since his youth; his recent experience in the bush was similar to Brady's. Neither man carried equipment—gun, snare wire, knife—for procuring food. Both men, however, knew the standard procedures for attracting attention when lost in the bush.

The weather conditions were very unusual for June. After snowing several inches on the night of the seventh, and remaining cold and wet on the eighth, the first three days the men were away from camp (June 9, 10, 11) were overcast with occasional rain and possibly snow showers. The temperature went down to near freezing each night and hovered around 40 degrees fahrenheit during the day.<sup>25</sup> These conditions could have hampered attempts to orient themselves or light a rescue fire and, more seriously, could have brought on hypothermia. Records show that young, healthy, physically fit men in only slightly more severe circumstances have died in less than 24 hours. The first effects of hypothermia are psychological. According to the *British Medical Journal*:

Many [victims] lose their resolution to continue and cease to go on taking measures necessary for their safety. They tend to wander aimlessly and get lost...fail to take shelter [and] start a chain of events [often] leading to accidents...[Others] described feelings of unreality and detachment, feeling as though slightly drunk.<sup>26</sup>

Soon after, the physical effects begin to appear. Failure to take shelter quickly results in the malfunction of the body's response to cold. "With minor variations the sequence of events was as follows: abnormal behaviour; slowing, stumbling, weakness; repeated falling; collapse, stupor; death." Associated features were described as, "cramps, loss of sensation in the legs, paralysis, convulsions." The best measure to take to avoid hypothermia is a curled up position. Continuing to walk while hypothermic causes rapid exhaustion, as the metabolism increases up to 30 per cent while exercising. Even insulated by a generous layer of fat or woollen underwear (which Brady often wore), the men could have succumbed or been severely handicapped by the effects of the cold, wet weather.

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As far as is known, Halkett was in good heath. Brady was not. Brady's medical record, at the Prince Albert community clinic, reveals that he had a "severely" arthritic left ankle "which might have deteriorated suddenly or might easily have been severely affected by a relatively minor injury." He also had diabetes which, in his doctor's opinion, "might have caused trouble, if he was without food for sometime," a chronic lung problem and had been through a recent and still troublesome case of pleurisy.

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Both hypotheses leave nagging and unresolvable doubts; both require an extraordinary sequence of events and unusual behavior to be plausible. The only certainty is that in June 1967 Jim Brady and Abbie Halkett disappeared. The mystery remains.

For Malcolm Norris the mysterious death of Jim Brady was not just the tragic loss of a friend and comrade. It must have seemed a final political irony, a decisive end to the socialist, anti-colonial struggle the two men shared, almost by themselves, for so many years. It was in that same month, June 1967, that Norris was making plans to move to Calgary. And it was in June that he made his last political speech. Recognizing that his health gave him only a short time to live, Malcolm

Norris was leaving the political battlefield for the last time.

Norris' frustration at being unable to help in the search for his friends gave way, as the weeks passed, to bewilderment at the disappearance. Like others close to the two men, Norris felt the gnawing dissatisfaction of not knowing what had happened to Jim Brady and Abbie Halkett. Norris had probably never expressed his feelings for Jim Brady to Brady himself. And in the past year Norris had not even seen Brady. Yet the two men were very close. They had shared almost every political battle, every victory and defeat. The tremendous impulsive energy Norris put into the anti-colonial fight was justified by Jim Brady's patient, studied commitment. The coincidence of Jim Brady's death and Malcolm Norris' forced retirement was a bizarre but fitting testimony to their unique partnership.

Norris' last political speech was given in Prince Albert at a Centennial workshop for native people. Not inhibited by his wheel-chair or slurred speech, Norris, as always, used lessons from history to plead for unity and call for political action. He spoke of the dispersal of the Metis after Batoche, and the forced migration to the Green Lake "colony." He warned native people about the Liberal-sponsored pulp mill at Prince Albert and urged them not to accept just the poorest-paying jobs. Once again, Norris brought tears to the eyes of many of the native and white people gathered at the workshop.<sup>29</sup>

The presence of the government and the media at the meeting marked the beginning of a new era. The federal Secretary of State Department, beginning with a trickle that would become a flood of money, had paid the travel expenses of the native participants to the workshop. The television crew and the CBC reporter knew little of Malcolm Norris. They focussed on the keynote speaker of the event, Howard Adams. Deliberately distorting and sensationalizing Adams' oblique reference to the future possibility of native violence, the reporter demonstrated the manipulative power of the media<sup>30</sup> and began a media affair with Howard Adams which would soon bring him onto the national political stage.

It was not long after this meeting that Malcolm, Mary and their two youngest children, Russell and Donald, moved to Calgary. Norris missed the first Metis-organized celebration at Batoche, a sure sign that he had completely withdrawn from the Metis scene. Moving to Calgary, away from the political action which he had imposed on the family for so long, was a minor concession to the family made only when Norris was forced to acknowledge political and physical defeat.

