NATIVE PEOPLE TOWARDS NATIVE PEOPLE LIKE: "DRINK LIKE AN INDIAN", "INDIANS ARE LAZY SO AND SO'S", "THEY ALL LIVE ON WELFARE", OR "FIGHTS LIKE AN INDIAN", "WE TRY AND HELP THEM BUT."

I DID NOT SEE ANY NATIVE ART OR DISPLAYS AT THE REGINA EX. NOTHING INDIAN IN THE TRAVELLERS PARADE, ONE WOULD ALMOST THINK THAT INDIANS (METIS) WERE NON-EXISTENT IN REGINA. ONE EXCEPTION THE TRIAL OF LOUIS RIEL.

PETER FRANK

Complaints Answered

WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECENTLY ABOUT PEOPLE NOT RECEIVING THE "NEW BREED" NEWSPAPER, WHY? WE ARE SENDING THEM OUT. IN THE CASE OF LOCALS A BUNDLE OF THIRTY COPIES ARE SENT, AND INDIVIDUAL COPIES ARE SENT OUT ONLY IF SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE PAID.

1. THE ONLY PLACE TO MAKE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE "NEW BREED" IS TO THE "NEW BREED" OFFICE. DO NOT APPLY FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS BY FRIENDS OR ANYONE ELSE, ONLY DIRECTLY TO US. THIS MAY WE CAN HONOUR YOUR CLAIM IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE YOUR ISSUE.
2. IF YOU AS A MEMBER OF A LOCAL, FIND THAT YOUR LOCAL DOES NOT RECEIVE THE "NEW BREED", THEN LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY, SOMETIMES THEY ARE HELD BACK BY ACCIDENT, OR SOMETIMES HELD BACK DELIBERATELY.
3. IF YOU HAVE ANY CRITICISM OF THE PAPER OR ITS CONTENT LET US KNOW. WHY YOU DON'T LIKE IT, AND A SUGGESTION TO CHANGE IT. WE CANNOT ACT ON WORD OF MOUTH COMPLAINTS UNLESS IT IS FIRST HAND FROM THE PERSON WITH THE COMPLAINT.
4. ARTICLES, STORIES, POEMS, ETC., SHOULD MAINLY COME FROM THE PEOPLE. ONLY YOU WHO ARE IN A CERTAIN SITUATION CAN TALK OR WRITE ABOUT IT. WE CANNOT WRITE A STORY ON A TELEPHONE CALL OR A SIX LINE LETTER. MAKE SURE YOUR FACTS ARE CORRECT, THEN WRITE IT DOWN AS IF YOU WERE SPEAKING ABOUT IT TO US.

5. THE OPINIONS THAT YOU READ IN THE "NEW BREED" ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF THE "METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN". HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IN FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, AND RESERVE THE RIGHT TO PUBLISH WHAT WE WANT, EVEN IF WE DON'T AGREE WITH IT.
6. CERTAINLY THE "NEW BREED" IS BIASED. IT IS WRITTEN OR CONTRIBUTED TO BY NORTH AMERICAN NATIVE PEOPLE. IT IS OF A DEFINITE NATIVE CONTENT DEALING ONLY WITH NATIVE PROBLEMS, OUR SOCIAL LIFE, AND NEWS. IF PEOPLE THINK IT IS BIASED, THEN THINK ~~WHY~~ IT IS BIASED.

WE ARE NOT MINDREADERS, AND WE CAN NOT BE EVERYWHERE AT ONE TIME. IT IS YOUR PAPER -- USE IT.

- EDITOR



Oh No! Frankly I didn't employ you to shut you up; My superiors did.... I mean they don't WANT you To believe.... I mean THINK. YES.

What do You Think?

OVER THE LAST MONTH OR SO WE HAVE BEEN NOTICING THAT QUITE A FEW PEOPLE ARE SUDDENLY RELOCATED OR GIVEN UPGRADING OR VOCATIONAL COURSES IN PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATOON ETC. WE HAVE ALSO NOTICED THAT THOSE PEOPLE ARE USUALLY THE ONES THAT SPEAK OUT ABOUT PROBLEMS ETC. THEY ARE USUALLY THE ONES THAT ARE SINCERE ABOUT DOING SOMETHING FOR OTHER PEOPLE.

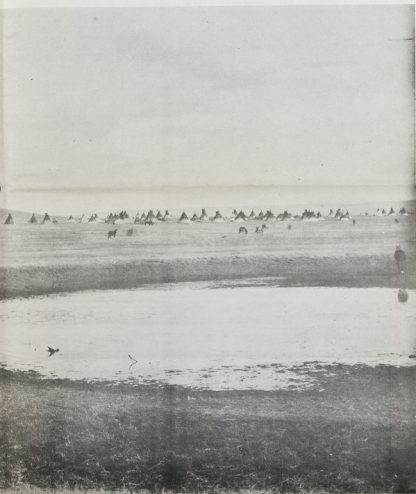
WHEN SUDDEN OPPORTUNITY OPENS UP FOR YOU THINK WHY, IS IT BECAUSE YOU ARE SMARTER THAN ANYONE ELSE? OR IS IT BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO HELP YOU? OR IS IT BECAUSE THEY WANT YOU OUT OF THE WAY? THINK ABOUT IT. DON'T YOU THINK WHEN WE DO ANYTHING WE SHOULD ALL HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY?

ARE **same old line?**

BIG BEAR'S



CAMP - 1883



A MEETING WAS HELD AUGUST 6, 1971 AT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CENTRE, FORT QU'APPELLE. AT THIS MEETING THE SASKATCHEWAN HANDICRAFT MARKETING COMMITTEE WAS FORMED. THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE ELECTED:

PRESIDENT - MRS. EUGENIE LAVALLEE - ZEHNER, SASK.
VICE-PRESIDENT - MRS. HELEN SHINGOOSE - YORKTON, SASK.
SECRETARY - MRS. NORMA BIRD - FORT QU'APPELLE, SASK.
TREASURER - MRS. MARITA SWAINE - FORT QU'APPELLE, SASK.

