

JANUARY, 1972.

THE NEW BREED

**ONE OF THE RICHEST COUNTRIES
IN THE WORLD**



WHY ALL THE POVERTY?

BRIEF TO THE HONOURABLE JOHN TURNER, P.C., M.P., MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA AND THE HONOURABLE J.P. GOYER, P.C., M.P., SOLICITOR GENERAL OF CANADA

THE LEADERS OF THE METIS AND NON-STATUS INDIAN PEOPLE OF CANADA HAVE GATHERED IN OTTAWA ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS TO PETITION THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR REDRESS OF PRESENT GRIEVANCES AND ASSISTANCE IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE NATIVE PEOPLE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. IT IS THE UNIVERSALLY HELD BELIEF OF THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF CANADA THAT THE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THEM EXISTS AT ALL LEVELS IN TERMS OF POLICE COURTS, CORRECTIONAL AND AFTER-CARE SERVICES AND THAT AS A RESULT THEY CANNOT EXPECT FAIR TREATMENT AT ANY STAGE IN THE PROCEDURE FROM ARREST TO RELEASE. THIS IS ALL THE MORE UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE THE INDIAN, ESKIMO AND METIS OF THIS COUNTRY MAKE UP A DISPROPORTIONATE PERCENTAGE OF CANADIAN CITIZENS REQUIRING ESSENTIAL AND COSTLY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

UNDERLYING MOST NATIVE PROBLEMS IN THIS COUNTRY IS THE DEPTH OF POVERTY OF OUR PEOPLE. THIS WE BELIEVE IS A POVERTY THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE FAILURE OF ALL GOVERNMENTS SINCE CONFEDERATION TO UNDERSTAND AND RESPECT OUR CULTURAL VALUES AND A LIFE-STYLE THAT WAS THEN, AND IS NOW, SUPERIOR TO THE CIVILIZATION THAT WAS IMPOSED UPON US BY THOSE WHO CAME TO CANADA OVER THE LAST FOUR CENTURIES. WE FEEL, AND WE HAVE LOTS OF EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT OUR FEELINGS, THAT MOST CANADIANS AND THE GOVERNMENTS THEY ELECT NEITHER UNDERSTAND OUR PROBLEMS NOR ARE PREPARED TO GIVE US A FIGHTING CHANCE TO SOLVE THEM. FOR THAT MATTER WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE WHITE SOCIETY IS CAPABLE OF SOLVING OUR PROBLEMS ON THEIR OWN AND 100 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT US AND THE GOVERNMENT THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE ANSWERS TO "THE NATIVE PROBLEM". WE ARE NOT SURE OURSELVES THAT WE HAVE ALL THE SOLUTIONS BUT WE ARE CERTAIN THAT WE CAN COMMUNICATE AND WORK WITH OUR OWN PEOPLE IN A WAY NO WHITE MAN CAN.

THE SINS HAVE NOT ALL BEEN ON THE SIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND OUR OWN PEOPLE ARE PREPARED TO ADMIT THIS, BUT OUR PURPOSE TODAY IS NOT TO ASSIGN BLAME BUT TO DESCRIBE THESE INADEQUACIES AND FAILURES (WHEREVER THE FAULT MAY LIE) AND TO PROPOSE A WAY OF CORRECTING THEM.

WE SOUGHT YOUR HELP BEFORE, BUT NOT IN AN ORGANIZED, UNIFIED WAY. TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED AND OUR LEADERS AND OUR PROPOSALS FROM THEM REFLECT THAT CHANGE. WE WANT YOU TO LISTEN, IN A WAY YOU HAVE NEVER LISTENED BEFORE TO WHAT WE ARE SAYING FOR WE INTEND TO ASK YOU TO HELP US IN A WAY YOU HAVE NEVER HELPED US BEFORE.

JUSTICE:

WE HAVE REASON TO FEEL THAT, AS NATIVES, WE DO NOT STAND A CHANCE OF BEING TREATED IN A FAIR WAY AT ANY STAGE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN THIS COUNTRY AND OUR DELEGATION IS PREPARED TO TAKE THE TIME TO DOCUMENT EXAMPLES OF UNFEELING, UNFAIR AND UNFORGIVABLE INJUSTICES AGAINST THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF CANADA. THE IMMEDIATE CASE THIS BRINGS TO MIND IS THE RECENT STATEMENT OF JUDGE GEORGE

COLLINS OF SUDBURY. IT IS PERHAPS THE FRESHEST EXAMPLE OF THE RAMPANT DISCRIMINATION THAT EXISTS IN THE MINDS AND HEARTS OF MANY CANADIANS AGAINST NATIVE PEOPLE BUT SELDOM IS REVEALED OPENLY IN THE COURTS. JUDGE COLLINS IN HIS SENTENCING OF A NATIVE PERSON DESCRIBED HIM AS "ANOTHER STUPID INDIAN OF WHICH WE ALREADY HAVE TOO MANY". THE JUDGE, WE UNDERSTAND, HAS SINCE ADMITTED HE SAID THIS AND APOLOGIZED FOR IT. APOLOGY IS NOT SUFFICIENT PENCE FOR BIGOTRY. WE ASKED THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE FOR REMEDIAL ACTION AND WERE TOLD WE MIGHT TAKE THIS UP WITH A JUDICIAL COMMITTEE THAT MAY BE ESTABLISHED AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE WHEN A LEGISLATIVE CHANGE MAY BE IMPLEMENTED. WE DO NOT ACCEPT THIS AS A SINCERE RESPONSE. IF THE GOVERNMENT IS TO SHOW GOOD FAITH TO THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY AND TO MAINTAIN A POSTURE OF BEING INTERESTED IN PRESERVING OUR RIGHTS THEN SOMETHING MORE IS REQUIRED. WE HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS. WE THINK YOU SHOULD TREAT THIS JUDGE THE WAY YOU WOULD HAVE TREATED A JUDGE FROM TORONTO WHO MIGHT, IN THE SENTENCING OF A RESIDENT OF QUEBEC HAVE SAID: "THIS IS ANOTHER STUPID FROG OF WHICH WE ALREADY HAVE TOO MANY IN THIS COUNTRY" OR A JUDGE IN WINNIPEG WHO MIGHT HAVE SAID PRIOR TO SENTENCING AN ACCUSED "THIS IS ANOTHER STUPID JEW OF WHICH WE ALREADY HAVE TOO MANY".

WE BELIEVE THAT JUDGE COLLINS AND THE THINGS THAT HE STAND FOR ARE THE TYPE OF MENTALITY OF A JUDICIARY IN THIS COUNTRY THAT IS APPOINTED NOT ON THE BASIS OF HUMANITY OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW BUT RATHER FOR POLITICAL VALUE TO THE POLITICAL PARTY IN POWER REGARDLESS OF WHICH PARTY THEY MAY BE. THERE ARE JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES IN THE NATIVE PEOPLE KNOW AND LIKE, BUT THESE ARE FEW AND THAT IS WHY IT IS HARD FOR US TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF WHO ONE IS WHO'S STILL ON THE BENCH. JUDGE COLLINS MAY BE VERY SORRY FOR WHAT HE SAID AS WE ARE SORRY THAT HE SAID IT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE HAS AN OBLIGATION TO REMOVE HIM IMMEDIATELY NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF HIS OFFENCE AGAINST ALL CANADIANS BUT AS A DETERRENT TO OTHER OFFICERS OF THE FENCE WHOSE RACISM MAY SPILL OVER INTO THEIR JUDGEMENTS. NO NATIVE PERSON ANYWHERE IN CANADA CAN FEEL SECURE AS LONG AS JUDGES SUCH AS THIS ARE ALLOWED TO REMAIN ON THE BENCH. FOR THAT MATTER WHAT OTHER MEMBER OF A MINORITY OR A POVERTY-STRICKEN GROUP COULD EXPECT FAIRNESS FROM HIM OR OTHERS LIKE HIM WHO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY YOU TO PASS SENTENCE ON US. IN ANY EVENT, HIS USEFULNESS, BOTH AS JUDICIAL AND POLITICAL HAS SURELY BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF THIS UNFORTUNATE CONTROVERSY.