In his final months Norris was reduced to passively observing developments in native politics. He witnessed, from a distance, the final blow to one of his most cherished goals—Indian and Metis unity. The National Indian Council, at its seventh annual convention in Toronto, decided to dissolve, eliminating the last vestige of native unity in the

country.31

Issues such as treaty rights and changes in the Indian Act preoccupied the Indians and held little interest for the Metis. The federal government, in an effort to avoid any responsibility for the Metis, made it clear to the Indian leaders that it wanted to deal only with Indians. In the end, according to Marion (Ironquill) Meadmore, the organization which had held Indian and Metis leaders together for seven years decided by mutual agreement, and without hostility, on dissolution. The Indians appointed Walter Deiter, president of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians, head of the new National Indian Brotherhood. The Metis appointed Adam Cuthand, a Saskatchewan Metis, to oversee the establishment of a Metis national body—eventually called the Native Council of Canada.<sup>32</sup>

Norris' reaction to these developments is not known. His last preoccupation was with what he considered the single-most important issue facing all native people and organizations—the threat of government intervention. Norris suffered another heart attack in late 1967 and was in hospital when Maria Campbell came to the hero of her youth to seek advice about internal political struggles in the rejuvenated Metis Association of Alberta. Norris dismissed the internal problems as unimportant. His advice was singular and blunt: avoid at all costs the trap of government funding of the organization and all the other political problems will be solved through the independent and democratic struggle of native people.<sup>33</sup>

Norris' impassioned plea to Maria Campbell was probably his last political message. On December 5, 1967, shortly after his family had gone home for the night, Malcolm Norris suffered a final heart attack and died in his hospital bed. His life-long struggle for socialism and

social justice for native people had come to an end.

Jim Brady's personal preferences led him to live close to the Indian side of his ancestry. Shaped by industrial society, he nonetheless shunned its urban environment and its middle-class trappings. It was Brady's conviction that the life of one man had little significance in the scheme of things, and the manner of his death, unobserved and unmarked by any ceremony, seemed to confirm that conviction. In his later years, he shared more and more of his life with the Indian and Metis people and their wilderness refuge. Brady's life was enriched by the wilderness and its gift of solitude, and it was the wilderness solitude which finally claimed him.

Norris, too, identified strongly with the wilderness, yet his temperament led him to fight the anti-colonial struggle as much in the white world of urban, industrial society as in the native world. There he could take on the enemy with suitable fury and with the energy only Malcolm Norris could muster. Yet Norris knew the price he had paid for "being too long in the white man's world" and his funeral was the final expression of that price. There were no native leaders there to honor him, and the United Church ceremony expressed nothing of the man or his convictions. For Brady the Marxist intellectual in the wilderness and Norris the defiant Metis in the white world, loneliness was the price for their special place in history. For Norris, who understood his special place, and Brady, who discounted his, recognition would come later.

# Notes

## NOTES TO PROLOGUE

1. The initial portion of the prologue is a fictionalized account of a typical encounter between Jim Brady and Malcolm Norris. It provides a glimpse of their relationship and its history—a relationship central to the book. The account is based on numerous reports of similar encounters and on descriptions of the role of Brady's cabin in LaRonge. Sources: interviews by the author with Ken Collier, Allan Quandt, Berry Richards, tapes in the Sask. Archives.

- 2. Much of the description of the fur trade, the general role of the Metis and Indian in that trade and the events of the nineteenth century come from well-known accounts of Metis history, in particular Joseph Howard's Strange Empire (to date the best account of the Metis people) and George Stanley's The Birth of Western Canada. The class analysis of the Metis struggles and the development of their nationalist consciousness derives principally from several unpublished papers by Ron Bourgeault (including "The Role of Class in Nineteenth Century Metis History," presented to the Learned Societies conference in 1979) and extensive consultations with the author. The analysis derives also from the writings of James Brady and Malcolm Norris.
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Half Breeds and French Metis. From the point of view of the state all native peoples outside federal jurisdiction have the status of "Metis." For the purposes of this work the following guidelines will apply: unless otherwise specifically noted (that is, when distinctions need to be drawn), the term "Metis" will refer to all people of Indian ancestry not under the legal jurisdiction of the federal government; the term "Indian" will refer to those people with legal status under federal government jurisdiction; and the terms "native," "aboriginal," and "original" will refer to all peoples of Indian ancestry. No reference is made to the aboriginal peoples of the Far North, the Inuit.

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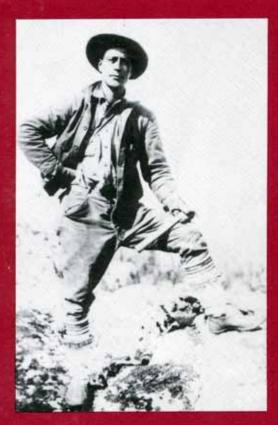
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