MISS EILEEN BEAR - WHITWOOD, SASK.
MRS. MARGARET BEAR - BROADVIEW, SASK.
MRS. KATHERINE LOWETHUNDER - CARLYLE, SASK.
MRS. DOROTHY FRANCIS - REGINA, SASK.
MRS. N. DUCHARME - WELMYN, SASK.

PURPOSES OF THE COMMITTEE WERE STATED TO BE AS UNDER:

1. TO PROMOTE AND ORGANIZE THE ARTS AND CRAFTS OF NATIVE PEOPLE IN SASKATCHEWAN.
2. TO SERVE AS A VOICE FOR PEOPLE OF INDIAN ANCESTRY IN SASKATCHEWAN TO GOVERNMENTS, NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDUSTRY.
3. TO ASSIST PEOPLE OF INDIAN ANCESTRY TO RETAIN OR OBTAIN OWNERSHIP OF THEIR ARTS AND CRAFTS INDUSTRY.

WE FEEL THAT FOREIGN HANDICRAFTS SHOULD BE BOYCOTTED AT ALL EXPENSE. THEY FALSELY REPRESENT THE NATIVE PEOPLE. THEY ARE USING INDIAN DESIGNS. THEY ARE VERY POORLY MADE. THEY ARE CUTTING DOWN ON OUR SALES.

- JIM A.

TO LIVE IN PRISON
IS TO FORGET BEING A PERSON
BECAUSE ONCE YOU ARE BEHIND YOUR FIRST BAR
YOU HAVE NO MIND OF YOUR OWN
YOU HAVEN'T THE ABILITY TO THINK
YOU HAVEN'T THE ABILITY TO SPEAK
YOU HAVEN'T THE ABILITY TO SEE
ALL YOU ARE IS A BODY WITH EARS
YOU AREN'T ANY BETTER THAN A MACHINE
WHY AM I IN HERE
WHY DO THEY PUT ME IN A CASE
IS IT BECAUSE I TRIED TO FEED MY FAMILY
OR IS IT BECAUSE I AM A MENACE TO SOCIETY
MAYBE ITS BECAUSE I NEED REHABILITATION
BUT MAYBE ITS FOR PUNISHMENT
I DON'T WANT TO BE IN HERE
MY FAMILY DOESN'T WANT ME TO BE IN HERE
THEY DON'T REALIZE I WILL BE PAYING ALL MY LIFE
A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW, SO THEY CAN'T PUNISH ME
BUT I AM STILL HERE
AND I PUNISH MYSELF
EVEN THOUGH I PAID MY PRICE IN PRISON

BILL SMOKER

WEDNESDAY WAS A REAL SAD DAY FOR OUR PEOPLE HERE.
TWO YOUNG PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES IN A BAD CAR
ACCIDENT.

BERNICE POITRAS WAS 19 YEARS OLD AND WAS EMPLOYED
BY DANSON YOUNG FROM D.R.E.E. BERNICE WAS EMPLOYED
THERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME. SHE WAS ALSO
HIGHLY RESPECTED AMONG THE PEOPLE HERE IN MEADOW
LAKE.

LARRY LASKO WAS 20 YEARS OLD. HE WAS EMPLOYED WITH
THE MUSIC AND BOOK STORE HERE AND HE ALSO WORKED
AT THE EMPIRE HOTEL. HE WAS ALSO VERY HIGHLY
RESPECTED AMONG THE TOMBS PEOPLE.

OUR VERY DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO THE TWO
FAMILIES.

MEADOW LAKE

Executive Director Required by Regina Friendship Centre

DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- MINIMUM GRADE 12 OR UNIVERSITY GRADUATION IN SOCIAL SCIENCES.
- TWO TO THREE YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN SUPERVISORY CAPACITY.
- CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH PEOPLE OF INDIAN ANCESTRY.
- EXPERIENCE IN TRAINING OF STAFF.
- LEADERSHIP ABILITY AND GROUP ORGANIZATION ABILITY.
- MUST BE PREPARED TO CARRY OUT BOARD POLICY.
- PREFERABLY A PERSON OF NATIVE ANCESTRY.

SALARY: NEGOTIABLE.

CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 1971

APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO:
CHAIRMAN OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
REGINA FRIENDSHIP CENTRE
1170 QUEBEC STREET
REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

NATIVE ALCOHOL COUNCIL

THE NATIVE ALCOHOL COUNCIL PROGRAM HAS BEEN CO-ORDINATED INTO THE METIS SOCIETY PROGRAM.

IT HAS THE FULL BACKING OF THE METIS SOCIETY IN ITS OPERATIONS IN ALCOHOL EDUCATION FOR THE NATIVE POPULATION IN SASKATCHEWAN.

NATIVE ALCOHOL COUNCIL WILL BE LAUNCHING A SERIES OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG SEMINARS. MAIN OBJECT OF THESE SEMINARS IS TO RELATE TO THE PEOPLE THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE EXCESSIVE USE OF ALCOHOL IN ANY SPECIFIED AREA OF SASKATCHEWAN.

THE HOUSE IN NORTH BATTLEFORD HAS GRADUATED TO DATE 39 PATIENTS AND THE EXTENT OF SOBRIETY (OR TOTAL ABSTINENCE) HAS BEEN EXTREMELY FAVOURABLE. THAT IS ONLY 12 OF THESE HAVE GONE BACK TO DRINKING AND THE OLD PATTERN OF LIVING.