THERE ARE MANY IN CANADA WHO BELIEVE THAT THE JUST SOCIETY WAS A CATCHY BUT INSINCERE SLOGAN. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE, IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE, AN OPPORTUNITY TO LET THE NATIVE PEOPLE KNOW THAT YOU ARE PREPARED TO DO MORE THAN JUST SAY IT AT ELECTION TIMES. IN THAT SENSE WE OURSELVES SHALL BE THE JUDGES, IF YOU DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION.

THERE ARE MANY OTHER THINGS WE COULD PUT TO YOU TODAY THAT WOULD SUPPORT OUR BRIEF THAT NATIVE PEOPLE ARE THE VICTIMS OF WIDE-SPREAD AND CONSISTENT DISCRIMINATION THROUGHOUT CANADA BUT THESE GRIEVANCES ARE NOT NEW TO YOU. COUNTLESS REPORTS HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED BY SUCCESSIVE FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS AT GREAT COST TO DOCUMENT IN DRAMATIC AND PAINFUL DETAIL THE GLARING INJUSTICES THE NATIVE PEOPLE FEEL AND EXPERIENCE. THESE RANGE FROM HARSH AND INHUMAN SENTENCES OVER MINOR OFFENCES THROUGH LACK OF LEGAL AID TO UNINTELLIGIBLE COURT PROCEDURES TO "PREVENTIVE SENTENCES" OF NATIVE PEOPLE. WE KNOW AND CAN

PROVE TO YOU THAT THE POLICE AND COURTS IN EDMONTON CLEAR THE STREETS OF NATIVE PEOPLE BY ROUNDING THEM UP IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO "KLONDIKE DAYS" AND KEEPING THEM IN JAIL UNTIL THIS ARTIFICIAL TOURIST ATTRACTION IS OVER. WE KNOW THAT THE ARREST AND CONVICTION RATE OF NATIVE PEOPLE IN KENORA, ONTARIO SKY-ROCKETS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE WEALTHY AMERICANS ARRIVE TO OPEN THEIR SUMMER HOMES IN CANADA. THE REST OF THE YEAR WE KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR PEOPLE ARE IN JAIL BECAUSE THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER TO HELP THEM, BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT PAY A SMALL FINE IN LIEU OF A JAIL TERM OR BECAUSE THE R.C.M.P. RECOMMENDED THAT THEY BE LOCKED UP IN THE INTERESTS OF MAKING THEIR OWN JOB EASIER.

WE HAVE HEARD THAT PROBATION IS A METHOD USED BY THE WHITE MAN TO GIVE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO SERVE THEIR SENTENCE IN THE COMMUNITY RATHER THAN IN JAIL. WE KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT A TECHNIQUE THAT NATIVE PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND, CAN RESPOND TO OR CAN BE HELPED BY. WE KNOW IT IS NOT USED AS OFTEN AS IT SHOULD BE EVEN WITH WHITE PEOPLE. FOR THE NATIVE PEOPLE IT'S NOT EFFECTIVE WHEN IT IS USED BECAUSE WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT IN THE FIRST PLACE, WE ARE UNABLE TO MEET THE WHITE MAN'S REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT REGULARLY, TO GET A STEADY JOB, TO REFRAIN FROM ASSOCIATING WITH OTHER EX-PRISONERS (OFTEN THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS) AND WHO CERTAINLY CANNOT RESPECT A PROBATION SYSTEM THAT IS SERVED BY WHITE PROBATION OFFICERS WHO MAY HAVE 150 MEN ON THEIR CASELOAD AND WHO DEMAND NOTHING MORE THAN A BI-WEEKLY TWO-MINUTE INTERVIEW CONSISTING OF AN EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS. THIS HYPOCRITICAL SYSTEM MAY HELP THE PROBATION OFFICER MEET HIS WEEKLY QUOTA OF INTERVIEWS BUT IT DOES NOTHING TO HELP THE NATIVE PERSON ATTEMPTING TO REHABILITATE HIMSELF.

SOLICITOR GENERAL:

WE APPEAL TO THE SOLICITOR GENERAL FOR ASSISTANCE IN SEEING TO IT THAT NATIVE PEOPLE ARE TREATED EQUALLY IN TERMS OF ARRESTS BY THE R.C.M.P., IN CHARGES THAT ARE LAID AGAINST THEM AND IN TREATMENT BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE INSTITUTIONS.

IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT NATIVE PEOPLE ARE NATURAL TARGETS FOR ARRESTS BECAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION, BECAUSE OF LOCALE, BECAUSE MOST NATIVE PEOPLE PARTICULARLY IN OUR URBAN AREAS, CONGREGATE IN THE SKID ROW SECTIONS. WE BELIEVE, AND WE CAN GIVE YOU EXAMPLES OF NATIVE PEOPLE BEING HARASSED BY THE POLICE FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THAT THEY WERE IDENTIFIABLE AS NATIVES.

OUR GRIEVANCES DO NOT END WITH UNJUST ARREST AND HARASSMENT. IT IS OUR EXPERIENCE THAT NATIVE PEOPLE ARE SUBJECTED TO MANHANDLING AND BRUTALITY THAT IS NOT INFLICTED ON OTHER CANADIANS. WE CHARGE THE R.C.M.P. AND THE CIVIC POLICE FORCES IN THIS COUNTRY WITH A DISCRIMINATION THAT IS FOCUSED ON NATIVE PEOPLE AS OPPOSED TO ALL OTHER CANADIANS. WE WILL GIVE YOU BUT ONE EXAMPLE. RECENTLY IN WILLIAMS LAKE, BRITISH COLUMBIA, THE R.C.M.P. STOPPED A GROUP OF NATIVE PEOPLE AND BEAT A MAN TO DEATH IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS WIFE, HIS SON AND TWO FRIENDS WHO WERE THERE. WE ARE TOLD THAT AT AN INQUEST WILL BE HELD TOWARDS THE END OF JANUARY TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF DEATH, AT WHICH TIME WE SEEK REDRESS ON BEHALF OF HIS WIDOW AND FAMILY. THIS IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH. WE DEMAND AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO THIS MURDER. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN INQUESTS. WE ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING SOCIETY PROTECT US IN THE WAY IT WOULD PROTECT THE FAMILY OF AN R.C.M.P. OFFICER WHO HAD BEEN KICKED TO DEATH BY AN INDIAN OR ANYONE ELSE. WE ARE NATIVE PEOPLE. MANY OF US DO NOT KNOW OUR RIGHTS YET - WHETHER IT BE WHEN WE ARE ARRESTED, WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD SIGN POLICE STATEMENTS OR WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD PLEAD GUILTY TO CHARGES LAID BY THE R.C.M.P. OR OTHER LAW OFFICERS. WE DO NOT KNOW THESE THINGS BUT WE WANT TO KNOW THEM. WE ARE SATISFIED THAT AT MANY OF OUR PEOPLE ARE ARRESTED AND CONVICTED NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEY MAY BE GUILTY BUT BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW THEIR RIGHTS AND BECAUSE THE R.C.M.P. ARE NOT PREPARED TO TELL NATIVE PERSONS WHAT THEIR RIGHTS ARE. WE BELIEVE THAT TO BE NATIVE IS TO BE ARRESTED WITH NO RESPECT FOR OUR RIGHTS. WE ARE OFTEN ASKED BY THE R.C.M.P. TO SIGN STATEMENTS WHICH WE HAVE NOT WRITTEN, WHICH CONTAIN MULTIPLE CHARGES THAT WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND AND WHICH THEY ASSURE US WILL BE HELPFUL TO OUR PROBLEM. IT IS OUR EXPERIENCE THAT THE R.C.M.P. ARE NOT OUR FRIENDS (AS THEY MAY BE TO THE WHITE PEOPLE) BUT ARE RATHER A BRUTAL, UNCARING INEFFICIENT MACHINE TO SUPPRESS THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

