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EDITORIAL

SYMBOLS Stanley Island and Iona Island in Canada's St. Lawrence River, and Alcatraz off the coast of California, are modern symbols of the feelings which exist amongst native people in North America today.

TAKE OVER ISLANDS These three small islands have been taken over by bands of Indian people who moved onto them, and claimed them as theirs. Before law, the move is based on uncertain or disputed land titles. In fact they are signs of the native movement which is gripping the people from all tribes and areas.

NATIVES HELP A quarter of a century ago, some countries in Europe were freed from invaders, who had tried to capture and hold the land and its people. Now of our people fought and died in the effort to push back and remove the invaders from countries which were not theirs.

COUNTRY OWNERS A century and more ago, another country was overrun by invaders, but so one came to the rescue of the people who lived in that country. A people with a beautiful culture, and language and all the other things society values.

NO SHARING The people who owned and inhabited the land did not mind sharing it with outsiders. It was a big land and offered much to all. The outsiders did not want to share the land. They wanted it all, and all it could possibly offer.

INHABITANTS DEFEATED The inhabitants were rather simple and trusting people. The invaders were often cruel and arrogant. The people soon learned that they had to protect themselves from the invaders. The invaders called this *conquest*. And because the inhabitants were not good at war, and fighting, they defeated, oppressed and herded their like animals into areas of land that the invaders did not want.

GOOD AT SUPPRESSING The invaders were wise people in the art of suppressing. The invaders taught the people that they were savage, barbarians, even irreligious and uncultured. As years went by, and the first owners were kept controlled by themselves, they began to believe that they were all these things and maybe stupid and unable to learn besides.

INVADERS ARE REAL SAVAGES Finally, the invaders made a mistake; they forgot to repair the fences around the corrals. The first owners started to break out of the corral and watch the new owners. They saw them fighting with each other over the land they had stolen. They saw them quarrelling over metal coins like it was food. They saw them cheating each other, lying to one another and trying to conquer each other. The first owners laughed at the new owners because they could see them destroying each other. They laughed because they saw that they had accepted a lie. The invaders were the savages, the barbarians and all the other things. They invaders didn't live by the wonderful things they taught others.

FIRST OWNERS LAUGH Suddenly, the new owners saw the first owners and remembered where they had herded them. The new owners came to the first owners and said, "Come and join us, its fun living like we live." The first owners laughed because they knew the invaders were making themselves weak and soft and that some day it would be possible to bring back their own culture and language and all the other things they used to have.

TEACH INVADERS Now the first owners are moving. They are coming back to reclaim their own country. They are pushing back the invaders with their hate, their savagery, their uncultured ways. They are going to teach the invaders how to live.

INVADERS GROW Now the invaders, too sick, too weak to fight, lie back and groan: "We're just going to sit around and let the Indians take this whole country back from us, island by island, acre by acre and township by township, until it will no longer be safe to cross this land without forming our camping trailers and mobile homes into a tight circle each weekend!"

CONGRATULATIONS

The Metis Society of Saskatchewan extends congratulations to Alex Primeau and his associates on the opening of the new Indian-Metis Friendship Centre. We wish them much success in the future.



Who Isn't Co-operating?

CO-OPERATION How far do the native people have to go before the Government of Saskatchewan will start coming? The Metis Society has been accused many times of not co-operating with Government. The problem the Society faces is to determine how it is possible. Is co-operation a one way street, or do both sides try?

PERSONAL INVITATION In preparation for a meeting held in Abernathy, Mr. Sinclair, the Deputy Minister of the Indian-Metis Department was given a personal invitation. It accepted and assured the Society that he would be there.

ISN'T HAVE TIME When the meeting opened in Abernathy, it committees were represented from Meadow Lake to Estevan. Mr. Sinclair was not there. He didn't have time to attend. In his place he sent his representatives.

USELESS The representatives of the Indian-Metis Department were all but useless. They couldn't answer questions, accept proposals or make decisions. They weren't in a position to do anything for the people, the meeting, or the famous "co-operation."

MEETING IN MEADOW LAKE The meeting coming up in Meadow Lake, August 15, was made known to government in June. They were informed of the exact time and place a month in advance. The Minister of Welfare and the Minister of the Indian-Metis Department have informed the Society that they won't be there. Welfare is a major issue among the people and so is the Indian-Metis department. How are the people supposed to deal with these departments now? Do we deal with representatives who are more concerned about protecting policy, etc. than concern for the people? Are the ministers concerned?