WE ARE VERY ENTHUSED ABOUT THE NUMBER THAT ARE STAYING OFF THE BOTTLE AND SEEKING A NEW WAY OF LIVING. HOWEVER, UNDERSTANDING THE ALCOHOL CONDITION IN ANY AREA THESE PEOPLE COME FROM, WE MUST BE EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP. BY FOLLOW-UP WE HAVE AN N.A.C. WORKER WORKING IN THESE AREAS ESTABLISH AA GROUPS AND WORKING WITH ALL PEOPLE IN THE FIELD OF DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION TO SECURE WORK AND DEVELOP A KIND OF SOCIETY THAT WOULD MAKE THESE PEOPLE COMFORTABLE TO LIVE IN.

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PATIENTS FROM THE COMMISSION ON ALCOHOLISM THAT WE ARE ALSO PROVIDING FOLLOW-UP.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF NATIVE PEOPLE BELONGING TO ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS HAS TRIPLED IN SASKATCHEWAN.

OUR FIELDWORKERS ARE GREAT DEMAND AND WE HAVE MANY REQUEST FROM THE RESERVES AND METIS COMMUNITIES TO ESTABLISH AA GROUPS.

IN THE NORTH BATTLEFORD ALCOHOL CENTRE WE HAVE EXPERIMENTED IN THE ALCOHOL COMMISSION PROGRAM AND HAVE FOUND IT A LITTLE TOO DIFFICULT FOR OUR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND.

THE FIRST WEEK A PATIENT IS IN THE CENTRE, HE IS GIVEN A COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND IS LAUNCHED WITH THE FIRST STEPS OF THE AA PROGRAM. SECOND WEEK OF THIS STAY AT THE HOUSE THEY ARE GIVEN CHORES. CERTAIN JOBS IN THE KITCHEN, HOUSE AND YARD, TO ASSIST IN MAINTENANCE OF THE BUILDING. SECOND WEEK CASES ARE STUDIED INDIVIDUALLY AND ARE INTERVIEWED BY THE DOCTOR AND DIRECTOR. THE OBJECT IN VIEW TO GET DOWN TO THE ROOT OF THEIR PERSONAL PROBLEMS, THESE ARE FILED AWAY AND KEPT ON RECORD AND THEY ARE LAUNCHED ON NEXT GROUP OF STEPS. THE LAST WEEK THERE THEY WORK ON LAST GROUP OF STEPS.

ANOTHER INTERVIEW IS GIVEN TO THEM BY THE DOCTOR AND DIRECTOR TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WANT TO WORK OR GO BACK TO THEIR RESERVE. WHEN WE HAVE FOUND OUT THE LOCATION THEY WISH TO GO WE IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE FIELDWORKER OF THE METIS SOCIETY AND FES WITH THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF LOCATING AN AA MEMBER IN THAT AREA TO PROVIDE A CONTACT AND A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR PATIENT.

TO DATE THIS HAS BEEN WORKING VERY WELL IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AREAS OF THE PROVINCE. WE ARE UNABLE TO DO MUCH FOR THE PATIENT THAT COMES FROM THE FAR NORTH FOR TREATMENT IN OUR CENTRE. OUR CENTRE HAS BEEN MORE THEN FILLED SINCE IT HAS BEEN OPERATING.

WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF A LARGER CENTRE AND SMALL COUNSELLING OFFICES IN THE DIFFERENT AREAS FOR OUR FIELD STAFF TO OPERATE. THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN PARTIALLY SOLVED BY THE METIS SOCIETY GIVING US THE USE OF THEIR LOCAL OFFICES.



"Share they are getting so close, why don't we
preserve the buffalo and hunt the white man?"

Qualities of a Leader

BLESSED IS THE LEADER WHO KNOWS NO DISCOURAGEMENT, WHO PRESENTS PRESENTS NO ALIBIS.

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO LEAD WITH OUT DICTATORIALS.

BLESSED IS THE LEADER WHO DEVELOPES LEADERS WHILF--LEADING.

BLESSED IS THE LEADER WHO CONSIDERS LEADERSHIP AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE.

BLESSED IS THE LEADER WHO KNOWS WHERE HE IS GOING AND WHY HE IS GOING AND HOW TO GET THERE.

BLESSED IS THE LEADER WHO HAS HIS HEAD IN THE CLOUDS AND HIS FEET ON THE GROUND.

BLESSED IS THE LEADER WHO SEATS FOR THE GOOD OF THE HOUS CONCERNED AND NOT FOR THE PERSONAL GRATIFICATION OF HIS OWN IDEAS.

I REMAIN TO SUPPORT INDIAN POWER-FED YOUR BROTHER IN STRUGGLE,

WALTER McARTHUR.

CHIEF EDD BIRD PASSES AWAY

Chief Edd Bird of Fort Smith died early in the morning of August 23 at University Hospital in Edmonton. He died three weeks after receiving gunshot wounds in an incident with an RCMP officer at his home in Yellowknife. He was 38 years old.

After being wounded Chief Bird's occupation seemed to be getting better. At Stantec Telerehabilitation Hospital he was 49 years old when he was flown to Edmonton for better medical care. The doctors did operations but there was too much internal damage from the chest wounds to save him.

Mr Bird was elected Chief of the Pit-Birds Band of Chipewyan people in the area of Fort Smith in the Northwest Territories and Fitzgerald in Alberta in July 1970.



For the past year he had been working for the Indian People as the Indian Rep. (head) of the Northwest Territories. He was elected Secretary Treasurer of the Brotherhood in March of this year.

Mr Bird leaves behind his wife Manique, a 3 year old daughter, Assanoni, a month old twin boys, Christopher and Jonathan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paulson, who are his parents by adoption, and many friends in Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

RCMP officer exonerated

OTTAWA (CP) — An RCMP officer has been exonerated in a court's report into the shooting death of Indian Chief Edd Bird of Yellowknife, N.W.T., which happened July 27 near the Canadian border.