WE HAVE OTHER GRIEVANCES WE CAN GIVE TO YOU OR PLACE BEFORE THE PRESS. HOWEVER, ONE STANDS OUT IN OUR MINDS AND WE WISH TO RAISE IT AGAIN. ON NOVEMBER 28, 1971, TWO R.C.M.P. OFFICERS NEAR WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C. ARRESTED A NATIVE FAMILY AND BEAT ONE OF THEM TO DEATH. WE ARE TOLD THAT AN INQUEST WILL DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THIS MAN'S DEATH NEXT JANUARY 13TH. WE SUBMIT TO YOU AS SOLICITOR GENERAL THAT IF A NATIVE PERSON HAD BEATEN AN R.C.M.P. OFFICER TO DEATH, WE WOULD NOT HAVE WAITED FOR AN INQUEST ON JANUARY 13TH, WE ARE ABLE AND WILLING TO GIVE THE PRESS THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE DEATH OF THIS MAN AT THE HANDS OF THE R.C.M.P. IT IS THE BELIEF OF THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY THAT NATIVE PEOPLE AT THE ARREST STAGE ARE BRUTALIZED AND MAN-HANDELED BY A POLICE FORCE THAT IS NOT ONLY INSENSITIVE TO THEIR NEEDS BUT IS CHARACTERIZED BY RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

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WITHIN THE INSTITUTIONS WE REQUEST FAIR AND EQUAL TREATMENT. OUR NUMBERS ARE SO GREAT AS TO MAKE OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES DIFFICULT. INDEED, WE UNDERSTAND HOW HARD IT MUST BE FOR A WHITE GOVERNMENT TO PLAN INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WHEN THE BULK OF THE SPACE IS OCCUPIED BY NATIVE PEOPLE. THIS IS ONE OF THE BEHEFS WE HAVE WITH YOU IN TERMS OF NATIVES. IF YOUR SYSTEM IS SO GREAT WHY IS IT THAT 60% OF THE JAILS AND PENITENTIARIES OF THIS COUNTRY ARE OCCUPIED BY NATIVES WHEN THEY REPRESENT LESS THAN 3% OF THE POPULATION.

WE HAVE SOME OTHER COMPLAINTS. WE THINK THE CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES DOMINATED BY WHITE MEN WORK AGAINST OUR BEST INTERESTS AND WE THINK WE HAVE BETTER ANSWERS. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE CLASSIFIED, ALLOCATED TO ASSIGNMENTS, ALLOCATED TO TRAINING PROGRAMS ON THE BASIS OF CLASSIFICATIONS AND TESTS THAT ARE GIVEN TO US BY NON-NATIVES. WE THINK HOW THESE PEOPLE IN SPITE OF THEIR TRAINING IN PSYCHOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY NEITHER KNOW NOR UNDERSTAND WHAT MAKES US TICK. WE BELIEVE WE ARE PUSHED AROUND IN THE PENAL INSTITUTIONS OF THIS COUNTRY JUST AS WE ARE PUSHED AROUND WHEN WE ARE NOT IN THEM. INDEED, IT IS WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE THAT WE MAKE THESE POINTS TO THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND THE SOLICITOR GENERAL BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THERE MAY BE RETALIATION AGAINST THE NATIVE PEOPLE WITHIN THE INSTITUTIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION. THIS IS A RISK WE TAKE.

WE CAN AFFORD TO BE SILENT NO LONGER ON CERTAIN ISSUES:

1. IF YOU ARE A NATIVE PRISONER YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO GET IN CONTACT WITH YOUR OWN NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS, NOR ARE YOU ALLOWED TO DEVELOP YOUR OWN PROGRAMS WITHIN THE INSTITUTIONS. WE CAN GIVE YOU CASE EXAMPLES OF NATIVE ORGANIZERS WHO WERE HARASSED AND TRANSFERRED TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS BECAUSE THEY WERE HELPING THEIR OWN PEOPLE. THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN TO WHITE PEOPLE.

2. WE CAN GIVE YOU EXAMPLES OF THE REFUSAL TO GIVE NATIVE PEOPLE EITHER "DAY PAROLE" OR "TEMPORARY PASSES" TO HELP THEM BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY WHEN OTHER INMATES IN THE PRISON ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS CONSIDERATION.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT TO BE A NATIVE IN A PENAL INSTITUTION IN CANADA IS TO BE A TARGET OF BRUTALITY FROM THE CUSTODIAL STAFF AND TO BE WIDE OPEN TO EXPLOITATION BY THAT STAFF. WE WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU A CASE EXAMPLES.

WHEN WE GET "OUTSIDE" OUR SITUATION IS A LITTLE BETTER FOR WE ARE FACED WITH CHRONIC UNEMPLOYMENT, LACK OF EDUCATION AND ALL THE THINGS THAT AFFLICT OUR PEOPLE EVEN THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD, YOUR PAROLE SERVICES, MR. MINISTER, ARE A JOKE. YOU ARE PREPARED TO HELP THE DOUKABOURS BECAUSE YOU RECOGNIZE THAT THEY HAVE SPECIAL PROBLEMS WITH THE LAW, YOU ARE PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE THEIR CULTURE AND RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES, YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE OUR SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES IN ADAPTING TO YOUR LAWS WHICH ARE EVERY BIT AS STRANGE TO US AS IS THE CRIMINAL CODE TO THE DOUKABOURS.

WHAT DO WE WANT:

IT IS PERHAPS EASIER TO TELL YOU WHAT THE NATIVES PEOPLE OF CANADA DO NOT WANT:

1. WE DO NOT WANT YOUR EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FOR THE PLIGHT OF OUR PEOPLE.
2. WE DO NOT WANT YOUR WILLINGNESS TO COMMISSION ANOTHER STUDY AS TO WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT.
3. WE DO NOT WANT YOUR "PAT ON THE HEAD" THAT WE ARE CAPABLE OF RECOGNIZING OUR DIFFICULTIES.
4. WE DO NOT WANT A STATEMENT FROM YOU THAT OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE INVOLVED AND YOU MUST GET THEIR CO-OPERATION.

HAVING TOLD YOU WHAT WE DO NOT WANT IT IS ONLY FAIR THAT WE TELL YOU WHAT WE DO WANT:

1. WE WANT THE IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL OF JUDGE COLLINS NOT ONLY TO SHOW GOOD FAITH BUT, AS MANY OF YOUR JUDGES SAY, TO BE A DETERRENT TO OTHERS.
2. A COMMITMENT BY THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO REVIEW THE APPOINTMENTS OF ALL FEDERAL JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES IN TERMS OF THEIR ABILITY TO DEAL WITH

NATIVE PEOPLE WITHOUT THE INGRAINED PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION THAT TYPIFIES THE WHITE ESTABLISHMENT IN THIS COUNTRY.

3. A COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS OF THIS COUNTRY TO WORK OUT WAYS IN WHICH THE NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS CAN BEGIN MEETING THE PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE, IN THEIR OWN WAY.

TO THE SOLICITOR GENERAL WE SAY:

1. WE WANT THE RIGHT TO HAVE NATIVE PEOPLE ON THE NATIONAL PAROLE BOARD IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN NATIVE PEOPLE CONSTITUTE A MAJORITY OF THE INMATES WHO ARE IN INSTITUTIONS.
2. THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE WITH YOUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PAROLE SERVICES THAT MAKE SENSE AND CAN BE UNDERSTOOD BY NATIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE ON PAROLE.
3. IN TERMS OF AFTER-CARE SERVICES, WE WANT TO HELP THOSE NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY TO SET UP HALF-WAY HOUSES AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT CENTRES NOT ONLY FOR EX-CONVICTS BUT FOR NATIVE PEOPLE GENERALLY SO THAT WE MAY KEEP THEM OUT OF JAIL IN THE FIRST PLACE AND BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN THEIR POST-JAIL RELEASE.

SUMMARY:

THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF CANADA ARE ASKING THEIR GOVERNMENT TO DO TWO THINGS:

1. TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE PROBLEM OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES TO NATIVE PEOPLE IS DESPERATE AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO COPE WITH IT.
2. THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO GIVE THE NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS THE FUNDS AND THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM.