REFUSAL There is an Alcohol Counsellor Training Program being given in Wainwright; the Indian-Metis Department was to send native people. When the Metis Society asked to have two people sent, they were refused. The Society is trying to help its people in this issue of alcoholism as well as all the others. Where does the Society get help from?

SUPPORT GOVERNMENT The Society accepts the accusation that it doesn't support the government and its programs. The Society doesn't because it feels its position is one of representing its people, their needs and benefits to government. The government's position is supposed to be that of working for people in their interests.

COME TO MEETINGS The Society agrees that solutions will only be found through co-operation. That is why they have tried to get government people to come too and take part in the meetings.

EFFORT BY ALL Co-operation requires effort by all concerned. When will our Provincial Government start co-operating?

ERROR: RE OFFICE

An error was made in the last issue of THE NEWBORN. It is Ibrold Lajudiere who is devoting his time to moving the Regina office with the help of Walter Lagan.

The address again is the Saskatchewan Metis Society, 1111 Rose Street, Regina. Phone 523-8501.

Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College
Library Department

New Work Training Program.

CUTBACK "Cutback" is the name given to the townsite which was built up to house the people employed in the building of the South Saskatchewan River Dam. The townsite is located about twenty miles south of Outlook, Saskatchewan. It overlooks the South Saskatchewan River Valley, the Gardiner Dam and the new Diefenbaker Lake. To someone from the south it looks scenic. To someone from the north, barren.

EMPTY Since the completion of the dam, the town has become empty. Nearly everyone has left, leaving behind a great number of buildings and facilities.

GOVERNMENT PURCHASES TOWNSITE The Provincial Government has purchased this townsite and some local facilities. It proposes to set up a program of work-training for native people. They hope to have up to 29 families and 70 single adults each year on a program lasting approximately two to three years for each person.

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING On-the-job training will be mostly in the area of agriculture. Since the area has been designated for irrigation by the dam project, a large part of the work and training will be irrigation farming. A livestock farm will also be connected with the project.

TRADES FOR MEN Besides, training for men is proposed in the areas of: farm management, commercial cooking, small motor repair, welding, mechanical maintenance, carpentry, building construction and heavy equipment operation.

TRADES FOR WOMEN For women, courses will be offered in commercial cooking, waitress training, domestic training, nursery attendant training and possible others.

"HOW TO LIVE" Other courses will be provided which propose to assist people "to live more successfully in an industrialized white community," and to give "orientation that relates to the white man's culture and environment."

ASKED QUESTIONS The Metis Society of Saskatchewan has asked some questions regarding the project. It is hoped that they can see their way to support and assist in the success of the project.

SOME FEARS The society fears that the project is aimed at eliminating the Indian culture and inheritance of the people. If the project proposes to make white people out of brown people, the society rejects it.

OTHER QUESTIONS Less basic questions such as, "who and how the people are going to be chosen," are asked. What wage guarantee is made for those in training? What guarantee is made of work after training? Are training programs in areas such as waitress, commercial cooking and domestic services, of benefit to the people.

IMPORTANT REQUEST A very important request made by the society was that as many native people as possible be put in management and director positions.

RAISE OUR VOICES Such projects as these are good, if they are directed to the true benefit of the people concerned. The government is coming to realize that they need the support of the native organizations to make these projects succeed. It is in the interest of the people that these organizations operate. Maybe there is a chance that some real benefit can come when our native people raise their voices on this and other issues.

AREA MEETING MEADOW LAKE

FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PRESENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE OF
METIS SOCIETY
will be there

Everyone is asked to attend.
Metis Society will assist with expenses.

Contact Duayne Moore or Josephine Tashman at Meadow Lake for further information.

THE MEETING WILL BE AT THE

CIVIC CENTRE
August 15 - 1:30 p.m.

Metis Society of Saskatchewan

For those of you who may not have seen the May issue of THE NEW BREED, here are the names of the Executive and the Board of Directors of THE METIS SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT, Jim Sinclair.....Pawich,
VICE PRESIDENT, Napoleon LaFontaine.....Lestock,
SECRETARY, Rose Schneider.....Pt. St. Apolline
TREASURER, Agnes Stanley.....Regina.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Keatty.....Moose Jaw
Pierre Carriere.....Cumberland House
Ray Hamilton.....1324 Cairnes Ave., Saskatoon
Napoleon Johnson.....11a-1a-Crosse
Albert La Fontaine.....Lestock
Chris La Fontaine.....Regina
Aedric McLaughlin.....St. Louis
Walter Schoenhal.....277 Edward Street, Regina

CLOSELY INVOLVED: Your Board of Directors this year are closely involved in the operation of THE METIS SOCIETY. They attended a joint meeting in Prince Albert with the Executive on June 28 at which time they added Mr. Pierre Carriere to represent the northeastern part of the province and Chris La Fontaine representing the Metis youth.