The report says the shooting of the report report was to be available Friday or Saturday.

He would read it before deciding whether to pursue the case. Justice-General Jean-Pierre Gauthier said he would read the report before deciding whether to launch an inquiry under the RCMP Act.

Chief Bird was shot to death several weeks ago by the RCMP

officer after the officer was called to the chief's house which a family fight.

Witnesses told the report that the chief had remained in control out of the house armed.

He was shot dead as he emerged, but actually was un-

WE THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND REGRET ON THE FATEFUL DEATH OF CHIEF EDD BIRD OF FORT SMITH, NORTH WEST TERRITORIES. OUR SYMPATHY GOES TO HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. TO THE PEOPLE HE SERVED IN FORT SMITH AND TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES FOR WHOM HE WORKED THROUGH THE INDIAN BROTHERHOOD.

THERE WAS NO REAL EXCUSE FOR THIS KILLING. CHIEF BIRD WAS UNARMED AS HE LEFT THE HOUSE. THE R.C.M.P. OFFICER SIMPLY OPENED FIRE COMPLETELY IGNORING THE FACT THAT CHILDREN WERE THERE. A THREAT WAS MADE AND THE OFFICER REACTED IN THE WRONG WAY.

THE OFFICER SHOULD BE CHARGED AND TRIED FOR MAN-SLAUGHTER OR MURDER AS WOULD HAPPEN TO AN INDIAN IF THE ROLES WERE REVERSED.

WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEPHONE CALL OF TODAY'S DATE, IN WHICH YOU ADVISE THAT AN IMPERIAL DEALER IN GREENBELL, SASKATCHEWAN, IS SELLING MERCHANDISE MANUFACTURED IN HONG KONG.

OUR SALES AGREEMENT WITH DEALERS DOES NOT EXTEND TO OTHER LINES OF MERCHANDISE AND IN THIS THE DEALER ACTS AS ANY INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS MAN WOULD. SELLING THOSE ITEMS WHICH HE BELIEVES HE CAN MARKET AT A PROFIT. FROM THIS I AM SURE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT HE DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO EXERT ANY TYPE OF CONTROL OVER THE MERCHANDISE THAT THE DEALER SELLS, OTHER THAN MOTOR FUELS. NOW DO WE ATTEMPT TO SURGEST THE SOURCE FROM WHICH HE PURCHASES HIS SUPPLIES.

I THINK I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR ATTITUDE IN LEARNING THAT INDIAN MERCHANDISE, MANUFACTURED IN HONG KONG, IS FOR SALE IN SASKATCHEWAN, AND CAN ALSO UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELING THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN LOCAL MANUFACTURED ARTICLES OF THIS TYPE. PERHAPS IF MANY CUSTOMERS FEEL AS YOU DO, AND REJECT THE FOREIGN MERCHANDISE IT WILL BE REPLACED WITH LOCAL GOODS. WE DO APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND WE HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND OUR SITUATION AS WE HAVE OUTLINED IT ABOVE.

N.A.L. McLEAN

SALE OF NON authentic Merchandise



I KNOW these Hong Kong Merchandise is cheap, poor of quality and imitation like you say. In the way where do you get yours

PRESS STATEMENT

FOR YEARS THE NATIVE PEOPLE IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN IN SECOND PLACE IN THE EYES OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE EXTRACTION OF RAW MATERIALS SUCH AS MINERALS, OIL AND NATURAL GAS HAVE COUNTED MORE THAN THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON THE LAND.

THE INDIAN BROTHERHOOD OF THE N.W.T. WANTS TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT POLICY FAVOURING RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT OVER THE NATIVE PEOPLE WHO FORM TWO THIRDS OF THE POPULATION IS NO GOOD. THE BROTHERHOOD AND THE NATIVE PEOPLE WILL FIGHT THIS POLICY IF IT CONTINUES.

RECENTLY THE BROTHERHOOD WAS TOLD BY A HIGH OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT THAT POLICIES WOULD BE CHANGED TO RECOGNIZE THE NATIVE MAJORITY AND PUT ITS INTERESTS IN FIRST PLACE. SINCE THEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS MADE ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT HAS NOT CHANGED ITS POLICIES.

THE BROTHERHOOD INSISTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZE THE DECISIONS OF THE LEADERS OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT FORT RAS THIS JULY AND, AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE LEADERS OF THE NATIVE PEOPLE, MAKE NEW POLICIES RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HUMAN BEINGS IN THE NORTH TAKES PRIORITY OVER THE MINERAL WEALTH UNDER THE GROUND THAT THESE PEOPLE LIVE ON.

IT MUST BE KEPT IN MIND THAT TWO THIRDS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE N.W.T. ARE NATIVE PEOPLE; AND THAT WE HAVE SUFFERED AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER IF WE ARE DENIED PRIORITY OVER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT. WE WILL NOT BE IGNORED ANY LONGER WHILE THE GOVERNMENT AND CORPORATIONS TAKE ALL THE WEALTH FROM OUR LAND.

CONFINEMENT IN JAIL

AS WE ARE FULLY AWARE, EVERY COUNTRY IS EQUIPPED WITH INSTITUTIONS TO HOUSE THOSE WITH INDESCRIBIBLES, SOME MINOR AND SOME GRAVER, MY EXPERIENCE IN THIS IS LIMITED TO THE "BIT TERM" - MOST 90 DAYS.

AFTER THE USUALLY NARROWING ORDEAL OF APPEARING BEFORE THE JUDGE YOU ARE TAKEN CARE OF SWIFTLY AND EFFICIENTLY...FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE AUTHORITIES, OF COURSE.