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS POINT TO PLACE A DOLLAR VALUE ON WHAT THE NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS WANT AND NEED TO DO A PROPER JOB. IT IS POSSIBLE TO SAY THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, HEALTH AND WELFARE, JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL HAVE SPENT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WITHOUT ACHIEVING THE KIND OF SUCCESS CANADIANS HOPED FOR, WE, THE NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS OF CANADA ASK FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM YOU. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT FOR A FRACTION OF THE COST OF YOUR PRESENT PROGRAMS THAT YOU OWE IT TO THE CANADIAN TAX-PAYER TO GIVE US A CHANCE TO HELP OUR PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES.

IF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IS NOT PREPARED TO LISTEN TO US WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO TAKE IT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY, WE AREN'T SURE HOW WE COULD DO THIS BUT WE WILL ATTEMPT TO USE THE PRESS AND RADIO AND TELEVISION TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT AGAINST A GOVERNMENT THAT IS INHUMANE, INSENSITIVE AND ARROGANT, WE THINK THAT MOST CANADIANS WILL SUPPORT US IN OUR CAUSE, IN THE EVENT THAT THEY WILL NOT, WE CAN ONLY WARN THE MINISTERS, THE MEDIA AND THE CANADIAN PUBLIC THAT CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN THE NATIVES AND OTHER CANADIANS WILL INCREASE AND THAT VIOLENCE MAY OCCUR NOT BECAUSE WE ENCOURAGE IT BUT BECAUSE YOUR INDIFFERENCE WILL MAKE IT A NECESSARY TOOL FOR SOCIAL CHANGE IN THIS COUNTRY.

BRIEF SUBMITTED BY:

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NATIVE COUNCIL OF CANADA.

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BE HEAVY WITH GRIEF

-MANGUS COLORADO, APACHE CHIEF

JANUARY 4TH, 1972.

TELEGRAM TO TRUDEAU FROM

HON. PIERRE ELLIOT TRUDEAU
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA
22 SUSSEX DRIVE
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN.

HON. PRIME MINISTER:

WE, THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN ON BEHALF OF SOME 85,000 "HALF-BREEDS" OF THE METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN HAVE OVER THE PAST YEAR SUBMITTED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY PROPOSALS DEALING WITH WINTER WORKS, HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELFARE, HUMAN RIGHTS, YOUTH, ETC., ETC., ETC..

WE HAVE NOT AS YET RECEIVED MONIES FROM OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THE GREAT MAJORITY OF OUR PROPOSALS. WE HAVE RECEIVED VERBAL COMMITMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN REGARDS TO WINTER WORKS PROGRAMS RE: LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM.

A. AS FOLLOWS:

1.	LOCAL LIAISON WORKERS PROJECT.....	\$185,538.00
2.	METIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.....	30,888.00
3.	SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO SOCIETY.....	30,888.00
4.	NATIVE ALCOHOL COUNCIL.....	101,858.00
5.	METIS HOUSING GROUP.....	116,360.00
6.	METIS HOUSING GROUP.....	60,840.00
7.	METIS HOUSING GROUP.....	116,360.00
8.	METIS HOUSING GROUP.....	60,200.00
9.	HOUSING GROUP, METIS SOCIETY.....	60,200.00
10.	NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT OF SASK.....	92,664.00
11.	NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT OF SASK.....	30,898.00
12.	LESTOCK LOCAL #8.....	25,506.00
13.	SANDY BAY LOCAL.....	185,538.00
14.	LAC LA LOCHE LOCAL.....	61,850.00
15.	TURNOR LAKE LOCAL #6.....	27,153.00
16.	BIGSTONE COMMUNITY RECREATION CO- OPERATIVE ASSOC. CUMBERLAND HOUSE.....	22,570.00
17.	BATTLEFORD'S METIS SOCIETY, LOCAL #30.....	25,506.00

OVER THE PAST WEEKS NOW, LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY MANPOWER FOR MUNICIPALITIES BUT AS YET, NONE OF OUR NATIVE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN PASSED UNDER ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS.

B. ALSO: WINTER WARMTH PROGRAM BY SASKATCHEWAN METIS HOUSING GROUP OF 416,000.00 OF WHICH ONLY 100,000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO THIS TIME.

C. ALSO: OTHER PROPOSALS TO YOUR VARIOUS MINISTERS RE:

NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPT. FROM NATIVE YOUTH		\$60,854.80
SECRETARY OF STATE	FROM NATIVE YOUTH	\$18,560.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	FROM NATIVE YOUTH	16,560.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	FROM METIS SOCIETY	105,300.00
MR. MUNRO	NATIVE ALCOHOL COUN.	20,300.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS	36,120.00
MR. HIGNOTT (C.M.H.C.)	GENERAL HOUSING	5,400.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	FROM METIS SOCIETY	41,225.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	NATIVE WOMENS' ASS. SASK.	79,000.00

THERE ARE TWO OTHER IMPORTANT PROPOSALS NOW BEING PREPARED NAMELY:

1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, NATIONAL HEALTH & WELFARE, APPROXIMATELY \$485,000.00.
2. HEALTH AND WELFARE WORKERS PROPOSAL TO NATIONAL HEALTH & WELFARE, MR. MUNRO'S MINISTRY, APPROXIMATELY \$120,000.00.
3. HUMAN RIGHTS, METIS ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND LEGAL CLAIMS, \$120,000.00.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, GOVERNMENT SPONSORED PROGRAMS ARE NOT FILTERING DOWN TO OUR METIS PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND THIS IS THE PRIME REASON AND LOGIC UPON WHICH WE, THE METIS PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN HAVE PREPARED AND SUBMITTED OUR PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOR ACCEPTANCE THROUGH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM OUR LIBERAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF CANADA. WE URGENTLY REQUEST A REPLY FROM YOU, OUR PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA BEFORE JANUARY 7, 1972, AT 306 (AREA CODE) 525-8115, REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN. AT THE UNVEILING OF THE STATUE OF LOUIS RIEL HERE IN REGINA I, JIM SINCLAIR PERSONALLY SPOKE TO YOU AT THE TIME YOU STATED A MEETING BETWEEN MEMBERS FROM THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN AND YOURSELF COULD BE ARRANGED. WE, AT THIS TIME, REQUEST SUCH A MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS HOPED AND GREATLY DESIRED THAT A "NATIVE POLICY" COULD BE DISCUSSED AND GUIDELINES AND DECISIONS COULD BE ARRIVED AT, AT THIS MEETING.

THESE PROPOSALS ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO US METIS PEOPLE AND TO THE WELL BEING OF THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SEVERAL MINISTERS OVER THE PAST WHILE, NAMELY: MR. ANDREAS, MR. GOYER, MR. MUNRO, MR. TURNER, MR. OTTO LANG, AND MR. PELLITIER, AND MR. HIGNOTT (C.M.H.C.). SOME OF THESE MINISTERS WERE SEEN RECENTLY.

TELEGRAM TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU FROM METIS SOCIETY OF SASK.

WE REQUEST YOU, MR. TRUDEAU, TO INTERVENE ON OUR BEHALF TO YOUR MINISTERS AND DEPARTMENTS TO SEE THAT OUR PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTED.

ON JANUARY 7, 1972, WE THE METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN ARE MEETING AT THE INDIAN AND METIS FRIENDSHIP CENTRE IN NORTH BATTLEFORD, SASKATCHEWAN TO AWAIT A DEFINITE REPLY FROM YOURSELF.

WE, 125 PRESIDENTS OF METIS COMMUNITIES, EXECUTIVE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND STAFF OF THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN, SHALL GO NORTH TO NORTH BATTLEFORD AND THERE WE WILL TAKE "ACTION" IN TERMS OF WHAT ANSWER THE METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN RECEIVES FROM OTTAWA.

