



Back to Batoche slated for August

Back to Batoche the annual gathering of Saskatchewan's Metis will be held at the historic Batoche battle site, fourty miles north east of Saskatoon, August 14-18.

The ninth annual event will be preceded by a two day annual meeting of the Association of Metis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan (AMNSIS), the events sponsors.

Although all details have yet to be worked out a press time

Batoche activities will include: sports events, jigging and fiddle music, cultural events and contests and for the first time a commemoration.

The commemoration headed by the AMNSIS communications department, was a subject of concern to some Batoche committee members. AMNSIS provincial secretary, Frank Tompkins remarked that it was time the memory of those who died in 1885 was

honored. "We have this habit of calling Back to Batoche a celebration", he stated, "We tend to forget that our people died fighting for us, their descendants. It's high time that we honored their memory." Committee members agreed. The commemoration including speeches, prayers and a two minute silence will be conducted at a mass grave of Metis on the Batoche battle site.

Unlike years previous, accommodations will not be provided. However, tents will be available for sale at reasonable rates.

The first Back to Batoche days held in 1970 drew over twenty thousand people making it, in effect, the fourth largest city in Saskatchewan. The event has continued as one of Canada's largest Native

gatherings. Batoche was the site of the famous Metis uprising of 1885 where the Metis led by Louis Riel and Gabriel Dumont were defeated by Canadian forces led by General Middleton.



Jerry Hammersmith (left) conferring with Max Morin and friend during Ile-a-la Crosse Metis Days.

Hammersmith replaces Byers at DNS helm

Jerry Hammersmith is the new minister in charge of the Department of Northern Saskatchewan.

The re-alignment of Cabinet was announced June 18 by Premier Allen Blakeney.

C. Irwin McIntosh, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan conducted the swearing in ceremonies at Regina's Legislative Building.

Hammersmith, born October 10, 1938 at Melfort, represents the Prince Albert, Duck Lake constituency. He was first elected into legislature in 1978. He received his Bachelor of Education in 1968 from the

University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. In 1971 he received a Master of Education degree.

Hammersmith also a former first vice president of Saskatchewan Indian Teachers Local of the Public Service Alliance of Canada. He also participated in the Regular Officer Training Plan with the RCAF in 1955-56. Former president and founding member of the Northern Saskatchewan Outfitters Association.

Mr. Hammersmith is also a policy and planning consultant for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians.

Jonas Favel Hall opened in Ile-a-la Crosse

Ile-a-la Crosse - The late Jonas Favel was honored with the opening of a new community hall in Ile-a-la Crosse, June 23.

The Jonas Favel Hall was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony conducted by newly appointed Department of Northern Saskatchewan (DNS) minister Jerry Hammersmith. The ceremony was the first official act of the new minister.

The minister remarked that Jonas Favel had been "a man of both moral courage and fore sight". Hammersmith's sentiments were echoed by those Native leaders present including Frank Tompkins AMNSIS secretary, John Dorion candidate for AMNSIS president, Tom Roy candidate for AMNSIS secretary, Clem Chartier candidate for AMNSIS vice president and Favels brother Jim current AMNSIS area director.

The late Jonas Favel was widely recognized as a strong community leader. In 1974 he led a successful fight for the control of the community's school. Hammersmith remarked to the New Breed that to Favels credit the Ile-a-la Crosse school has produced more high school graduates in the last three years than all other northern schools combined.

The Jonas Favel Hall is located on the main road running through the community. The hall has over 5,000 square feet of space including a number of smaller offices.

Three hundred years of service

Members of the Saskatoon local of the Association of Metis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan have contributed over three hundred years of military service to the Canadian Nation.

Ottawa hosts eighth annual NCC assembly

Ottawa will be the setting for the eighth annual assembly of the Native Council of Canada, August 23-25.

The assembly was initially proposed to be held in a Western Canada setting. The Board felt that provincial delegates would have a better opportunity to meet with the new Clark government by holding the assembly in the capital.

Provincial Metis and Non-Status Indian Associations would have access to new initiatives coming from the Clark Administration. There are an estimated one million unregistered native people in Canada.

The assembly will be held in the Chateau Laurier over-looking Parliament Hill.



Doug Sinclair (left) and Saskatchewan Snooker title holder Henry Bellerose

Bellerose new Sask. snooker champion

REGINA-Henry Bellerose, 45, is the new Saskatchewan snooker champion after defeating Brian McConnell five games to three at the exhibition auditorium June 16-17.

Bellerose and McConnell, both of Regina, were the last two finalists out of sixteen. McConnell, who held the title in '78, proved to be little threat to Bellerose's superb concentration and accurate timing which also won him the highest run award of 86 points, also against McConnell.

Bellerose, along with the title, represents Sask-t-

chewan in Ottawa for the Canadian snooker championships this September. All expenses paid courtesy of Molson Golden.

Two other Metis hold provincial titles of this sort. John Bear of Vancouver holds the Alberta and British Columbia honours. Brother Jim of Calgary holds the Central Canadian championship title.

Natives programmed for incarceration?

HALIFAX - Canada's native people have been programmed to end up in the criminal justice system and many natives find it better to be in jail than at home.

Our lands were broken up and stolen from us, and we did not defend them; we were treated with insolence and contempt, and we endured it; but from the moment they threatened our lives, and those of our families and our leader, we have the right to defend them, and we shall defend them unto death.

-Gabriel Dumont, 1885

says the executive director for the Native Counselling Services of Alberta.

Chester Cunningham told a crime prevention conference July 19, the programming began with native children being taken from their parents and put in residential schools. It continued with responsibility for the family being taken over from Indian husbands by the Indian affairs department.

"It is really unfortunate that we have in this country a group of people where the conditions are better in jail than at home," he said.

Editorials

Where to now

Jerry Hammersmith?

So Jerry Hammersmith, who fell from grace with the old DNS colonial office, has re-emerged as head honcho of that troubled department to the cheers of a great many Native people.

by John Cuthand

Hammersmith, the bureaucrat who was silenced only by a not so subtle hatchet job of his former DNS position now has doors open to move a mountain — a mountain where morale is low, turnover is high and the Natives are restless.

All that separates DNS from the old British colonial office is pith helmets and rickshaws outside the front door. "Colonialism" is a nasty word around the world, but in La Ronge the melody lingers on.

The New Breed met with Hammersmith in Isle a la Crosse where quite significantly his first act was the opening of the Jonas Favel Hall. Now the late Jonas Favel was one of those Native people who believed that Native people should have control over their own lives. This didn't win Favel friends among the old guard of bureaucrats, priests, and business owners who ran or tried to run Native People's lives. Favel persisted and after a long uphill battle the local school, a fitting symbol of who controlled the community, fell back into the people's hands. Isle a la Crosse became renowned among Northern Natives as the community where the people rose and won.

While Hammersmith made no sweeping promises in Isle a la Crosse, he did win the respect of the people, both for coming and for honoring a man who so persistently clashed with the DNS.

One is tempted to refer to the "old" and the "new" DNS but it is still too early to tell. Whether he can deliver the goods as so many Native people believe he can, remains to be seen. There are simply too many pitfalls along the way. The old order — those slow moving, thick skinned mandarins of the DNS — still wield considerable power. And what of the Premier? Just how loose are the reigns of power he so surprisingly turned over to Hammersmith?

The memory is still too strong of that other Native hopeful Warren Allmand, former Minister of Indian Affairs, who dared shake up the DIA only to be in his own words "shafted" by the Prime Minister.

Allmand's mistake or sin (depending on what perspective one has) was to shake the Ottawa ivory tower hard enough to make some top civil servants tremble. Top civil servants the likes of Peter Leseaux, mastermind of the

'69 white paper and John McGillip, Indian Agent extraordinaire. The walls of Jericho did not come tumbling down and Allmand was shuffled off to a less volatile post to cool his heels. To head a government post does not necessarily mean wielding the ultimate power.