ALRIGHT, YOU ARE NOW CONFINED USUALLY IN A DAMP, DIMMY CELL WITH PROBABLY AN EX-DRINKER FOR A BABY-SITTER OR A NEUROTIC OLD PENSIONER, WHOSE BACK OR LEGS ARE TOO PAINFUL FOR HIM TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR "RIGHTS". YOU WANT TO USE THE PHONE, THIS IS YOUR PRIVILEGE, NOT YOUR RIGHT, AND YOU ASK THE POWERS TO BE... "WAIT A MINUTE, FELLOW," IS YOUR ANSWER.

THIS FEW MINUTE OF COURSE RESULTS IN AT BEING AN HOUR OR EVEN A DAY. ALL THIS TIME YOUR KEEPER IS BUSY SIPPING COFFEE OR BEING OCCUPIED WITH SOME OTHER UNNECESSARY ACTIVITY. FINALLY, THE KEEPER COMES, "ALRIGHT WHO DO YOU WANT TO PHONE?" MAKE IT QUICK, I HAVEN'T GOT ALL DAY; THIS IS SO DISTRACTING, YOU MOMENTARILY FORGET WHO YOU WANT TO CALL, YOUR WIFE, DOCTOR, LAWYER, OR... YOU BANK ON YOU GET THE LAWYER. YOU FINALLY GET HIS NUMBER AND THERE IS A PERSISTANT RING AT THE OTHER END, NATURALLY THIS IS AFTER HOURS AND HELPERS IS AWAY TO THE COFFEAIR AND CANNOT BE REACHED. "ALRIGHT BACK IN YOUR CELL," YOU DEEM IT ADVISABLE TO BELIEVE THAT TOMORROW YOU'LL GET ANOTHER CHANCE, BUT "GODDAMN YOU KNOW DAMNED WELL IT'LL END UP WITH SOME INCONSIDERATE RITUAL, THIS IS YOUR RIGHT, MAYBE YOU WANT AN APPEAL OR YOU WANT YOUR LAWYER TO QUESTION A TECHNICALITY, NEVERTHELESS YOU ARE JUST AS WELL TO CONCEDE TO DEFEAT, WHEN YOU GET TO THE JOINT IT'LL BE A DIFFERENT MATTER, YOU THINK.

YES, THIS IS JUST PART OF IT, PRACTICALLY EVERY CONVICTED PERSON IS SUBJECTED TO THIS ORDEAL, ON THE OTHER HAND LETS TAKE A PEEK AT THE TROUBLES OF OUR OWN NATIVE. FROM HIS FIRST INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD TO HIS EVENTUAL DIVORCE FROM SOCIETY.

IN THIS FAIR COUNTRY OF OURS - CANADA, A BEAUTIFUL, ABUNDANTLY RICH DOMAIN THERE LIVE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE THAT MAKE UP OUR SOCIETY, THE INDIAN OF COURSE BELONGS TO THE "MINORITY GROUP" - AND IT IS EXACTLY WHAT IT MEANS.

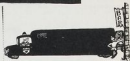
ORIGINALLY THE WHITE MAN DECIDED THE INDIAN WAS A HEATHEN, ATHEIST PAGAN OR WHAT HAVE YOU, THIS ATTITUDE STILL PREVAILS, ANYWAY THE INDIAN WAS TO BE DETERMINED AN OUTCAST, AN UNWANTED AND UNNECESSARY BURDEN TO THE WHITE GOVERNMENT. IN ALL OUR TEACHINGS, PUBLICATIONS AND YES, EVEN COMIC BOOKS THE INDIAN WAS CLASSIFIED AS A LOWER FORM OF BEING, A SAVAGE, SOMETHING DETESTABLE TO THE EXTENT THAT EVEN THE INDIAN CHILDREN ARE ASHAMED OF THEIR NATURAL HERITAGE.

NOW, WHEN A NATIVE IS INCARCERATED, HAVING ALREADY HAD ONE STRIKE AGAINST HIM, HE'S IN A SORT OF A LIMBO - ACCEPTABLE WITH TOLERANCE FROM THE WHITE INSTITUTION, AND YET WANTS TO BELIEVE HE BELONGS. HE HAS AT HIS DISPOSAL, MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR BENEFITS THAT ARE DUE ANYONE, SO CONFINED, ACCESS TO THESE ARE ANOTHER THING. THE WHITE ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD, WELL KNOWING THAT A PERCENTAGE OF THE NATIVE INMATES ARE INGRATANT OF THEIR RIGHTS, ASSIST THE POOR DEVILS IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING AND ENJOYING THESE BENEFITS, IT OCCURS TO THE WRITER THAT ONCE A PERSON HAS BEEN CONFINED, HE IS CONSIDERED ABSOLUTELY GUILTY AND MUST PAY THE CONSEQUENCES AND HE THE KEEPER ONLY WORKS THERE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF CONTAINING THIS PERSON - AND NOTHING ELSE, SOMEONE SHOULD ESTABLISH A ROUTINE, AND A FORM SHOULD BE PREPARED NOTING STEPS IN SEQUENCE IN MAKING APPLICATION FOR WHATEVER THE NEEDS OF THE PERSON SHOULD BELONG. REQUEST FOR LEGAL AID, APPEAL ETC, FOR THESE FEN.