PLANS FOR MEETING: At this meeting, plans were drawn up for the large meeting at Meadow Lake, where the people of the area will be able to meet with their Board of Directors and the Executive to exchange views regarding problems and their possible solution.

MEETINGS REGULARLY: The Board plans to meet at regular intervals, finances permitting, in order to keep in close contact with the people. They hope to go to various centres so that all Metis may be heard. They feel that without direct contact with the people, they lose their effectiveness. They plan to meet every two months, because if meetings are spaced too far apart they will lose contact with the people, and if the meetings are too close together the cost would be too high.

Trade and Occupational Training

MANY PROGRAMS: There are many programs beginning in the province which are designed to give people education and skills for better jobs.

AVAILABLE TO US: These programs are all available to the native people, and can be paid for through various departments of government, and other agencies. Anyone who wishes to take part in these educational programs should contact the local people representing these departments and agencies. Some of these are: Manpower, Indian Affairs, Indian and Metis Department, Welfare and others.

CONTACT YOUR SOCIETY: If you are unable to get the information you need, feel free to contact the Metis Society office in Regina.

START NOW: Anyone interested should get to work on the applications immediately, as many of the programs will be beginning in September.



"Oh, well! Only 36 more days and back to good old school activities!"

Green Lake

UNCLE TOMSAWKS How much do we have to take? How long do we stand back and watch our people get pushed around? How do we show the Uncle Tomshawks that they are being used?

RESIST Green Lake, like so many other native communities, is suffering from depression, discrimination and exploitation. Some people in Green Lake are ready to do something about it. Some people are ready to stand up and resist, though they know it won't be easy.

SUPPORT FROM INDIGENES They called for support and suggestions from the provincial executive of the Metis Society. On July 7, a meeting was called by the local with one prominent, Napi La Fontaine, the vice-president, went up there and took Fr. John Orens and Sr. Rae Stewart with him.

NATIVES BEING USED The issue facing them was that some people were trying to block the jamboree which was being organized. This was being done by certain people, using a local curling club as their excuse. The curling club is run by some members of the native community, but these people are being used by other people and are being told what to do.

REFUSE HALL To try to stop the jamboree, the curling club refused to let the Metis Society local rent the hall and play in Green Lake. They said that the local was not helping to pay for the hall, or helping cover the costs. The Metis Society had bills which they had paid for light and heating, showing our expenses toward the hall.

NO ANSWER The vice-president of the curling club, who happens to be the local R.C.M.P. officer, was asked to come to the meeting. When he was shown the bills, he had no answer. He didn't want to make a stand. The Metis Society asked him to resign from the curling club if he was interested in making it honest and productive for the community. He promised that he would.

NEED SUPPORT Could the Green Lake local have seen done this much alone? It is doubtful, because they have to live within this power structure and these Uncle Tomshawks. They needed the support of the provincial executive to show these people who they were. These successors realized that they weren't dealing with a few local people, but with 40,000 Metis in Saskatchewan who were ready to work together to get justice. They know now, that the Metis people can and will work together to overcome the discrimination that is put upon them.

SUPPORT The local people still suffer a lot. Red and Rose Bishop are being treated like dogs by these successors, but Red and Rose know they have support from their own people all over Saskatchewan, and this helps them live through it.

POWER STRUCTURE Now it is open for the public to see, that in Green Lake, the agitators, the trouble-makers are not just a few native people, but are the power structure, the very people who claim to be there to bring peace and order.

WORK TOGETHER This type of working together must continue if we, the native people, are going to get anywhere.

HELP!

by Harold Lajmondere, a recovered alcoholic

ALCOHOLISM The ravages of alcoholism throughout Canada I feel do not bypass our people. In an effort to do something constructive, we have decided to present a column devoted to all aspects of how alcoholism interferes with our full participation in the life of our country. We wish to be of as much help as possible to as many people as possible. Thus, a column in the NEW BREED is a good method to attain that end.

OUR COLUMNIST Our columnist, Harold Lajmondere, a recovered alcoholic, has been active in the field of alcoholism since his last drink in January, 1960. He has worked with alcoholics on a voluntary basis at North Battleford, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Regina, Yorkton and Estevan. This has provided him with a wide acquaintance among recovered alcoholics. He knows people who may be of help to us in many areas of the province. Harold was active in the setting up of St. Joseph's Centre, a facility where an alcoholic may go for treatment at no cost to himself. For information on this centre you may call St. Joseph's Hospital, Estevan at 936-3664, Extension 240. Contact with Harold may be had by calling the Regina Office, 1111 Rose Street, Phone 523-9643.