ON BEHALF OF METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN:

JIM SINCLAIR - PRESIDENT OF METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN

NAP LAFONTAINE - VICE - PRESIDENT
JIM DUROCHER - TREASURER
ROSE SCHNEIDER - SECRETARY
RAY HAMILTON - BOARD MEMBER, CHAIRMAN
WILBERT DESJARLAIS - BOARD MEMBER
PIERRE CARRIER - BOARD MEMBER

REPORT FROM B.C.

COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL OVER CANADA MET IN CHILLIWACK B.C. FOR A THREE DAY CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP, ALL THE WORKSHOPS REPRESENTED THERE HAVE PROPOSALS INTO GOVERNMENT. (SECRETARY OF STATE DEPT.) FOR FUNDING ON VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO THE NATIVE PEOPLE.

AT THIS MEETING WE WERE TOLD THAT FUNDING FOR NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS IS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL A NATIONAL NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY HAS BEEN SET UP FOR GOVERNMENT, AT THIS TIME IT IS WRONG TO SET UP A NATIONAL NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY AS OVER TWO THIRDS OF THE PROVINCES AND THE TERRITORIES ARE NOT ORGANIZED IN THIS FIELD, AND THE REST ARE IN VARYING STAGES OF ORGANIZING.

EACH AREA OR PROVINCE HAS DIFFERENT COMMUNICATIONS NEEDS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SETTLED YET. WE DO NEED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FINANCING, BUT WE MUST MOVE STEP BY STEP IN THE FIELD TRYING TO GET OUT FROM UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND FINANCING, AND ALSO KEEPING CONTROL OF THE NATIVE MEDIA IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE IT IS SERVING. THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SHOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE NATIVE MEDIA AT THIS TIME, FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT AGAIN THE CONTROL MUST STAY WITH THE NATIVE PEOPLE.

AT THE MEETING WE WERE SHOWN GLITTERING AND EXPENSIVE COMMUNICATIONS HARDWARE, AS FAR AS WE WERE CONCERNED THIS WAS MERELY THE CARROT ON THE STICK TRICK, TO MAKE THE DONKEY MOVE FASTER. WE SHOULD NOT BE BLINDED BY EXPENSIVE TRINKETS, FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF COMMUNICATIONS IS WORD OF MOUTH. WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO PUSH US TOO FAR AND TOO FAST AND THEREBY CREATE CONFUSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAUCRACY AMONGST US.

ALSO THAT WITHIN AND BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS COMMUNICATIONS CO-OPERATION IS VERY LOW. IF THE NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IS GOING TO SUCCEED, DEFINITE CO-OPERATION IS NEEDED BY ALL.

COMMUNICATIONS MUST BELONG AS A VOICE OF THE PEOPLE AND WORK IN VERY CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE. IT SHOULD INVOLVE, EDUCATION, CULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS, BECAUSE ALL THESE THINGS ARE IN RELATIONSHIP TO PEOPLE IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS ARE AND CANNOT BE ANYTHING ELSE BUT POLITICAL, WHEN WE TRY TO MAKE COMMUNICATIONS NON-POLITICAL OR NON-BIASED THE PROBLEM OR INFORMATION IS EITHER WATERED DOWN, BECAUSE STERILE INFORMATION AND IN MANY CASES TURNS AGAINST THE PEOPLE IT SERVES. HERE ARE SIX POINTS THAT CAME OUT AT THIS MEETING AND SHOULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

1. FORM NATIVE WIRE SERVICE WITH LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES.
2. WORK IN CONJUNCTION ON NATIONAL ISSUES.
3. THAT WE ARE REPRESENTED IN THE PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS, E.G. CRTC & CBC.
4. THAT FINANCES BE EVENLY DISTRIBUTED AND THAT NO STIPULATIONS BE LAID WITH THE FINANCES.
5. NO COPYRIGHT AMONG NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS.
6. COMMUNICATIONS SEMINARS TO BE HELD REGULARLY.



Flying Arrows



BILL WILSON, EDITOR
THE NEW BREED

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

January 21, 1972

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO THE NEW BREED TO SAY A FEW THINGS I HAVE ON MY MIND, WHICH BOTHERS ME AT TIMES BUT NOT TO ANY GREAT DEGREE.

I AM A WHITE WOMAN, MARRIED TO A METIS. I HAVE 6 CHILDREN WHO ARE CLASSED AS METIS. IN OUR OWN LOCAL, THERE ARE MANY SUCH SITUATIONS OF THIS, OF A METIS GIRL MARRIED TO A WHITE MAN, ALSO WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE CLASSED AS METIS.

WHEN WE STARTED OUR LOCAL LAST SPRING, THERE WERE VERY FEW PEOPLE WHO TURNED OUT FOR THIS, AND AS SUCH, I WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD. I HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN OUR LOCAL SINCE THEN, AT LEAST I LIKE TO THINK I HAVE BEEN.

WHEN I HEAR THE WHITES BEING CONDEMNED ALL THE TIME, I OFTEN WONDER IF I SHOULD BELONG TO THE METIS SOCIETY. THEN AGAIN MAYBE THEY ARE JUST CONDEMNING THE WHITE BUREAUCRACY. AFTER ALL, MY CHILDREN ARE METIS. ARE THEY TO GROW UP HATING ME BECAUSE I AM WHITE? STOP AND THINK, IT TOOK THE INDIAN AS WELL AS THE WHITE TO CREATE THE HALF BREED, AND I DON'T BELIEVE I SHOULD BE BLAMED FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO THE INDIAN AND HALF-BREED OVER A HUNDRED YEARS AGO. I NEVER TOOK THEIR LAND, HUNTING RIGHTS, OR ANYTHING AWAY FROM THEM. I HAVE NEVER BEEN PREJUDICED TO ANY OTHER RACE OF PEOPLE. I WAS BROUGHT UP TO RESPECT ALL RACES AND CREEDS OF PEOPLE.

THE INDIAN AND METIS WOMEN ARE TALKING OF FORMING THEIR OWN LEAGUE--MAYBE THE WHITES MARRIED TO INDIAN AND METIS PEOPLE SHOULD FORM A LEAGUE TOO, CALL IT THE "OUTSIDERS", OR SOME SUCH NAME.

THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN WANTING TO GET OFF MY CHEST FOR SOME TIME, BUT MEANWHILE, I AM STILL A MEMBER OF THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN AND WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN AND AM ABLE TO DO TO HELP THEM IN THEIR FIGHTS AND STRUGGLES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AS I SYMPATHIZE WITH THEM. ALSO, THIS CONCERNS MY CHILDREN AS WELL.

YOURS TRULY,

MRS. PHYLLIS TROTCHIE.

1. The fact that the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre is for Indian and Metis people, we still cannot use it the way we want.
2. We are here as a group on behalf of other people. We can't afford to turn a group of people, who are seeking a new way of life, away from the door due to cancellation on your part.
3. Phone calls have been received stating that the Friendship Centre does not have a proper atmosphere.
4. Different people have commented that they do not feel that it is right for a white person to hold the office of Director when the place is for Indian and Metis people.
5. The idea of having to gather up bottles (beer empties) before each meeting does not help with our cause. How can A.A. people refrain from drinking when signs of it are present at the place of gathering.
6. Due to being turned down when attempting to help out on a good cause (sewing classes) has caused one person to fall back one full course.
7. Listed below are the names of people who feel that the above statements are true.

Robert Thomas
Robert Robertson
Samuel Joseph
Edwin Tooten
Ray Johnson
Tom Johnson
Lawrence Sotchi
Paul Chapman

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GARSON, ONTARIO
DECEMBER 25, 1971



CORNER OF 14TH STREET AND 1ST AVENUE EAST
PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATCHEWAN

January 19, 1972

Mr. R. Parenteau,
Metis Society,
34 - 10th St. West,
Prince Albert, Sask.

Dear Bob:

In answer to your request of last month re facilities to conduct A.A. meetings, I have been directed to inform you that the Centre must have a member of staff present when the building is occupied. Therefore, it is now necessary for you to cancel your Sunday morning meetings. As well, should one of your meetings be in progress and we find it necessary to use the building for some purpose, you may have to postpone your meeting until some future date. The Executive Director or a staff member must know at all times what is taking place at the Centre.