NOW, I SHALL RETRACE MY STEPS A BIT, YES, ORIGINALLY WE WERE SAVAGES (BUT NOT ATHEISTS, PAGANS OR BARBARIC) BUT WE WERE INTELLIGENT SAVAGES. THE WHITE MAN HAD ESTABLISHED HIS OWN INTELLIGENCE IN HIS OWN ENVIRONMENT AND THEY, CENTURIES AGO BELIEVED IN THIS TRAIT INCLUDING ALL THE IDIOSYCRASY THAT GO WITH IT. THE NATIVE ON THE OTHER HAD AN "ABORIGINAL" COMMON SENSE, IN THAT HE LEARNED TO LIVE WITH HIMSELF AS BEST HE COULD, HE SUFFERED NO INNER TURMOIL AND DID NOT TAKE IT OUT ON ANYONE, AND TODAY YET HE IS CONSIDERS HIMSELF AT PAR WITH ANY HUMAN. THE AVERAGE WHITE MAN, DOESN'T REALLY APPRECIATE THE FULL IMPACT OF THIS UNFORTUNATE SOUL'S DILEMMA. WHEN THE INDIAN IS BORN, HIS ARRIVAL IS REPORTED TO THE INDIAN AFFAIRS - THIS DEPARTMENT AUTOMATICALLY ASSOCIATES HIM OR HER (POOR LIL DEVIL WITH A NUMBER 307), RAMP; HE IS NOW A MEMBER OF THIS GREAT NORTH AMERICAN COUNTRY. THEN, SOME ONE CASUALLY ADVISES THE DEPARTMENT OF HIS NAME...WHO'S THE FATHER WHO'S THE MOTHER? ARE THEY MARRIED?...WHO'S THE FATHER WHO'S FATHER'S OR MOTHER'S NUMBER? THE LITTLE YELLOW GROWS UP A TRIFLE AND STARTS SCHOOL - DO YOU KNOW, THE LITTLE WHITE CHILDREN HAVE FOUND OUT HE HAS A FUNNY MONICKER - JOE STANDING - STRAIGHT UP; OR SOME OTHER, THE WHITE KIDS FIGURE THIS REALLY IS A FUNNY NAME

AND THE POOR LITTLE BRAVETLET GETS HIS PRIDE TUCKED IN BETWEEN HIS LEFS. HE IS VERY SUSPICIOUS OF THIS SOCIETY IMMEDIATELY. HE IS SELF CONSCIOUS OF HIS NAME, A NAME THAT THE INDIAN CULTURE ENTHUSIASTS SAY THAT HE SHOULD BE EXTREMELY PROUD OF, YES, HE WAS PROUD OF HIS NAME, UNTIL... THIS LITTLE INCIDENT IS NO HELL OF A BLOW TO HIS AND HIS PARENTS ORIGINALLY WELL MEANT HOPES - OF ACQUIRING A GOOD EDUCATION, IT ALSO SERVES TO CONTINUALLY DETER HIS SUBSEQUENT PROGRESS IN SCHOOL AND AFTER IN HIS FUTURE ROLE IN SOCIETY. (THIS IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED SOLELY A RESULT OF HIS NAME BEING KNOCKED HELL OUT OF, BUT ONE OF MANY MANY LITTLE DIVIDES FROM THE WHITES AGAINST THE INDIAN). AS WE ALL KNOW, THIS SUBJECT FINALLY LEAVES SCHOOL - IN ALL PROBABILITY AS DROP OUT - USUALLY A DROP OUT IN ANY SOCIETY STANDS PRECARIOUSLY ON THE BRINK OF THE LAW AND EVENTUAL CONFINEMENT.

JOE WAPACH



INDIAN POWER



THINK

Riel diaries, letters to be published

WEDNESDAY (CP) — The man who once set publishing rights to Louis Riel's diaries says that

emerges from the pages of the diaries as a "naively idealist, the 19th-century reformer of Quebec."

Dr. G. G. Dohke, a Regina teacher, told the press Monday that a contract to compile the diaries of a blood-thirsty

rebel, against the inevitable forces of modern civilization.

Dr. Dohke has entered into an agreement with the Saskatchewan Arts Board, a government agency, to have the diaries, compiled, printed and indexed.

"It is time for the legend of Louis Riel to be laid to rest," said Dr. Dohke in an interview.

"Riel's diaries will enable me to revise the story and establish fact 20 days of Riel's life," he said.

The diaries chronicle the uprisings in the Red River and the North West rebellion of 1869-70 at Duck Lake and Battleford and the events that led to Riel's execution in Regina for high treason.

Dr. Dohke said the diaries are "a special view of the North-Western and more particularly of the province of Saskatchewan.

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BLACK DAYS?

ABOUT A WEEK OR SO IN THE MEADOW LAKE PROGRESS I SEEN A WRITE UP ABOUT THE PULP MILL. ONE HEAD-ON SAID BLACK DAY IN THE NORTH IT WENT ON TO SAY THAT IF THE MILL WAS STOPPED UP HERE IT WOULD SURE PUT THE PEOPLE BACK WITH NO WORK. WHEN I WENT UP NORTH TO SEE THE PEOPLE I FOUND OUT THAT ONLY ONE OR TWO PEOPLE THAT HAD DONE SOME WORK ON THE MILL SITE HAD BEEN TALKED TO BY OUR LOCAL M.L.A. AND I FOUND OUT IT WAS NOT REAL A BAD BLACK DAY AFTER ALL BECAUSE THE PEOPLE ARE VERY MUCH AWARE OF THINGS THAT WERE GOING TO HAPPEN TO THEM. FIRST OF ALL WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IS THAT WE WOULD GET SOME WORK SO WE WOULD KEEP OUR YAPS SHUT THEM WHEN THE GOOD WORK STARTED WE WOULD BE TOLD, I'M SORRY BUT YOU NEED MORE TRAINING AND WHILE WE WERE TRAINING WE WOULD LOSE THAT JOB TO SOME WHITE MAN. THEN OF COURSE YOU NO THAT WE HAD BEEN PROMISED SO MUCH FROM THE PAST GOVERNMENT BUT ONLY AT ELECTION TIME. THE OTHER FOUR YEARS WE SAT WAITING FOR MORE PROMISES AND I FEEL THAT IF THE M.L.A. IS INTERESTED IN THE PEOPLE WHY DID HE WAIT FOUR YEARS TO GO UP NORTH AND FIND A BLACK DAY

THE YEARS HE WAS IN AS M.L.A. WERE ALSO BLACK AS PEOPLE WERE WONDERING WHEN THINGS WERE GOING TO CHANGE.