WRITE US If you have any questions regarding any phase of alcoholism please write to "HELP" c/o THE NEW BREED and Harold will try to give you some good solid facts. All names will be kept in the strictest confidence and all questions will be answered by direct mail. Those of more general interest will be covered in this column.

SEND COMMENTS I would like to have your comments and advice so we can be of the best possible service to our people.

Are You an Alcoholic?

To answer this question ask yourself the following questions and answer them as honestly as you can.

1. Do you lose time from work due to drinking? Yes No
2. Is drinking making your home life unhappy? Yes No
3. Do you drink because you are shy with other people? Yes No
4. Is drink affecting your reputation? Yes No
5. Have you ever felt remorse after drinking? Yes No
6. Have you gotten into financial difficulties as a result of drinking? Yes No
7. Do you turn to lower companies and an inferior environment when drinking? Yes No
8. Does your drinking make you careless of your family's welfare? Yes No
9. Has your ambition decreased since drinking? Yes No
10. Do you crave a drink at a definite time daily? Yes No
11. Do you want a drink the next morning? Yes No
12. Does drinking cause you to have difficulty in sleeping? Yes No
13. Has your efficiency decreased since drinking? Yes No
14. Is drinking jeopardizing your job or business? Yes No
15. Do you drink to escape from your worries or trouble? Yes No
16. Do you drink alone? Yes No
17. Have you ever had a complete loss of memory as a result of drinking? Yes No
18. Has your physician ever treated you for drinking? Yes No
19. Do you drink to build up your self-confidence? Yes No
20. Have you ever been to a hospital or institution on account of drinking? Yes No

If you have answered YES to any one of the questions, there is a definite warning that you may be an alcoholic. If you have answered YES to any two, the chances are that you are an alcoholic. If you have answered YES to three or more, you are definitely an alcoholic.

(The above Test Questions are used by John Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, Md. in deciding whether or not a patient is alcoholic.)

 The young people at Mount Currie have 991 less cavities! What's the secret? They don't take the credit. The responsibility must go to the Department of Indian Affairs dentists, because they extract all the teeth before the people reach the age of fifteen.

17 Years Old, Going on 60 . . .

CHILD OF THE SARCOE

Child of the Sarcoe drift in the city,
 Yearning for love to belong you're so pretty;
 Scared by stigma in Indian house,
 Piercing of punks, why expect more?
 Hoping for happiness, status too,
 But you've come to believe it's just not for you.
 The depot, the one place in town you know
 You can't stay away, you just have to go.
 To be picked up, used and cast aside?
 Till your heart is broken, and you're dead inside.
 Oh yes, you go back to the reservation,
 A family reunion and celebration,
 But even that does not satisfy,
 You're lost and lonely, unable to cry.
 There are those who would help, but you trust no one --
 How can you after what life has done?
 You're a broken bough from an ancient tree,
 Limp and languid where you had hoped to be free
 Child of the Sarcoe drift in the city,
 Seventeen years old, going on sixty.

THIS LAND IS OUR LAND, (DON'T FORGET IT!)

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SPORTS NEWS

Regina Natives Football Club

This spring Arnold LaFour, Fred Starr and Bruce Filmore undertook the task of forming a football team consisting of all native players. It all began with no financial backing or any sponsorship. Throughout the next month this enterprise has been self-supporting and is finding the going very rough toward meeting their expenses.

We began by playing exhibition games with various clubs in Regina. The Metises have taken in several tournaments throughout the southern portion of the province. Their success is beginning to show as they have been in the finals at Neynan, Linton and in the semi-finals at Kamsack and Quinter.

Presently the ball club is in the process of fund raising toward uniforms and a trip to Edmonton where they will enter an all native tournament on August 23rd and 24th.

The enthusiasm and interest in the club is running at an all time high, but money is needed.

Golf Tournament

The Indian-Metis Friendship Centre of Prince Albert will host the Provincial Indian & Metis Golf Championship. This is to take place on August 23rd and 24th, 1970 at Cooke Municipal Golf Course. It will be 36 holes Medal Play.

The entry fee will be \$5.00. This is to cover banquet and refreshments. Green fees will be extra. Send all entries to the Friendship Centre as soon as possible. The address is:

Indian-Metis Friendship Centre,
14th St. & 1st Ave. E.,
Prince Albert, Sask.