I trust this is satisfactory. If you require additional information you may contact me at the office.

Yours very truly,

Vern Turner

Vern Turner,
Executive Director.

DEAR EDITOR OF THE NEW BREED
1955 SCARTH STREET
REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

YOU ARE MY BROTHER OR MY SISTER WHOEVER YOU ARE, AND I AM SAYING HELLO TO YOU.

FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, I HAVE BEEN GOING TO WRITE TO YOU TO GIVE YOU PRAISE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE BEAUTIFUL JOB YOU ARE DOING IN PUTTING TOGETHER YOUR PAPER "THE NEW BREED". IT IS A BEAUTIFUL NAME AND IT IS A WARNING TO THE OPPRESSORS. I KNOW THERE ARE MORE THAN YOU TO PUT THE PAPER TOGETHER BUT COLLECTIVELY THEY ARE YOU AND TO THEM I SAY HELLO, TOO.

THE DRAWINGS BY DEL ASHKEWE, PARTICULARLY THE ONE ON THE LAST FRONT PAGE ARE BEAUTIFUL STATEMENTS. MORE POWER TO YOU, DEL.

IT REALLY MADE ME FEEL GOOD ABOUT A YEAR AGO WHEN YOU BROUGHT OUT YOUR FIRST REALLY MILITANT ISSUE. SINCE THEN THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN EQUALLY MILITANT AND EQUALLY GOOD.

I THANK THE CREATOR FOR GIVING YOU CLEAR MINDS TO SEE THE REAL ISSUES AND TO PRESENT THEM STRAIGHT TO THE PEOPLE. I HOPE IT WILL HELP TO STRAIGHTEN THEIR MINDS, THE INDIAN AND METIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (I KNOW THAT IS HAPPENING FASTER EACH DAY) AND I ALSO KNOW THAT THE CREATOR IS COMING AND IS ALREADY WORKING TO STRAIGHTEN UP THE MESS THAT THIS GREEDY AND HYPOCRITICAL SOCIETY HAS GOTTENUUS AND THEMSELVES INTO. IT IS ONLY THE CREATOR WHO HAS THE POWER TO BREAK THE EVIL GRIP THAT THE MAJORITY SOCIETY HAS US IN THROUGH THE DECEITFUL MANIPULATIONS OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND BEAUCRATS.

IT HAS BEEN IN MY HEART AND MY MIND FOR A LONG TIME TO SAY THANK YOU SO NOW I AM SAYING IT ANY MAY THE CREATOR BLESS YOU.

IT IS CHRISTMAS DAY AND I AM HOME WITH MY WIFE AND MY CHILDREN. I AM WARM AND WELL FED BUT MY HEART IS NOT GAY AND HAPPY BECAUSE SO MANY OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE SO HUNGRY AND OPPRESSED. I HAVE WORKED FOR THEM VERY HARD FOR A LONG TIME AND UNTIL THE TIME WHEN I LAY DOWN TO DIE I WILL REMEMBER THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE THE CREATOR'S CHILDREN TOO.

MEGWETCH

KE-SHE-YA-NA-QUAN
GARSON, ONTARIO

VT/dd

THE NEED FOR A REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE

SHOULD THE INDIANS AND HALFBREEDS BECOME INVOLVED IN ELECTIONS? GENERALLY, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ACTIVE IN ELECTIONS AND VOTING. THE MAIN REASON IS THAT AFTER OUR NATION WAS DESTROYED BY OTTAWA A HUNDRED YEARS AGO, OUR PEOPLE WERE PUSHED TOO FAR DOWN, THUS KEPT OUT OF POLITICS,

THROUGH THE YEARS, PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT HAS DONE VERY LITTLE TO IMPROVE OUR WAY OF LIVING. WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FORCED TO LIVE IN POVERTY, WITHOUT DECENT JOBS, AND WITH OUT POLITICAL RIGHTS. THE POLITICAL PARTIES OF LIBERALS, CONSERVATIVES AND NDP HAVE MADE NO DIFFERENCE IN BRINGING ABOUT ANY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES FOR THE NATIVE PEOPLE. THE NDP IS VERY MUCH LIKE THE OTHER TWO CAPITALIST PARTIES, EXCEPT THEY BRING ABOUT SMALL REFORMS IN THINGS LIKE HEALTH, WELFARE, INSURANCE, ETC. IT IS PART OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM, AND THEREFORE UNABLE TO MAKE ANY REAL AND BASIC CHANGES IN THE SOCIETY. ALL POLITICAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST THE NATIVE PEOPLE, AND HAVE DENIED THEM THEIR RIGHTS AS FULL CITIZENS.

PARLIAMENT IS AN INSTRUMENT OF THE WHITE RULING CLASS, AND ITS MAIN PURPOSE IS TO SUPPORT AND PROTECT THE RICH BUSINESSMEN. REAL CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR OUR PEOPLE CAN NOT BE OBTAINED THROUGH PARLIAMENT, IT IS A MIS TAKE AND MISLEADING TO THINK THAT WHITEMAN'S GOVERNMENT WILL EVER BRING ANY REAL FREEDOM AND EQUALITY TO US. IT IS NONSENSE TO THINK THAT WHITE BUSINESS RULERS CAN BE VOTED OUT OF POWER. THE BALLOT-BOX IS A FRAUD, THAT TRICKS IS INTO THINKING THAT THE NEXT ELECTION CAN BRING US OUR RIGHTS, AND FREEDOM FROM OPPRESSION. THIS KIND OF FOOLISH THINKING PREVENTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS AND ACTIONS.

ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AND LAWS ARE UNDER CONTROL OF THE WHITE RULING CLASS GOVERNMENT. IT IS EASY FOR THESE RULERS AND THEIR GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE OR QUASH RULES TO SUIT THEIR OWN INTERESTS AT THE TIME. THIS WAS SHOWN IN OCTOBER, 1970 WHEN OTTAWA FORCED THE WAR MEASURES ACT ON THE PEOPLE OF QUEBEC. OTTAWA DID THE SAME THING AGAINST THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN IN 1885 WHEN THESE RULERS WANTED TO CRUSH OUR ANCESTORS AND PUT THEM ON RESERVES, AND TAKE THEIR VALUABLE LANDS. OTTAWA CAN DO THE SAME THING AGAIN WHENEVER THEY WANT TO ACT AGAINST US. WE HAVE NO GUARANTEE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL NOT SEND SOLDIERS AND GUNS OUT TO KILL AND JAIL THE NATIVE PEOPLE AGAIN.

HOWEVER, NOW THAT INDIANS AND HALF-BREEDS ACROSS CANADA ARE WAKING UP TO THEIR CONDITION OF POVERTY AND OPPRESSION, THE WHITE RULING CLASS WANTS TO GET US INVOLVED IN MAINSTREAM SOCIETY, AND IN PARTY POLITICS. SHOULD WE PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS AND IN VOTING? IN 1966, A COMMITTEE OF NATIVE PEOPLE IN SASKATCHEWAN RAN A CANDIDATE IN THE MEADOW LAKE CONSTITUENCY IN THE FEDERAL EL

ECTION. OUR CANDIDATE RECEIVED OVER 600 VOTES. AT THAT TIME, WE FELT SUCH ACTIVITY IN PARTY POLITICS HELPED TO AWAKEN NATIVE PEOPLE ABOUT UNDERSTANDING THEIR SITUATION, POLITICALLY. HOWEVER, TODAY WE ARE NOT SURE THAT TAKING PART IN ELECTIONS IS REALLY HELPING OUR PEOPLE. MAYBE IT DOES MORE TO TRAP THEM INTO THINKING THAT VOTING, ELECTIONS AND PARLIAMENT IS THE ONLY WAY OF THE 'PROPER WAY' TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE FOR OUR PEOPLE. IT IS TRUE THAT ELECTIONS CAN BE USED AS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF GETTING PEOPLE INVOLVED AND CONCERNED ABOUT THE POLITICS OF OUR TERRIBLE CONDITIONS. SINCE THE ATTENTION OF PEOPLE IS FOCUSED ON ELECTION AND CANDIDATES, IT IS A GOOD TIME TO POINT OUT THE FAULTS OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM; AND THE WAY IT DISCRIMINATES AGAINST, AND OPPRESSED OUR PEOPLE. IT IS A GOOD TIME TO SHOW THAT WHITE BUSINESSMEN RULE US WITH THEIR RACIST GOVERNMENT. BUT IS IT WORTH IT, IF WE ARE TO VICTIMIZE OUR PEOPLE INTO BELIEVING AND ACCEPTING AN ELECTION TRICK THAT CONTROLS US AS CHILDREN.