I JUST CAME BACK FROM UP NORTH AND ITS NOT A PULP MILL PEOPLE WANT. THEY HAVE ASKED FOR DIFFERENT THINGS FROM THE SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT AND IF THIS NEW GOVERNMENT DON'T HELP OUT THEY WILL BE NO BETTER THAN THE ONE THAT WAS PUT OUT.

SOME POINTS IN THE NORTH HAVE ASKED FOR A POST OPERATION OTHERS HAVE WANTED A SAW MILL AND BOX MILL TO MAKE FISH BOXES THAT ARE AT PRESENT COSTING \$1.75 EMPTY FROM MINNIPES. IF THERE WERE A SAW MILL IN THE NORTH AREA PEOPLE COULD MAKE THEIR OWN LUMBER FOR HOMES-FOR THEMSELVES. BESIDES FISH BOXES AND BLUE BERRYS.

I HOPE DAME STUART SEE'S THIS LETTER ABOUT HIS BLACK DAY BECAUSE UP HERE THE ONLY BLACK DAY WE NO OF IS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT COMES HERE WITH PROMISES THAT ARE NEVER FILLED. THATS A BLACK DAY FOR US.

SIGNED: IT AIN'T SO BLACK AFTER ALL



NOTE: My beautiful land will happen for your people after this election, but make it sound better for my party

I HAVE WAKEN

I have awakened from a long sleep. Today I'm alive, to think, to feel and do what I feel like doing.

The white man still says you are an Indian. You are supposed to take what we give you. We don't have to take what they give us. It's ours to have.

We can all of this land, the whites should be glad that they were allowed to stay in this country, our country.

They have been trying to buy the Indian off, for too many years. White man's money is nothing to an Indian. They have lived well without it for thousands of years.

The White Man put a price on everything, the Indian puts pride on his price tag. When there is no pride left, then the price tag is worthless.

Don't lose your pride, it's the only thing of value; that the white man hasn't bought yet. And don't let them put a price on your pride.

- Brian Aubichon

ON THE 13TH, 14TH, 15TH, AND 16TH OF SEPTEMBER, FRIENDSHIP CENTRE DELEGATES FROM ALL OVER CANADA MET IN EDMONTON TO DISCUSS THE CHANGES INVOLVED IN THESE CENTRES. MOST OF THE PROBLEMS DISCUSSED WERE THE RESULTS OF LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CENTRES AND BETWEEN CENTRES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. ALSO, THE OVER-ALL LACK OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT BOTH FROM GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES INVOLVED. FROM THIS MEETING CAME THE NECESSITY TO FORM A NATIONAL BODY. THIS IS A GOOD MOVE AS IT WILL CO-ORDINATE PROGRAMS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND WILL BE A STRONGER UNIT IN DEALING WITH FINANCES, ETC. THERE WERE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE NATIONAL BODY WILL BE LOCATED IN REGINA. THE NEW BODY WILL BE CALLED AS FOLLOWS:

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDSHIP CENTRES

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT - ROGER OBOMSAWIN - RED LAKE, ONTARIO
 VICE-PRESIDENT - WALTER SCHOENTHAL - REGINA, SASK.
 VICE-PRESIDENT - MARD CANTYRN - VANCOUVER, B.C.
 SECRETARY - BRIAN ORVIS - SELKIRK, MANITOBA
 TREASURER - ALLEN WOLFLEP - CALGARY, ALBERTA

THIS WILL BE A NON-PARTISAN, NON-SECTARIAN BODY WHO WILL BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE BOARD IS NAMED AS FOLLOWS:

BOARD MEMBERS:

ALBERTA - REG NEWIRK
 BRITISH COLUMBIA - BERNELDA WHEELER
 MANITOBA - MELBA BOWER
 ONTARIO - XAVIER NICHOL
 SASKATCHEWAN - CLIFFORD STARR

THE METIS ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA HELD THEIR ELECTIONS AT HIGH PRARIE, ALBERTA ON JULY 31ST, AUGUST 1ST, AND AUGUST 2ND, 1971. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE ELECTED TO OFFICE. WE, THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN, WISH THEM THE BEST OF LUCK IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR THEIR PEOPLE.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

PRESIDENT - JIM DUCHARME
 VICE-PRESIDENT - HARRY DANIELS
 SECRETARY - ARNOLD STRYNADHA
 TREASURER - CLARENCE LONGMORE

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 JOE BLYAN
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 RICHARD POITRAS

RED-WHITE -- and BLUE

I met a pretty city girl -- Indian, she said.
 She said she'd heard of Carter and she knew her skin was red.
 But outside of those facts and inside of her head
 She wasn't sure just who she was or what she'd left behind.

She didn't know her tribe, she didn't know her land --
 All she knew was welfare and the charity helping-hand.
 She must have had some pride, but it was deep within
 Broken down by foster homes that tried to change her skin.

They tried to make her "civilized" -- they made her white instead.
 She laughed away their taunts, but she cried herself to bed.
 "Who did you do this to me? she cried in outraged shame.
 "I took away my parents and you took away my name!"

"You forced me into poverty, then said I was to blame
 Cause my father drank your whiteman's wine and mother took his name.
 Their land was taken from these their home, their pride, and me.
 Now can you claim to judge them and put your claim on me?"