OF BRAVES AND MAIDENS

A NATIVE BAND

The dance following the meeting in Meadow Lake, Aug. 15, will feature the musical talents of some of our own native people. This is a group which goes by the name, THE MUIRE 5700. We are sure all who attend will enjoy the entertainment.

The names of the musicians are:

Wright Fleming.....Drum
John Kopyev.....Lead Guitar
Karyes Kopyev.....Blythe Guitar
Jim Kopyev.....Bass Guitar
Kevin Feltner.....Lead Singer

This band plays all kinds of music and will play anywhere, anytime. Anyone interested in hiring the band may contact Joseph Feltner, Box 413, Fort Qu'Appelle.

WE WANT TO
CO-OPERATE WITH
THE GOVERNMENT -
BUT THEY WANT
CO-OPERATE WITH
US.



Let's Study the "White Problem"

The Canadian Centre for Anthropology, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, has initiated a research project involving native people.

Before anyone starts grinning and saying, "Not another research project," The Research Centre people would like to point out that the aim of this project is to find out what would happen if the tables were turned and the Indians started doing research on the White Man. What trends would they study, what problems would they investigate, what do they think the White Problem really is?

All ideas, suggestions, information, etc. would be most welcome. The Centre will acknowledge all letters and make sure that the results of this research project get back to the people who contributed. Anyone interested can contact Jim Lott at:

The Canadian Research Centre for Anthropology,
Saint Paul University,
225 Main Street, Ottawa
or phone 235-1421

HELP YOUR NEWSPAPER

THE NEW BREED wants to hear from you. This is your newspaper. We are disappointed that we have not received more articles and "Letters to the Editor" from you. We want information about problems and happenings in your community, so we can tell others in the province. Of course, we also want to hear about problems that you have successfully solved. Because our communities are scattered all over Saskatchewan, THE NEW BREED is a good way for Native people to communicate with one another.

We are in desperate need right now of cartoons. Send cartoons as well as articles and "Letters to the Editor" to:

The Metis Society,
1111 ROSE STREET,
Regina, Sask.



A NOTE OF THANKS

The Metis Society of Saskatchewan wishes to thank the Secretary of State in Ottawa for giving \$5,000.00 to further the Metis movement.

This has made the area meeting in Meadow Lake possible. \$2,000.00 is being spent to bring people to the meeting and to provide housing and food.

The rest of the money is going toward the office in Regina and expenses met by the Society.

DENY METIS EXISTENCE

MONTREAL - Canada's non-people are the Metis. Less than a century ago the whole world followed the newspaper stories of the battles that raged across Canada's western plains and forests as these people rode to war under the guidance of their fiery leader, Louis Riel.

TODAY RIEL IS GONE and the Metis' only fight is a grim struggle for survival in a society that refuses to let them exist.

ALL ACROSS CANADA, each census period, thousands of Metis are listed as being of French, Scottish, Irish or other European origins. In almost all cases their last white "ancestor" died at least 100 years ago.

WHEN THE METIS finally laid down their rifles 85 years ago, and vanquished, accepted Canada's offer of peace, there were only a few thousand of them. Today their number around 500,000. Twice the total combined population of all Canada's Indians and Eskimos.

Wherever they are living in scattered settlements in white rural areas, they are anything but ignored. Their children - if they go to school - are jeered at, mocked, called names and beaten up by other students. Teachers often single them out for punishment, and school boards let it be known that "breeds" aren't welcome in their schools.

There is one thing all Metis everywhere in this country have in common. That is their poverty. They are poor in a way that most people in this country cannot even imagine. In Metis communities across Canada I have seen their log huts, plastered with mud, oddly similar - looking from coast to coast. These huts are thrown up on land that does not belong to them. They do not even own the dirt beneath their floors. The land they squat on cannot be farmed and most of them do not have enough education for the simplest urban jobs, even if such jobs were available.

They have no fishing, hunting or trapping rights, even though most of them live in isolated rural or forest areas, which are often advertised as hunter's paradises...

Thus refused the right to their own identity, living unwanted on land that is not their own... the Metis dare not fight or speak out. Any man who dares to organize them, or to encourage them to fight for changes risks angering the colonial forces in power....

The Metis Society is a native organization of Metis and non-Treaty Indians. You can join by signing up with your local organization; or send your name, address, and \$1.00 for membership. NEW BREED subscription rates; \$5.00 per year, \$1.50 for six months.

Write for membership and subscription to: The Metis Society,
1111 ROSE STREET, Regina, Sask.