So it goes with Jerry Hammersmith — the man is walking a tight rope on the tip of a political bullet. An uncomfortable place to be, indeed. He, as is to be expected, walking very carefully carrying a stick of undetermined size. The man has moxie and may very well survive where Allmand failed.

Actions, as they say, speak louder than words. By going to Isle a la Crosse, fortress of Metis power north of the Saskatchewan River, Hammersmith has put his best foot forward. For it is here in the northern communities in the eye of the hurricane, talking with the people, that his credibility will be forged. And who knows, perhaps — just perhaps, he might blaze that trail Northern Natives have so anxiously awaited all these years.

Cultural carpet baggers

During this past month a rather bizarre event took place. A large number of Francophones arrived at Batoche to hold what they called "Batoche Days". This led to some confusion among the AMNSIS

membership. There were some who thought the event was the Associations' annual Back to Batoche days. Needless to say it was not. Not only was the membership confused but the AMNSIS leadership as well. No one had bothered to tell them the event was taking place.

AMNSIS Vice-President, Rod Durocher and Prince Albert area director, Murray Hamilton immediately went to Batoche to find out just what the hell was going on.

When they arrived, Durocher told those present that they were one hundred years too late. Hamilton was not so polite. To add insult to injury the two AMNSIS leaders were denied time on the agenda. All of this of course took place on our own sacred soil.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, there are simply too many non Metis sponging off our past. Riel has become a hero to a large number of Johnny come lately "Metis" and cultural carpet baggers. Most of these people like the Francophones have less Indian blood in them than a mosquito.

To add salt to the wounds the government gave these people fifty thousand dollars to hold this event. Meanwhile, the real thing, Saskatchewan's Metis were still banging on doors and doing a lot of talking to scrape together the meager amount we currently have to hold our Batoche days. By the way, at press time the Batoche committee has squeezed approximately the same amount to hold our event.

The Francophones would have been better off attending our Back to Batoche days. They might have learned something. And we'd even have the decency to put them on our agenda.

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Nine Complete Third Life Skills Program

REGINA - Regina Friendship Centres' third Life Skills class held their graduation ceremonies at the Plains Hotel, June 28.

The nine students who graduated from the twelve week course, were: Kevin Daniels, Gilbert Horsefall, Ken Keewatin, Rosella Goodwill, Bradley Bear, Marie Pratt, Margaret Severight, Vern Iver-son and Larson Sparvier.

The Native Life Skills program was sponsored by the Non Registered Indian and Metis (NRIM) and Canada Manpower. The instructors were Arlene Conrad and Wilf

Dieter. Elders, John Rock-thunder and Jim Ryder were available for counselling. Keven Daniels, a student stated, "This class helped me handle family problems, solve them, gain confidence, self respect and overcome my improper behaviors."

The students would also like to send their appreciation of thanks and good luck to instructor Wilf Dieter who is leaving the program.

Dieter stated, "The life skills program was a rewarding experience, and up to now this was the only job that I really felt very happy with."

CLEM CHARTIER FOR VICE - PRESIDENT



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- EDUCATION
- POLITICAL EDUCATION
- COMMUNITY AWARENESS
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- ABORIGINAL RIGHTS

SOCIAL AND HUMAN PROBLEMS

I would work towards trying to solve the following problems

- alarmingly high suicide rate
- poor health services
- poor housing
- unemployment
- recreational facilities in urban areas
- race relations
- affirmative action programs
- alcoholism and non-medical use of drugs
- recreational activities

Epp addresses NIB Executive Council

In an address to the National Indian Brotherhood (NIB) Executive Council June 20 in Vancouver, newly appointed DIA minister Jake Epp stated that old confrontations should be put behind and a more mature and long lasting relationship established.

Epp, the Provencher, Manitoba MP, outlined his familiarity with Native people and their aspirations. He stated that in his years as an individual MP he has listened to Native people and helped them with their problems when he was able.

He stated that the Clark government is sensitive to the needs of Native people. He cited land claims, cultural preservation and self-management of Indian affairs as vital concerns to the new Conservative government.

"It is an aim of this government to establish statutory and other favorable conditions in which Indian people, both in groups and as individuals, can achieve social, cultural and economic progress," he said. "It is our objective to clear the way for a better standard of living, in circumstances of freedom and of opportunity."

Epp stated that both parties must work on a foundation of co-operation, "on a partnership", to achieve the various ends.

"It requires a climate of understanding in order to make progress," he said. "Whether we choose constitutional, legislative or negotiated approaches to deal with the issues of major concern to us."

The minister went on to state that the two mechanisms that are getting most of the attention at this point are constitutional reform and amendments to the Indian Act.

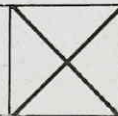
He stated that the Conservative government's commitment to constitutional renewal includes an increased involvement for Native people. Epp feels that Native participation is essential.

In regards to the Indian Act, Epp's main concern is that the Act accurately reflect the concerns of Native people. In answer to this he stated that he has written to all chiefs and all the associations in Canada for their views on proposed amendments.

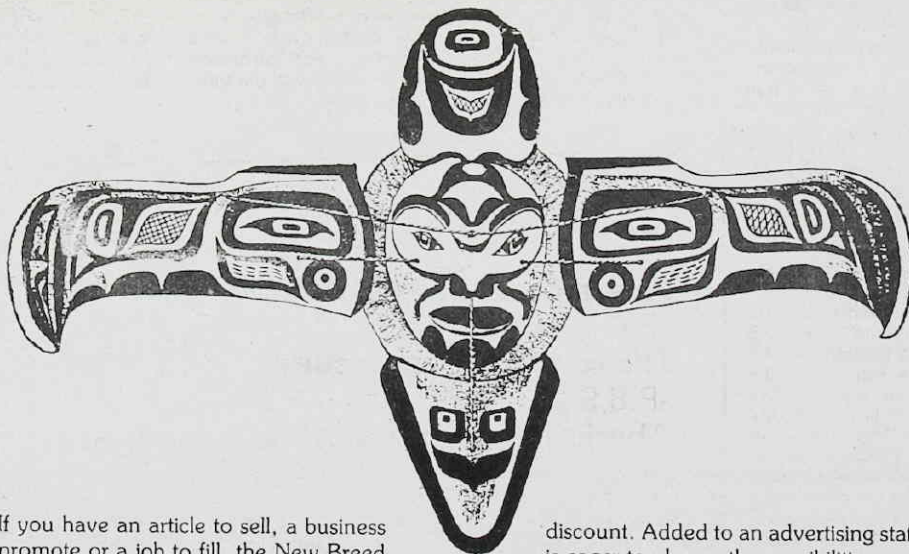
"My overriding concern is that Indian people and those individuals jointly affected in a discriminatory manner by the present Act jointly review their positions on certain segments of the Indian Act."

Epp told the Council that he needed the guidance of all Indian people to proceed in his portfolio.

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Ile-a-la-Crosse Hosts Third Annual Metis Days



Ile a la Crosse's third annual Metis days attracted people from all across Saskatchewan for three days of festivities, June 22-24.

Each day events, ranging from bingos, ballgames, horse-shoe throwing, canoe racing, tug of war, trap shooting, games of chance, plus two nights of dancing with Ile a la Crosse's own Bullrush, proved to be exciting and entertaining for everyone.

In men's fastball action, Canoe Lake Commodores were the victorious champions, defeating Meadow Lake's Flying Dust. To advance into final, Canoe Lake trounced Panunak Padres 10-1.

Meadow Lake led the game 3-1 up to the fourth inning. But the superb hitting of John Doe, Canoe Lake's pitcher turned the tables by hitting a homer to make the final score 6-3. A championship well deserved for the victors.

In women's fastball action, Ile a la Crosse defeated Meadow Lake 5-3 in the championship game.

The competitors in the men's and ladies' canoe races found it quite a challenge racing in the slightly rainy and windy weather.