"A lie!" I cry in tearful pain. I ran out of the room.
 You didn't raise your hand" she said, "you'll stay this afternoon."
 "I'll stay, okay, but when I leave I won't be going home.
 "I have no home in this town. I'll go my way alone."

Another Indian seeing red, another leaving town.
 "I'm blue and red" is me she said, "No whites can tie me down.
 "I'm back upon my mother earth, beneath my father sky.
 "I'm back where I belong now, back where my people died."

Red white and blue, and searching for a home,
 Searching for a way of life that white has left alone.
 I wish there that they find it I hope they find that place
 I wish they'd take me with them back to the human race.

B. Becco

Basket Social in Abernethy

IN ABERNETHY AUGUST 1, 1971, THE METIS SOCIETY OF ABERNETHY AND DALCARRES HELD A BASKET SOCIAL AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. EDWARD FAYANT.

IN ATTENDANCE THERE WERE TWENTY-NINE ADULTS AND THIRTY-ONE CHILDREN. THEY MADE ABOUT \$178.25 WHICH WAS SPLIT BETWEEN THE TWO LOCALS, ABERNETHY AND DALCARRES.

ALTOGETHER THERE WERE THIRTY BASKETS AUCTIONED OFF BY MR. BOB DESJARLAIS AT AN AVERAGE OF \$9.00 A PIECE, EXCEPTING THE ONE MADE BY MRS. BILL DESJARLAIS OF ABERNETHY WHICH WAS SOLD AT A PRICE OF \$13.25 TO MR. GORDON FAYANT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE DALCARRES METIS SOCIETY.

NO ONE HAD EVER SEEN SUCH AN OUTSTANDING BASKET AS THIS ONE AND HE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE MRS. DESJARLAIS FOR HER EXCELLENT WORK, AND ALSO THE OTHERS WHO MADE BASKETS.

MR. & MRS. BILL FIDDLER HAVE BEEN PART OF MEADOW LAKE FOR A GOOD MANY YEARS. MRS. FIDDLER HAS WORKED AROUND TOWN FOR A LONG TIME AND BILL HAS KNOWN AS THE BEST OLD TIME FIDLER. BILL WAS BORN AT DUCK LAKE ON JULY 6, 1888 AND MRS. FIDDLER WAS BORN OCTOBER 31, 1895.

BILL AND MRS. FIDDLER WERE MARRIED ON AUGUST 8TH. MR. & MRS. FIDDLER HAVE 17 CHILDREN AND 87 GRAND-CHILDREN AND 54 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. IN THE BACKGROUND OF THE PICTURE IS TONY AND MRS. FLEURY. LAST YEAR THEY CELEBRATED THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. THEY HAD 5 CHILDREN WHICH 3 OF THEM ARE STILL LIVING. TONY WAS BORN JUNE 8TH, 1897 AND MRS. FLEURY WAS BORN NOVEMBER 7th, 1890. TONY TOLD ME HE WAS BORN ON THE WAY TO CHEYAN WYOMING. HIS WIFE HAGGY WAS BORN AT DONAFAST, MANITOBA.

THE METIS SOCIETY OF MEADOW LAKE WISH THE TWO COUPLES MANY MORE YEARS OF HAPPINESS.

DWAYNE NOORE

THE WHITE HUNTER AND HIS GUIDE MOVED SLOWLY THROUGH THE BUSH, ON THE EDGE OF A CLEARING THE HUNTER STOPPED, AIMED, AND FIRED. HIS INDIAN GUIDE WALKED UP AS THE HUNTER WAS JUMPING AROUND YELLING. "DID YOU SEE THAT SHOT, DID YOU SEE IT? RIGHT THROUGH THE HEAD, ONE SHOT." GRABBING THE GUIDE BY THE ARM HE SAID EXCITEDLY, "TELL ME, WHAT DO YOU THINK? DO YOU STILL THINK INDIANS ARE BETTER HUNTERS THAN WHITE MEN?" THE INDIAN PAUSED FOR A WHILE THEN SPOKE. "WELL," HE SAID, "IT WAS A DAMN FINE SHOT ALRIGHT AND I COULDN'T HAVE DONE BETTER, BUT AS FOR BEING A BETTER HUNTER, YOU BEST ASK THE FARMER WHOSE BEST SADDLE HORSE YOU JUST SHOT."

THE ARMY SENT TWO SOLDIERS UP A LONG HILL TO CAPTURE AN INDIAN STANDING AT THE TOP. THE SOLDIERS DID NOT COME BACK. THE INDIAN WAS STILL STANDING THERE. AGAIN THE ARMY SENT UP FIVE MEN WHO DID NOT RETURN. THE INDIAN WAS STILL STANDING THERE. AGAIN AND AGAIN THE ARMY SENT MEN UP THE HILL, BUT NONE CAME BACK AND THE INDIAN STILL STOOD THERE. THE GENERAL SAID "WE'LL CATCH THE DAMN INDIAN THIS TIME," AND SENT 100 MEN UP THE HILL. NOTHING HAPPENED FOR A LONG TIME AND THE INDIAN STILL STOOD THERE. FINALLY, A SOLDIER CAME CRAWLING OUT OF THE BUSH AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL. THE GENERAL RAN OVER AND ASKED HIM WHAT WAS HAPPENING. "OH IN THE HELL CAN'T A HUNDRED SOLDIERS CATCH ONE INDIAN," HE YELLED. "SIR," SAID THE WOUNDED SOLDIER, "IT'S NOT JUST ONE INDIAN, IT' AN AMBUSH, SIR. THERE ARE TWO OF THEM."

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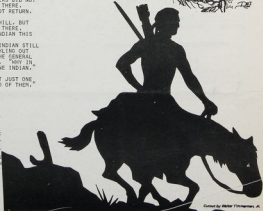
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O.K. Tents if it will make you feel
more about you can wear a mask too.



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