AS INDIANS AND HALF-BREEDS WE ARE CONQUERED PEOPLE, AND COLONIZED. THE OTTAWA SOLDIERS INVADDED OUR PRAIRIE COUNTRY IN 1885 AND WON THE WAR AGAINST OUR ANCESTORS. AS THE NEW RULERS, THEY SEIZED OUR LAND, AND FOR ALL PURPOSES MADE THE NATIVE PEOPLE PRISONERS IN OUR OWN LAND. WHITE MEN DESTROYED AS MUCH OF OUR CULTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS HE POSSIBLY COULD. BY KEEPING US IN SMALL HALF-BREED COMMUNITIES AND ON RESERVES, OTTAWA AND ITS GOVERNMENT WAS ABLE TO CONTROL US. AS PRISONERS, WE WERE INFERIORIZED; THAT IS, MADE TO BELIEVE THAT WE WERE INFERIOR AND LOWER THAN WHITEMAN. WE WERE TOLD THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO RUN OUR OWN AFFAIRS; THAT WE NEEDED PROTECTION. BUT, IT WAS THE WHITEMAN'S GOVERNMENT THAT WE NEEDED PROTECTION FROM.

OUR LEADERS, SUCH AS LOUIS RIEL WERE MURDERED SO THAT OUR ANCESTORS COULD NOT ORGANIZE, AND REMAIN POWERFUL AS A NATIVE NATION. OUR NATIONALISM - THE FEELING OF BEING PROUD AS A NATIVE AND THE SPIRIT OF CONCERN FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS - ALL THIS WAS CRUSHED, WHERE IT WAS NECESSARY, OTTAWA STAMPED NATIONALISM OUT WITH THE USE OF THE GUN. HOWEVER, TODAY WE MUST START REBUILDING OUR NATIVE NATIONALISM AND OUR CULTURE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DEVELOP A SENSE OF UNITY, AND A SENSE OF BROTHERHOOD. OUR PETTY DIFFERENCES AND QUARRELS MUST BE PUT ASIDE, AND WE HAVE TO CONCERN OURSELVES WITH ALL THE NATIVE PEOPLE, AND NOT JUST OURSELF. ABOVE ALL, WE HAVE TO STOP TRYING TO BE WHITE, AND TRYING TO BE AC

FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS!!

CEPT BY WHITE SOCIETY. A STRONG NATION CANNOT BE BUILT ON NATIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE ASHAMED OF THEIR INDIANNESS, AND BY PEOPLE WHO ARE LYING TO THEMSELVES, AND BY NATIVES WHO ARE 'SUCKING-UP' TO BE THE SO-CALLED IMPORTANT WHITE PEOPLE. WE MUST HAVE PRIDE IN OURSELVES AND IN OUR NATION. NATIVE (RED) NATIONALISM IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE AGAINST OUR MASTERS AND OPPRESSORS - THE WHITE BUSINESSMAN'S GOVERNMENT.

NATIVE NATIONALISM HAS TO BE CAREFULLY GUIDED, SO THAT IT HELPS TO BUILD A STRONG NATIONAL FEELING IN EACH NATIVE PERSON, JUST TO RESTORE OLD INDIAN AND HALF-BREED

CUSTOMS AND RITUALS, IS NOT NECESSARILY REBUILDING NATIVE NATIONALISM. THE WHITE RULERS KNOW THAT A SPIRIT OF NATIONALISM IS RISING AMONG NATIVE PEOPLE, SO THEY ARE WORKING TO DIRECT AND CONTROL IT IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS. THAT IS, THEY GET NATIVE PEOPLE ALL TIED-UP IN TRADITIONAL NATIVE CULTURE THAT IS NOT LINKED TO REVOLUTIONARY POLITICS. AS A RESULT, THIS KIND OF NATIVE NATIONALISM BECOMES MORE OPPRESSIVE, AND SERVES TO CONTROL THESE NATIVE PEOPLE MUCH MORE EASILY.

RACISM IS ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS THAT FACES US. SINCE IT IS PART OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM, WE WILL ALWAYS BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST AS LONG AS THIS KIND OF SOCIETY IS IN POWER. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE IN EVERY WAY TO BE INTEGRATED INTO THE WHITE MAINSTREAM SOCIETY OF CANADA. A RACIST SOCIETY CAN NOT INTEGRATE NATIVE PEOPLE INTO THE MAINSTREAM, EVEN IF THE WHITE PEOPLE WANT INTEGRATION. AS FAR AS CANADIAN SOCIETY IS CONCERNED, HALF-BREEDS ARE INDIANS. WE ARE ONLY KIDDING OURSELVES BY THINKING BECAUSE WE ARE HALF-WHITE THAT WE ARE HALF WAY INTO WHITE MAINSTREAM SOCIETY. AS HALF-BREEDS, WE ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, AND SHUT OUT FROM THE WHITE SOCIETY JUST AS SERIOUSLY AS ANY INDIAN.

AS A RESULT OF THESE CONDITIONS, IT IS QUITE IMPOSSIBLE FOR NATIVE PEOPLE TO OBTAIN ANY REAL SUCCESS IN WHITEMAN'S CAPITALISTIC SOCIETY, THAT IS, IN TERMS OF GETTING CONTROL OF OUR RESERVES AND COMMUNITIES, OF BEING FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RACISM, OF GETTING FULL EMPLOYMENT OR A DECENT STANDARD OF LIVING, OR OF BEING FREE AND EQUAL PEOPLE. THEREFORE, OUR STRUGGLE IS TO CHANGE THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM, AND THEREBY GET RID OF THE CONDITIONS THAT CONTROL AND OPPRESS US. BUT THIS BIG CHANGE CAN NOT BE MADE THROUGH ELECTIONS AND THROUGH THE BALLOT BOX. OUR STRUGGLE IS AGAINST THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF CAPITALISM. WE CAN NEVER BE FREE AND EQUAL PEOPLE AS LONG AS WHITEMAN USES GOVERNMENT INSTRUMENTS, SUCH AS JAILS, COURTS AND POLICE TO KEEP THE INDIAN AND HALF-BREED IN 'HIS PLACE' BY CHARGING US WITH PETTY OFFENCES, JAILING US, AND USING POLICE BRUTALITY IS THE WHITEMAN'S SCHEME FOR TERRORIZING US, AND FOR REMINDING US THAT HE IS IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF US. IT IS HIS WAY OF SHOWING HIS POWER AND AUTHORITY.

OUR STRUGGLE IS AGAINST THOSE THINGS OF THE BUSINESSMAN'S GOVERNMENT - CAPITALISM - THAT KEEPS THE NATIVE PEOPLE DOWN. THEREFORE, WE HAVE TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COURTS, THE BALLOT-BOX, THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, AND ALL OTHER THINGS THAT DOMINATE US. OUR STRUGGLE IS A REVOLUTIONARY ONE, AND WE CAN NOT SETTLE FOR ANYTHING LESS THAN COMPLETE FREEDOM.

HOWARD ADAMS



ATTENTION NATIVE PEOPLE

LEARN THE TRUE FACTS OF RELOCATION. WHY LIVE IN POVERTY? WHEN YOU CAN LIVE IN POVERTY IN THE BIG CITY, TRY THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (RELOCATION PROGRAM).

WE'LL TAKE YOU AWAY FROM THE OUTDATED CUSTOMS OF YOUR TRIBAL HOMELAND AND DROP YOU IN AN EXCITING SLUM.