Eva and Marie Daignault, a mother and daughter combination from Ile a la Crosse

defeated four other brave women for the victory.

Second went to Delphina Carrigan and partner Josephine Bouvier. Edna Daignault and partner took third. Men's final went to Winston McKay and Bill Bird from Cumberland House. Another Cumberland team, Dale McAuley and Almer Settee settled for second. Third went to Ile a la Crosse's George Malbouef and Jack McCullen.

Myron McKay and Emrey McCullen of Buffalo Narrows were the horseshoe champions. La Ronge's Hector Bird and Robert Merasty took second going down to defeat 21-15 to the Champs in the final game. Alec Bouvier and Fernand Bouvier of Cole Bay settled for third.

The tug of war event proved to be very entertaining with five men's and two women's teams entered. "George's Pals" from Ile a la Crosse were the unanimous champs defeating "Alfred's Boys", also of Ile a la Crosse.

In the women's, Ile a la Crosse's heavies proved to be a little too heavy for the Ile a la Crosse nurses, winning the top place honour.

The success of the festival should also be credited to the local people for their kind and generous hospitality.



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Southern Teachers' Assistance Program

by Paul H. Claude

One of the main stumbling blocks of the Native People achieving full citizenship status in Canada, has been cited as being the present education system and its failure to deal with or in fact recognize the real needs of the Native student. The number of Native students who never reach their high school graduation is mind boggling. The number who fail to achieve their elementary standards is nothing short of ridiculous.

What could be done to change this tide of events? The answers are as numerous as the problems and, sometimes, just as ridiculous.

Then AMNSIS had an answer as well as the courage to begin developing their ideas.

In January 1979, a proposal was made to the Department of Manpower, requesting financial assistance to develop Teacher Assistant training opportunities in Southern Saskatchewan. The stated objectives of this program were:

- To provide meaningful employment opportunities for Native people in Southern Saskatchewan.
- To provide training that would lead to a full teaching certification.
- To improve the quality of education for Native students by providing Native role-models and supplying additional in-classroom help.

In addition, it was hoped that the proposed program would finally establish meaningful Native representation in the Education system itself. This representation would initially be at the teachers level and eventually develop throughout the entire decision-making machinery of the system. This would give the Native people a real voice in the decisions that are made concerning all aspects of the education and training of their children.

The proposal was accepted and AMNSIS began working on the fulfilment of a dream of every Native person who was ever subjected to the inadequate system of education which has prevailed since the system in question was first conceived.

Various staff members were hired and much work was done. Granted there were many problems. Some were dealt with, some were not, but still the work continued. Often this work has been done slowly and quietly — so quietly in fact that many concerned persons thought that the program had expired.

Since I was employed as a research assistant for SOUTAP two months ago, I have been met again and again with such comments as "Oh yes, SOUTAP, now I remember," or "SOUTAP, everyone knows that program has been dead for almost a year now". Well, all I can say is SOUTAP is alive and well and you'll be hearing a lot more about it in the months to come.

SOUTAP was suffering from a variety of ailments for some time, and though it seems to have recovered to some extent, it is still a little weak. It

could use a strong shoulder to lean on from time to time. This, my friends, is one of those times. We need your help.

We are proposing to begin training a significant number of Native Teacher Assistants beginning in the fall. These assistants will be working right in the classroom with your children. Hopefully they will offer long needed incentive for your children in the form of role-models. They will also afford us representation in the local school boards. This representation has been long coming and it will hopefully afford us with some bargaining power in determining such things as what Native children will be taught and who will teach them. The successful Teacher Assistants will also be encouraged to continue on to achieve full teaching certification. These things cannot be accomplished overnight and so we ask that you be patient and supportive in your attitudes.

At this time we are in the process of designing a curriculum for the purpose of training the Teacher Assistants. We need to know how you want these persons taught, what skills you want them to bring into your classrooms, and what skills you want them to encour-

age in your children. I will be speaking to as many of you as I can and a representative of your own local board will hopefully be assisting me in this regard, but I'm sure you realize that it would be virtually impossible to speak to you all personally.

If you would like to know more about the Southern Teachers' Assistants Program, the work we are doing or some of the things we hope to accomplish, feel free to inquire at your local area board office or address your enquiries to the following address:

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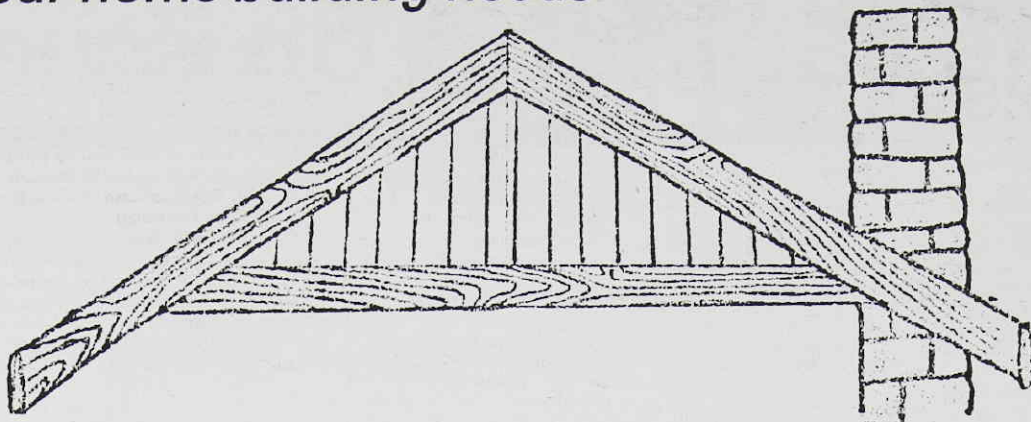
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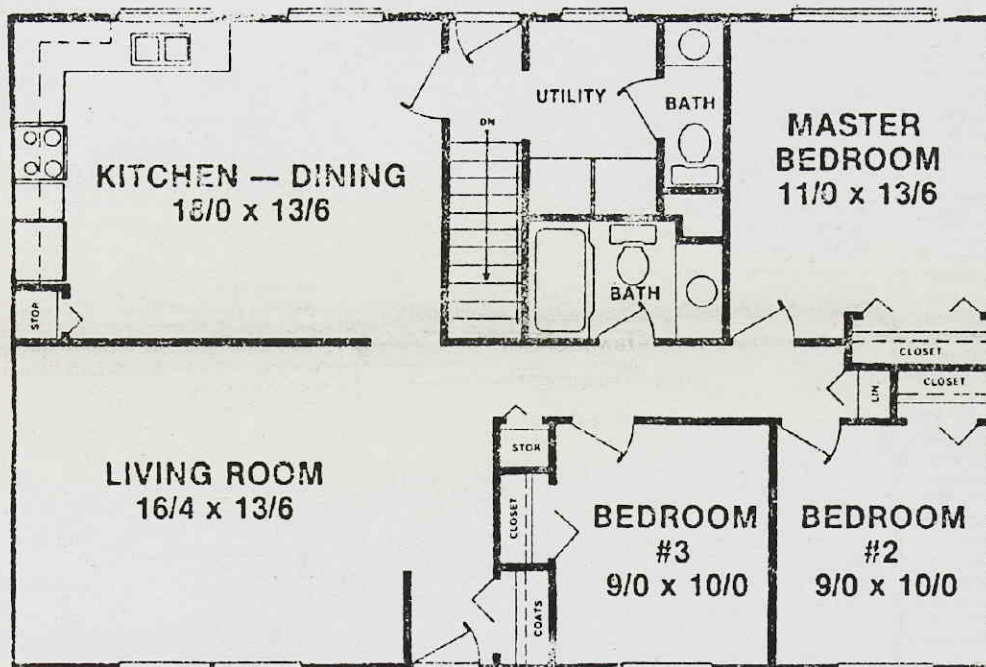
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The candidates on issues



Clem Chartier

Candidate Vice-President

The elections to be held on August 1st are, in my view, very important. The main reason, of course, is that every card-carrying member has a right to vote. This is good because the Executive of our Association will be faced with the fact that they have to get out to the Locals more often and help organize and participate at the grassroots level.

One of the greatest dangers which we are faced with is the threat that our Association can become too bureaucratic and top-heavy. It is easy for this to happen when we deal so much with the Government over funding for various programs. However, we should be aware of this and should fight against that happening.

One of the other things we tend to forget when we become wrapped up in dealing with the Government is the fact that we have serious social and human problems, such as alcoholism, poor housing, poor health services and a high rate of violent deaths and suicides. These issues are often given a back seat when we look for funding.

Another major issue not being dealt with is the question of uranium exploitation in Northern Saskatchewan. Not only are exploration companies disregarding trappers' rights, the radio-active material which will result from the mining will be harmful to the environment, the wildlife and the people for at least a million years to come. I personally oppose this uranium activity taking place on our Land and propose to

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-Editor

conduct information workshops in our Locals throughout the Province.

Another thing I am proposing to do if I am successful in my bid for the Vice-President's position is to become involved at the Local level so that I can help you, our members, organize against the numerous problems which we are facing. This will also give you a chance to express your concerns which I can use to guide me when I deal with the rest of the Board. I also intend to work in co-operation with the Area Directors who are your representatives on the Board.

I believe that now is the time to make the Executive more responsible to you, the membership, and I would appreciate an opportunity to work with you in making this a reality.



John Dorion
Candidate
Vice-President

If elected I will fight for:

- I will work for the re-establishment of the Board of Directors Authority. These Directors are supposed to be the voice of the people, the backbone of the organization and, as such, should have the final say on decisions affecting their people. I intend to support the return of authority to the Board by having the Directors vote on all matters affecting their people and seeing that their decision is followed through. In the past, our Board of Directors have been abused by some staff and executives. Motions passed and decisions made by the Board were never followed up.

- As many of you know I was involved in aboriginal rights research for the past three years. We have compiled a great deal of information and I feel it is now time to take a stand. The time for stalling is over. With an aboriginal rights settlement we could establish an economic base for the Metis and Non-status Indians of Saskatchewan. The Metis people need land, education, language, control of resources (renewable and non-renewable) and a strong, proud culture if they are to survive the next 100 years. We know from our research we have a strong legal, political and moral claim to our land. With a settlement, our people could set up trucking companies and contracting outfits to take advantage of economic opportunities opening up throughout the

province, as well as setting up Metis colleges and other educational institutions.

- Northern Administration. This will eliminate resentment of the North for the South and reduce some travel time of the Northern Board of Directors.

- I favor decentralization of programs and wish to see the people themselves get a piece of the pie. Decentralization would distribute monies to the local levels which would in itself eliminate much of the bureaucratic red tape. As well, such an action would ensure that the people are in on the proposals and plans of various programs and also benefit by receiving the jobs. Such direct involvement would certainly raise the level of concern and interest in these programs being successes. It is time our people took control of their lives.

- I will strive for the development and implementation of educational programs for AMNSIS locals. Since these locals provide leadership for our people, I must emphasize the great need to educate these people as to current issues affecting our people, i.e. aboriginal rights. These leaders, in turn, must be taught how to teach effectively the members of their locals so that they too may be informed. To this end I would organize in-service and workshop sessions at the local levels, and assist the locals in obtaining their own A.V. equipment to further the establishment of these goals.

- I will introduce the portfolio system in AMNSIS. In this way each department, such as Economic Development, will have its own director. This person will ultimately be responsible for the activities and leadership of his department. Such a step would reduce much of the overlapping of roles within the organization and define the exact responsibilities of each department. I would also ask the Board of Directors that I be in charge of the Education Department — an area which I feel cannot be over-emphasized if we are to develop as a people.

- Native unity.
- I would support the development and promotion of Native Studies and Dumont College. Such native institutions would promote our history and culture. Also, they would help develop positive self-concepts in our children. In other words, teach our children to be proud of their Metis culture. We would work with universities and native organizations to develop courses such as Cree, Metis history, Aboriginal Rights as well as Accounting, Typing, Bookkeeping, Mechanics, Engineering, Doctors, Dentists, Lawyers, Teachers, etc. We need these skills to compete for good jobs. I realize our only way out of poverty is education. Some work has been done in these areas but there is still so much to do.

- I will work for better housing for the Metis and Non-status people of Saskatchewan. I realize that many of our people are living in substandard housing and feel that before any progress can be made,

physical needs have to be met. If elected, I would support decentralization of housing.

These preceding statements are not necessarily prioritized.



Rod Durocher
Vice-President
(Incumbent)

At the opening of this article I would like to extend a warm hello to all AMNSIS members.

I have been actively involved in native politics for the past nine years. During this time I have held the following positions:

- president of the Prince Albert Friendship Centre
- president of the North Battleford Friendship Centre
- member of Board of Directors for AMNSIS
- AMNSIS representative on the Northern Municipal Council
- member of the Special AR-DA Committee
- vice-president of AMNSIS

I have also been a part of various organizations whose purpose and activities affect Native people.

Moreover, during the nine year period I have seen and been involved in the progressive development of our organization as well as the defining and understanding of problems and issues. This experience has made me a firm believer in both negotiation and confrontation as practical political activities to ensure that the issues facing our people are brought forward and dealt with accordingly.

Practical and successful examples of the above activities are such things as the Waskeiu road block which was organized to bring attention and action on the issues of northern development, housing, lack of communications support and other problems. A desired result of this action was to get a meeting with the premier and the federal government to deal with the above issues. Due to media coverage of the blockade and the issue behind it, a commitment was given by the premier for his participation in such a meeting. The blockade was successful.

The securing of support in principle for and initial funding of Dumont College is a successful and continuing negotiation — action. The realization by governments of our willingness to use confrontation when necessary or ad-

vantageous strengthens our negotiating position.

Concerning the issue of Aboriginal Rights, I feel that we have compiled and are continuing extensive research on this question. The major activity of this program must be consultation with our locals and their members — it is by this process that a clear understanding of what Aboriginal Rights are and what a fair and just settlement would be will become clear. The Aboriginal Rights issue requires energetic and enthusiastic work at both the leaders and staff level throughout the province — it is only by hard work and an increased awareness that we will achieve favorable results to this issue.

I am fully in favour of the new "popular vote" system adapted by AMNSIS — I fought for and helped get the motion for this procedure through last year's annual assembly. I believe this system will help the cause of "unity" of Metis and Non-Status people in this province.

In closing, I commit myself to working to meet the objectives of AMNSIS:

- to unite Metis and Non-Status Indians
- to promote the culture of Metis and Non-Status Indians
- to work for the betterment of Metis and Non-Status Indians

I would also like to commend the "New Breed" for providing this forum to all provincial candidates and encourage all members to participate in the August 1 elections.



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Candidate Area Director

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I respectfully ask for your vote on election day. Your support will be greatly appreciated during this campaign and if I am elected Area Director.

Yours truly,
Bud Pocha



Frank Tompkins
Secretary (Incumbent)

As your Elected Representative I have in the past consistently fought for the objectives of the Association of Metis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan, as stated on the back of our Membership Cards.

I have always been and will continue to be a strong voice in support of our Aboriginal Rights and Land Claims.

We now have, in my opinion, one of the best, if indeed not the best, Aboriginal Rights Research and Consultation Program for our people of all the Native organizations across Canada.

We cannot and must not ever lose what some of our elected members fought so hard for and for so long.

Our just Rights and just Settlement is our only hope for

any kind of meaningful development of our people and for our people.

This is the first year that each card carrying member will be able to vote for his or her choice.

I am asking every concerned Metis member of the Association of Metis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan for your support in this Election in order that I can continue our struggle in your best interest.



Tom (T.J.) Roy
Candidate
Secretary

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our AMNSIS Nation of Saskatchewan:

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to share some of myself with you.

Following are some of my ideas, beliefs, truths, and commitments which I know and believe are most important in our development as a people in our struggle towards Self Reliance and Social Independence.

- The number one concern at this time is our "Cultural Unity" as one people throughout Saskatchewan. Unity I stand for and will work towards.

- Our "Unity" is so very important in our "Aboriginal Rights and Legal Claims" position we will be presenting to the Federal and Provincial Governments and Courts. We need unity in Saskatchewan and across this land of ours. I stand for and will continue to work towards our fight for attainment of our Aboriginal Rights and Legal Claims.

- We need total "Cultural Unity" here in Saskatchewan for support and strength in our struggle for our own land use Policy Attainment. I stand for and will continue to work towards our getting our lands that are yet owing to us.

- We need total "Cultural Unity" here in Saskatchewan for support and strength in our struggle to ensure that our people will partake directly in the planning, operations and benefits of any and future economic and social development such as mining, tourism, timber and lumber, power dams, etc., etc...

- In order to have a "Strong Unity" amongst Native people

in Saskatchewan to ensure we have and develop our proposed "Dumont College" to become a leading Institute of Higher Education for our people here in Saskatchewan as well as Canada. "An Education System for us and by us".

- We need a "Strong and Total Cultural Unity" amongst us to ensure that we will be working hard with our people to decide where we are going and how we are to get there. We will ensure that the way of life of our children and our Grand Children will be decided by them in turn as a "Right" and not a privilege as it now seems to be the case for us today, as a basis for action to make sure "Our Rights".

- We need "Unity" to ensure that we from here on receive "True Justice" in and through the Judicial System; (1) Policing, (2) Courts, (3) Medical Intervention, (4) Classification (5) Incarceration period, (6) Probation (7) Parole and all other activities concerning our People in this very important matter. I will work towards extending "Native Race Relations Program" to Provincial basis.

- We need a "Strong Unity" to ensure that we get our "Total Housing Needs" in this Province of Saskatchewan. I will continue to work towards this goal and objective.

As your Provincial Secretary of AMNSIS I request your support, your vote to be able to represent "You".

I have been involved with our AMNSIS Organization for several years. I speak my Native language and English fluently.

I will continue to work hard and do my best on your behalf.

Yours in "Unity" and "Brotherhood"
Tom (T.J.) Roy



Leon Kennedy
Candidate
Area Director

My priorities as an Area Director would be: Economic Development. I feel economic development could be achieved, partially through the service programs we do have today; among those, Special ARDA, Canada Works, Secretary of State funding and various other funding program agencies. I feel that these programs could be a trained and a

learning process for our people in money management, personnel management and so forth. I feel that we have a great deal of work to do in this area. A lot of our people need training in this area. Halfbreed people have been able and have been doing various work, but we never seem to be in positions where handling money is involved. I think this is one of the biggest areas where we can train our people. All of the people call these programs 'Band-aid' Programs that don't really help us at all-but I feel very strongly that they do a great deal of work in training our people in money management. As an example: Onion Lake Project-where we have a group of Metis people that have been living along the edge of the reserve more or less squatting and working in the summer as part-time labourers for farmers in surrounding districts. These people have never had the opportunity to handle any more money than what has come to them through the farmers. I don't really know what the wages would have been, wouldn't have been that much anyway. Any other money they have managed I imagine would be unemployment insurance and welfare payments, as you all know, welfare doesn't pay that much. And now these people have been approved through Special ARDA for a post and woodcutting operation. They are handling and administering a fair amount of money through this project. They have also been approved for a laundromat operation for the community. It's been approved through Special ARDA for I believe \$47,000. Most of these people have never seen half of this money at one time and their handling this money in a legal and business like manner as of today. Because of these service programs, so I feel that these Service Programs are a

great asset to our people. My second priority would probably be Housing, because of the poor housing conditions my people have been living in for generations and generations. There is some progress in housing. I feel there is a lot to be done in this area. One of our locals in this area, Bright Sand Local, is trying to create their own Housing Program for about three years now. I believe they are in a bind with community services at this time. I feel that this obstacle can be overcome and they could build their own houses. They would like to build houses on ten-acre plots where they could have a few chickens and a little bit of garden space where they could cut down their living costs. They have produced from the forest and the surrounding district of Bright Sand over a 100,000 feet of lumber through their own initiative, through service programs, too. They've had Canada Works to help them out on this project. This would

cut down the cost of their housing and create some employment for them. One of the extremes in housing in this area would have to be Lloydminster where last winter there was a group of people living in tents in the city limits of Lloydminster. We've been able to get them on C.B.C. National News with the help of Roddy Durocher, Vice-President of the Organization. Now these people are living in a house in Lloydminster, and I feel work still has to be done in this area. There's many more people, maybe not necessarily living in tents, but a lot of the housing conditions that our people live in are maybe even worse than living than living in some of the tents that they produce today. Most of my priorities lie in the immediate problems our people are having today...along with the fighting with Unemployment Insurance and anybody that has drawn Unemployment Insurance knows that there is a lot of problems in this area. It seems like every week you're being disqualified for one thing or another. Welfare is always trying to cut you short for a few dollars or trying to cut you off completely for one reason or another. A lot of these don't even make sense. My main concern is the immediate problems of today. A lot of these Service Programs have been getting our people off of Welfare and Unemployment Insurance. Well, there is some people not going back on welfare, but a lot of the people still do. I think there is a great deal of work to be done on projects from Special ARDA where they could create long-term employment. One of the problems with Canada Works is when you are working on Canada Works Project one year, the second year you cannot work on that. You have to wait till the third year to work on another Canada Works. I

feel that this is an obstacle that has to be overcome by the organization one way or another. If you were working for one year and the second year you cannot work, then you are back on welfare and then you lose all your credibility you have formed in yourself. This is a problem amongst our people. This area should be looked into by the Provincial people. I feel that "Original Rights" is another important issue today for our people. I think most of the benefit would probably go to the people in the North where it is still considered more or less a territory and I feel that the Metis are the majority people in the North. They could control the direction tomorrow, at least for their children. Maybe not directly for themselves today, but their children could benefit from natural resources. I don't see the organization taking ownership and control over Natural Resources of today.

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Me an alcoholic, there is a solution

Whatever the situation, we usually have to do something about it.

Our design for living is not a one-way street.

In my experience the problem is not a lack of people around you waiting to love you. The problem is our lack of willingness to open our eyes to all the people who have been standing at our elbows waiting for us to love them.

Almost everyone of the changes I have made came about because of someone's acceptance of me as I am. In the beautiful warmth of that acceptance, I wasn't being pushed to change.

So, I was able to change because it was something I wanted to do that wasn't forced on me. And, this is what I found when I came into the Native Alcohol Program.

So therapy is getting better, therapy is learning new behavior through understanding, through changing our attitudes and through experiencing and practicing the rest of our lives.

We help you get rid of - fears, get new understanding, give you new experience of what you want to do. We give you drills to practice in the new of life. And, give you methods to diagnose yourself improvement so you can find out for yourself when something starts going wrong again. But you never finish learning.

And, this I see is what N.A.C. means, a continuous program of learning and understanding and changing our behavior.

I'm talking about getting a little better at something than we already are. What is it worth to you?

Like I say I'm not teaching and writing about these ideas for you as much as I'm doing it for me. The only thing I know is that I'm working on these ideas in my life just as hard as I can.

I'm not writing about something out of the edge of life. This is right in the centre. This is where most of my thoughts are concentrated during the day.

I want enough truth and reality and honesty in my life so I can live better than I did yesterday. And, by seeing truth and honesty and reality in my relationships, I can see a lot of things I wasn't able to see before, and life is working better for me. Sure, I will never know ultimate truth and ultimate reality, but that's fine. Sure, some of the things I today think are the truth will turn up false, but that's okay, too. Because I'm not seeking perfection. I'm just trying to get better.

So this is why I keep telling my friends who are still suffering from alcoholism, to give this program a try, for they will never regret it.

As I said before, my hope is that someday I might truly be able to understand and practice loving everybody. But I'm so

far from there that right now I'll settle for being able to treat everyone with at least courtesy and respect.

I know that people I dislike and treat poorly would really appreciate courtesy and respect from me. It would be alot more than they're getting from me now. The problem is that my dislike for these people hurts me a lot more than it hurts them. So, I'm trying to get rid of those feelings or moderate them in such a way that they aren't so harmful to me.

But if all of us don't need to make all the same mistakes, there is hope. Each of us don't need to make every mistake there is to be made. I have seen I can learn somethings from somebody elses experience. If that's so then there is a chance that this article might have some value.

So think on that and go to these people who are at the N.A.C. See what happens. See if they lift you up. See if going to them lifts you up. See if going to them helps calm you down so you see a little more of yourself. See what you get out of the deal. And, then see what the consequences are in your life because of spending sometime in the N.A.C.

A sober program is a system of controlling behavior. So give it a try and see if it works for you. But you have to judge for yourself. Try it out.

Like I always say, my disease is terminal, but I can get better and better until the day I meet my higher power - the one who restored me to some measure of sanity.

But, first, you must tear down those prison walls and, unchaining your inner resources, find yourself and develop yourself as the kind of person you want to be.

This is no easy task. It takes hard work, and it takes patience and determination. You must respect yourself because you are trying, oh so earnestly, to find yourself as a free person.

So, if you like what you read in this article and want to achieve self-respect, try our program and you will be a happier person.

With Pride and Honesty
James Daigneault
N.A.C. Fieldworker
Saskatoon, Sask.



Share your history contribute to the Saskatoon local's Metis Museum

While Grand dad may not want to part with that old buffalo gun , you can bet the rent money the Saskatoon local will take good care of it. Any article of an historical significance, for that matter, will receive the best care. So if you wish to contribute, loan or sell an article of Metis history, contact the Saskatoon local. The Saskatoon local's Metis Museum is your museum. Help it grow. Besides Grand dad would be hard pressed to find any buffalo these days anyway.

If you wish to contribute contact:
Clarence Trochian or
Sonia Morgia at
111 Ave.B.South
Saskatoon, Sask.

In previous years, voting of Directors and Executive positions was done on a delegate system so that each Local, according to how many members it has, could send a certain number of delegates to vote at the Annual Assembly. At last year's Annual Assembly, in an attempt to make the Association more democratic, Bylaw No.4 was passed (reprinted here for your information) providing that all full members of AMNSIS would in future be entitled to full participation in the electoral process.

Bylaw No.4

The Association shall establish a poll in each Local for the purpose of enabling all paid up full members to vote for the members of the Executive and the Board. Such voting is to take place at least two weeks before the Annual Assembly. Ballots from Local polls shall be brought to the Annual Assembly where they will be counted by Scrutineers selected by the Candidates for the various positions.

*Electoral Officer
Wendy Dean*

Vote Ken Eikland for Mayor

I will be a candidate for Mayor in Prince Albert's forthcoming civic elections.

I have been a resident of Prince Albert for the past 25 years and know the problems facing the city. I believe I can provide some fresh, new ideas and the strong civic leadership the city needs.

Common sense, down to earth, people oriented civic government is what I believe Prince Albert needs, as well as positive, dynamic results without excessive spending.

Hazeldell and Nordale areas must be better served. I will work on these areas if elected Mayor.

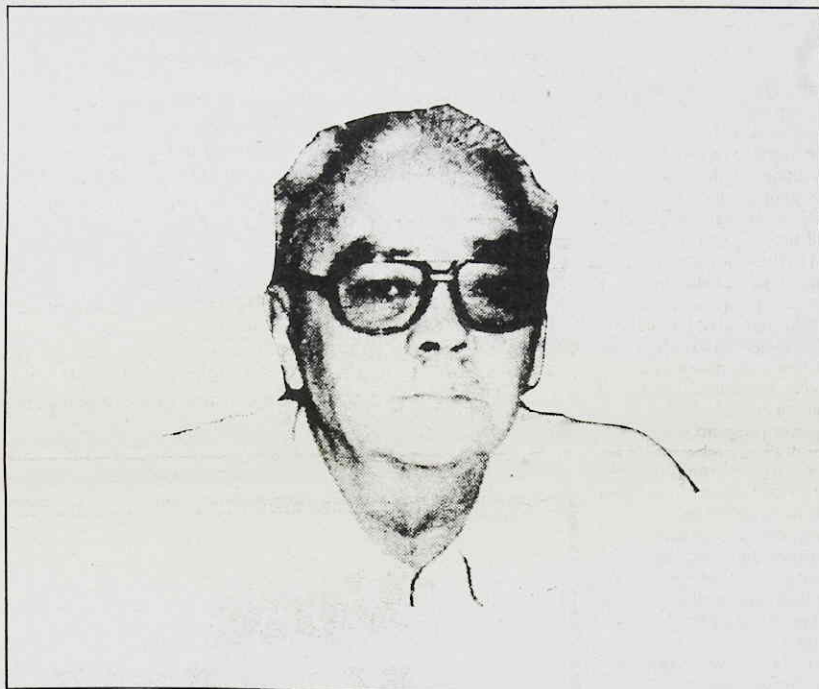
I want to work closely with you all and sincerely solicit your votes.

*Respectfully yours,
Ken Eikland.*

PRINCE ALBERT AREA DIRECTOR

ELECT

POCHA



Pocha vote where it counts

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Aboriginal Rights

Aboriginal Rights Study Sessions Outlined

by Donna Pinay

The Aboriginal Rights Program of AMNSIS was first established in 1976 to undertake research and gather information about the aboriginal rights of the Metis people of Saskatchewan. Research involved work in archives, church records, government documents and many other sources. The information gathered is about Metis history, legal acts and the government's mistreatment of the Metis people.

When AMNSIS established the Aboriginal Rights Program, it was recognized that all Saskatchewan Metis must be involved in and aware of aboriginal rights. In order to develop the type of aboriginal claim that Metis people want, involvement in the Aboriginal Rights Program is necessary. The Community Consultation Program was developed to obtain this involvement.

There are a number of staff involved in the Community Consultation Program. A director and nine fieldworkers are responsible for involving local people in the aboriginal rights area. A writer and illustrator are responsible for developing materials that the fieldworkers can use.

The nine fieldworkers use the materials to present to interested people. The material includes lessons or study sessions, slides and tapes, and related background information. There are nine fieldworkers, one in each of the nine AMNSIS areas. They are available to work with area boards, locals, schools and other interested people.

The first topic of the information is near completion. Entitled "A Historical Overview of the Metis People" the first topic includes five study sessions or lessons which are:

- The Development of the Metis Culture
- Aboriginal Rights In Canada
- The History of Rupertsland and the Northwest
- The Metis People and Their Conflict with Canada
- Canada's Dealings with the Metis People.

The first study session is about culture, which is the way a people live. Indian and European cultures are studied and the development of the Metis culture is explained. This lesson also deals with the fur trade and its effects on the Indian and Metis people.

The second lesson deals with the idea of aboriginal rights and how different nations, when exploring, would deal with the original people of these lands. The study session examines how England and France treated the Indian people in the area that is now Canada.

The third study session looks at the area that is now Saskatchewan and Manitoba and how the fur trade affected the aboriginal people. There were

two fur trading companies that competed against each other and involved the Native people in their trade wars.

The fourth study session deals with the Canadian government's attempts to obtain the Northwest [now Saskatchewan and Manitoba] as part of Canada. They went ahead in their plans without involving the Indian or Metis

people who rightfully owned the land. They mistreated the

aboriginal people and this led to the Riel Resistance of 1885.

The fifth study session deals with the Metis land and money scrip issue. The lesson shows how the Metis people's land was taken from them by speculators, government officials and others. Although the Metis were entitled to land, many did not receive it or else were cheated out of it.

At present, study sessions 1 and 2 are complete. The fieldworkers are able to present

these to interested people. The remaining three will be completed by the end of July.

The next topic will be a more involved and detailed history of the Metis people which will involve the birth of the Metis Nation, the Riel Resistance and will include present day information about the Metis people.

The other topics the Aboriginal Rights Program will deal with in the future include the government's treatment and policy towards the Metis, scrip

speculation and how the Metis were cheated out of their land.

If you are interested in learning more about Aboriginal Rights, contact the Aboriginal Rights fieldworker in your area or your area director. Inquiries can also be directed to the main office:

Aboriginal Rights Program
2-1843 Broad Street
Regina, Saskatchewan
Phone: 527-0147



Clem Chartier

As we are about to have our Annual Assembly, I feel that a brief review of the Program since the last Annual Meeting is in order.

At Batoche last year, the Assembly passed a Resolution setting up a program to be known as the "Aboriginal Land Claims and Research Department". The Resolution also directed the Board to give top priority to this program and to make sure that it does get top priority, a management committee, 4 from the Board and 2

members at large, were to be appointed by the Board. One of the Committee members was to be from the Executive and was to act as chairman.

This Committee was established by a Board motion in Moose Jaw on September 28, 1978. The four Committee members appointed were Frank Tomkins, Wayne McKenzie, Pierre Dorion and Nap LaFontaine. The two members at large have not yet been appointed.

Because we had reached a critical stage in our Research

area will be responsible for their expenses.

● The field staff should work with the area director to develop an Ab Rights Committee at the area level which would meet regularly and would be responsible to promote the program in the area and to periodically review what is happening in the area on aboriginal rights.

● Field staff should also encourage the development of local committees, where feasible, to be responsible for the grassroots educational and consultation program in the area.

● Because of the limited size of the committee, it is necessary to have reasonably regular attendance of all committee members to do business.

The Ab Rights Committee should ask the Board to replace any Board Committee member who misses three consecutive meetings without a valid reason. The committee likewise should replace non-board committee members who do not attend meetings.

Program and because it was a number one priority, an Evaluation Committee was established in March, with a deadline for reporting back by the end of April. The main function of this Evaluation Committee was to see how we could better improve our current program.

Some of the recommendations include the following:

structure and Involvement

- To get the Board more involved and more informed about issues, quarterly meetings or workshops of two to three days' duration should take place between the Board and the Aboriginal Rights Committee and staff.
- Every six months (or every second meeting) all of the

Association's staff should be involved in these workshops.

● Board members should send alternates to these meetings if they cannot attend. The meetings could also be open to other interested persons from the areas provided it is understood that they or the

Staffing

● Because of limited funding and the short-term nature of funding, it is recommended that management staff consist of a program director and a program assistant. The program director would have overall responsibility. The total management workload on the research and consultation aspects of the program should be divided between the two management staff based on their qualifications, experience, skills and interest.

● The program head should be responsible for liaison with the research heads of provincial native associations (status and non-status) and with the NCC.

● If possible, a field worker be hired for each area. Although these workers will be provincial employees and will be responsible to one of the management staff, they should be selected jointly by the area director and the program administrator from among suitable candidates in the area. The worker's responsibility would be for the area and he/she must maintain close liaison with the area director, area and local committees. The worker should share his/her activity reports with the area director.

● To promote effective and responsible management, the Ab Rights Committee should be responsible for hiring decisions, or to ratify hiring in the case of field workers, and for the dismissal of staff who are not performing adequately. In the case of field workers, decisions on dismissal should be taken in consultation with the area director.

● In selecting staff, consideration should be given to more mature persons who will command the attention and respect of the membership.

● Staff selected should be able to speak either Cree or Chipewyan and translate from English to Cree or Chipewyan depending on the area in which they are working.

National Museum of Man to collect Metis music

Mr. Gibbons, an ethnomusicologist working under contract for the National Museum of Man (NMM), was in Regina this week recording and documenting traditional half-breed music. The NMM is attempting to collect and preserve material of value for the study of ways of life past and present of the half-breed population in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Such a project is long overdue. We as a nation have distinct music, dance, language, customs and cuisine. Our mixed cultural backgrounds have made each aspect of our culture a unique expression. However, we are quickly losing these traditions.

This NMM project is the first academic endeavor to preserve some aspects of our musical culture before it is completely lost. We have instrumentalists and singers who have made music and songs. Some are in our half-breed language.

In the past, we have had poets whose verse was integrated into song. Pierre Falcon (1793-1876), a brother-in-law of Cuthbert Grant, recorded contemporary events

and people in verse. Unfortunately, only a fraction survives. The most famous of his songs is the "Chanson de la Grenouillere" also known as "The Battle of Seven Oaks".

The material collected by Mr. Gibbons will be used for research and education purposes. The material will be deposited at the Archives of the National Museum of Man. Upon completion of the project (October 1980) copies of the audio and audio-visual recordings will be made available to participating organizations for education purposes only.

Mr. Gibbons is very interested in hearing and recording half-breed songs and traditional instrumental music. He will be attending our Back to Batoche celebration in August. We sincerely hope that those interested in preserving our traditions will be able to come to Batoche and meet him there.

For further information on the project please contact Mr. Joe Perreault or Mr. George Blondeau at the AMNSIS office at 525-6721.

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AUGUST 1st, 1979

ELECT TOM (T.J.) ROY

AMNSIS PROVINCIAL

SECRETARY



Dear Brothers & Sisters of our AMNSIS Nation of Saskatchewan:

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to share some of myself with you.

Following are some of my ideas, beliefs, truths, and commitments which I know and believe are most important in our development as a people in our struggle towards Self Reliance and Social Independence.

1. The number one concern at this time is our "Cultural Unity" as one people throughout Saskatchewan. Unity I stand for and will work towards.
2. Our "Unity" is so very important in our "Aboriginal Rights and Legal Claims" position we will be presenting to the Federal and Provincial Governments and Courts. We need unity in Saskatchewan and across this land of ours. I stand for and will continue to work towards our fight for attainment of our Aboriginal Rights and Legal Claims.
3. We need total "Cultural Unity" here in Saskatchewan for Support and strength in our struggle for our own land use Policy Attainment. I stand for and will continue to work towards our getting our lands that are yet owing to us.
4. We need total "Cultural Unity" here in Saskatchewan for support and strength in our struggle to ensure that our people will partake directly in the planning, operations and benefits of any and future economic and Social development such as mining, tourism, timber and lumber, power dams, etc. etc...
5. In order to have a "Strong Unity" amongst Native people in Saskatchewan to ensure we have and develop our proposed "Dumont College" to become a leading Institute of Higher Education for our people here in Saskatchewan as well as Canada. "An Education System for us and by us".
6. We need total Unity in Saskatchewan for support and strength in our struggle towards: fair and equal employment and other Opportunities.
7. We need a "Strong and Total Cultural Unity" amongst us to ensure that we will be working very hard with our people to decide where we are going and how we are to get there. We will ensure that the way of life of our children and our Grand Children will be decided by them in turn as a "Right" and not a privilege as it now seems to be the case for us today, as a basis for action to make sure "Our Rights".
8. We need "Unity" to ensure that we from here on receive "True Justice" in and through the Judicial System; (1) Policing, (2) Courts, (3) Medical Intervention, (4) Classification, (5) Incarceration period, (6) Probation (7) Parole and all other activities concerning our People in this very important matter. I will work towards extending "Native Race Relations Program" to a Province basis.
9. We need a "Strong Unity" to ensure that we get our "Total Housing Needs" in this Province of Saskatchewan. I will continue to work towards this goal and objective.

As your "Provincial Secretary" of AMNSIS I request your support, your vote to be able to represent "You".

I have been involved with our AMNSIS Organization for several years. I speak my Native language and English fluently.

I will continue to work hard and do my best on your behalf.

Yours in "Unity" and "Brotherhood"
Tom (T.J.) Roy

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHTS AS A MEMBER OF AMNSIS

ON ELECTION DAY PLEASE COME OUT AND VOTE!



AMNSIS NEEDS TOM (T.J.) ROY

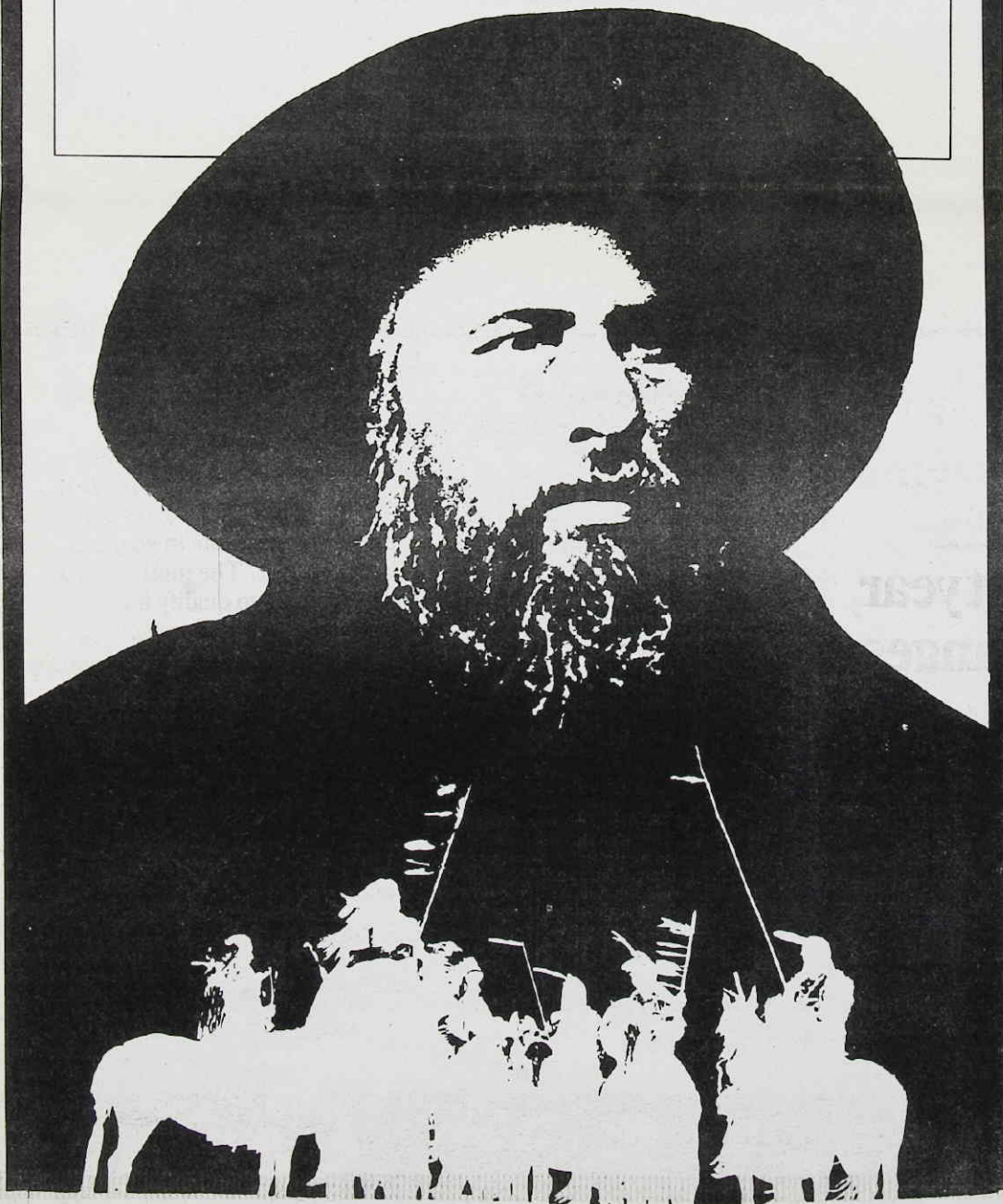
BATOOCHE 79

For Saskatchewan's Metis it is the place where a dream refused to die. Batoche, a continuing symbol of the Metis Nation. Join us this summer as we return to the Batoche battlefield for five days of Metis culture. Share with us in honoring our war dead. Jig to the old fiddle tunes. participate in a score of sports events.

We call it Back to Batoche. It's our past, our present, our future. It's a part of what we are. Join us.

August 14-18

Batoche battle site
35 miles north of Saskatoon
on the Prince Albert Highway



Aboriginal Rights

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- Staff should be required to prepare and submit weekly activity reports to the program director with a copy to the area director. Activity reports should be submitted with requisitions for travel reimbursement. Travel expenditures should be paid only when or not until the activity reports are filed.

Program Communications and Content

- In presenting Ab Rights information and issues, it should be linked to all other Association programs and positions. This will require development of both a short-term and long-term aboriginal rights strategy.

- The committee and board should strive to increase communications concerning Ab Rights issues and information through newsletters, The New Breed, radio and T.V. programming, films, comic books, slide and tape material, etc.

- The committee and board should find ways to publish materials dealing with important historical findings or issues on which the Association has taken a final position.

- The committee should be directed to find ways to prepare educational materials in the Cree language.

- The material that is developed must be flexible enough so that it can be used with groups of Native people who have different social and educational backgrounds and different levels of social and political awareness.

- The area field workers should be involved in holding area workshops, local meetings, making presentations in school, speaking to service clubs, church groups, and other community organizations. They, as well, should have informal discussions with Native people over coffee, in their homes, etc.

- The writers should work on the preparation of communications material such as pamphlets, posters, picture publications, curriculum materials, etc., for use in the schools and materials for use in libraries.

- The board should follow up on its constitutional responsibility to commission colors (a flag) and to select a suitable Metis song as a national anthem of the Metis.

The evaluation committee is aware that the Association and staff cannot hope to accomplish everything covered in the above recommendations in one year. Since funding commitments beyond this year are very indefinite, the committee and staff should develop a system of work priorities.

The Executive held a meeting on May 2, 1979 and have accepted the recommendations made by the Evaluation Committee. In addition, as stated in the last issue of the New Breed, we have hired 9 fieldworkers to conduct community consultation. It is important that we discuss the role of this field staff and our Locals at the Annual Assembly so that we can work out a plan which will ensure that we get as much as possible out of the program by the end of March, 1980.

Starting July 1, there were some changes made to Unemployment Insurance.

**Unless you
worked at least
20 weeks
in the past year,
these changes
could
apply to you.**

In December 1978, Parliament changed the Unemployment Insurance Program. Changes starting July 1 mean that some people will have to work longer before they can qualify for Unemployment Insurance benefits.

**Have you worked
20 weeks or more in the
last year?**

If so, this message does not apply to you. Twenty weeks work qualifies for your regular Unemployment Insurance benefits and for UI illness and maternity benefits or the one time benefit at age 65.

**Are you working for the
first time or coming back
to work?**

Generally, if you are working in your first job or you are coming back to work after more than one year, you will need to work 20 weeks before you can qualify for UI benefits. There are some exceptions to this 20 week rule, depending on what you were doing during that period.

**Did you get UI benefits
in the last year?**

If you got UI benefits in the last year, there are new rules that may apply to you - unless the unemployment rate in your area is over 11.5%. The most you will have to work to qualify for UI benefits is 20 weeks, regardless of how many weeks you previously drew UI.

**Canada's Unemployment
Insurance Program**

**Working with people
who want to work.**



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ROD DUROCHER



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— **UNITY**

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**BY OBJECTIVE AFFIRMATIVE
CONFRONTATION**