YOU'LL BE ON YOUR OWN, WITHOUT FRIENDS OR MONEY. YOU'LL MEET INTERESTING PEOPLE:

POLICEMEN
WELFARE WORKERS
DOPE PUSHERS
HOODLUMS
AND WE'LL TRAIN YOU FOR A CHALLENGING CAREER AS A DISHWASHER, WELDER MECHANIC OR VAGRANT. YOU CAN LIVE IN A BEAUTIFUL URBAN TENEMENT. YES YOU'LL LEARN THE EXCITEMENT OF LIVING IN A CITY - OVERCROWDING PLUS POLLUTION AND CRIME.

LET US TAKE YOU AWAY FROM ALL THOSE BACKWARD INDIANS AND MAKE A CANADIAN OUT OF YOU.

CONTACT YOUR DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO-DAY.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

THE METIS SOCIETY HAS HAD A RAPID BUILD-UP IN A YEARS' TIME, BUT THE GOING HAS NOT BEEN ALL SMOOTH - INDEED, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY PROBLEMS OR GROWING PAINS WITHIN THE SOCIETY. AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, IT IS MY DUTY TO BE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND HELPFUL OFFICE.

THE ORGANIZATION IS GETTING AHEAD AND IS PROGRESSING WITH THE HELP OF FIELD WORKERS WHO RELATE AND CO-ORDINATE CONSTRUCTIVE HAPPENINGS.

THE MAIN OFFICE IS WORKING WELL AT THIS TIME. ALTHOUGH THE PEOPLE WE HAVE HIRED ARE NOT OF THE UNIVERSITY OR EVEN HIGH SCHOOL STANDARD THEY ARE GOOD, DEDICATED WORKERS WHO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PEOPLE AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL. THOUGH THEY ARE NOT INVOLVED TOO MUCH IN ROUTINE OFFICE WORK WE ARE LEARNING TO PRODUCE GOOD WORKERS.

MANY DECISIONS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY INDIVIDUALS AS IT IS HARD TO SET UP AN OFFICE. WE NEED PEOPLE IN FIELD WORK WHO NEED THEIR PAY AND IN ORDER FOR THINGS TO RUN SMOOTHLY, WE NEED RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER.

I AM TRYING TO WORK WITH DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS AS A LIAISON MAN BETWEEN THE SOCIETY AND THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS. IN ORDER TO HAVE COMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE, WE FIRST NEED COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE OFFICE. IN ORDER FOR THE SOCIETY AND THE PEOPLE TO COMMUNICATE AND TO OPERATE EFFICIENTLY WE WOULD APPRECIATE LETTERS, ETC, ETC,.. TO LET US KNOW YOUR IDEAS ON PROBLEMS THAT ARISE FROM THE COMMUNITIES OR WHAT HAVE YOU. AS YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT, I EXTEND MY BEST WISHES AND SUCCESS IN ALL YOUR ENDEAVORS FOR THE NEW YEARS.

NAP LAFONTAINE.

"LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT."

I DON'T KNOW WHO SAID THAT; BUT IT WAS PROBABLY SAID BY A RULING PEOPLE. OF COURSE WE THE SUPPRESSED CANNOT REALLY SAY THIS BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW, LIFE ISN'T WHAT WE MAKE IT. YOU SEE WE'VE BEEN TOLD WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO GO ABOUT DOING IT. SO PLAINLY SPEAKING, WE CAN SAY THAT FROM THE TIME A NATIVE PERSON IS BORN HIS WHOLE LIFE HAS BEEN FORE-PLANNED BY THE WHITE SOCIETY. YOU SEE WE HAVEN'T BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY EXPRESS OURSELVES. WE CAN NEVER BELONG TO A WHITE SOCIETY FOR THE SIMPLE REASON, THAT WE ARE INDIANS AND HALF-BREEDS. IN BEING AN INDIAN AND HALF-BREED, WE'RE RELATED AS BEING SAVAGES AND WHAT NOT. SO WHY ARE THE WHITE SOCIETY BITCHING ABOUT HOW LAZY WE SEEM TO BE? WHY IS IT IF ONE NATIVE PERSON CANNOT PERFORM A TASK PROPERLY ALL THE OTHERS ARE BRANDED AS NOT BEING ABLE TO DO THE JOB? WHY IS IT IF WHITE SOCIETY SEES ONE NATIVE PERSON DRUNK THAT ALL OTHERS ARE BRANDED THE SAME?

OUR CHAINS HAVE NOT BEEN BROKEN AS OF YET AND UNTIL THEY ARE, WE WILL BE WHAT WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN. THE SUPPRESSED AND LOOKED DOWN-UPON. SO MY BROTHER, LET US VOICE OUR INTENTIONS SO THAT WE CAN CRUSH IMPERIALISM ONCE AND FOR ALL IN CANADA ANY WAY.

LARRY AHENAKEW.

MISS TONI DUROCHER
THE NEW BREED
200 1935 SCARTH ST,
REGINA, SASK.

DEAR TONI,

TODAY WITH THE 35 BELOW ZERO WEATHER IN REGINA I AM THINKING OF ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NEED OF BLANKETS AND STOVES.

AT THE MEETING ON SUNDAY LAST I SAID THAT I THOUGHT THAT THE REGINA WELFARE WOULD SUPPLY TO PEOPLE ON WELFARE SUCH HOUSEHOLD NEEDS AS, BLANKETS, STOVES AND FURNITURE, I CONFIRMED THIS BY TELEPHONE, I THINK THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT THAT ONE MAY GET IN ONE YEAR FOR HOUSEHOLD NEEDS IS \$500.00, I THINK THAT THE WELFARE RECIPIENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THIS.

I ASKED FOR SOME PAMPHLETS ON WELFARE REGULATIONS AND WILL LET YOU HAVE COPIES WHEN I RECIEVE THEM.

SUCCESS WITH THE NEW BREED,

SINCERELY,

CHARLOTTE REID.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU OF SOME DISTURBING FACTS THAT SHOULD BE OF PRIME CONCERN FOR ALL THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

#1. THE LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE UNEMPLOYMENT IN CANADA IS NOT FILTERING DOWN TO THE NATIVE PEOPLE. YOU ARE ALL AWARE OF THE FACT THAT APPROXIMATELY 80% OF THE NATIVE POPULATION IS UNEMPLOYED, YOU ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE FACT THAT A GREAT NUMBER OF NATIVE PEOPLE ARE NOT EVEN REGISTERED WITH CANADA MANPOWER. IT STANDS TO REASON TO ASSUME THAT THE HALF-BREED PEOPLE WILL AGAIN RECEIVE NO BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM. THE ONLY COURSE OF ACTION I CAN SUGGEST AT THE PRESENT TIME, IS TO SEND IN AS MANY LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS AS POSSIBLE TO THE MINISTER IN CHARGE OF MANPOWER, OTTO LANG. THE METIS SOCIETY OF THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN, MET WITH ALL THE PRESIDENTS OF EACH LOCAL IN SASKATCHEWAN AT NORTH BATTLEFORD ON JANUARY 7TH, 1972, AND THIS WAS ONE OF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS COUNTRY IS AGAIN PUSSY-FOOTING AROUND, WE MUST NEVER FORGET THE FACT THAT "UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL."

#2. THE HALF-BREED PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN WERE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS GOING TO DISBAND THE INDIAN AND METIS DEPT, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT CARRYING OUT THE JOB THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS SUPPOSEDLY SET UP TO DO.

AN ARTICLE IN THE REGINA LEADER-POST STATED THAT THE DEPUTY MINISTER AND ASSISTANT DEPUTY-MINISTER OF THE INDIAN AND METIS DEPT, WERE FIRED WITH ONLY A FEW HOURS NOTICE. NUMEROUS MEETINGS WERE HELD THROUGHOUT SASKATCHEWAN AT WHICH TIME THE NATIVE PEOPLE PRESENTED NUMEROUS SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE WAYS AND MEANS WE CAN IMPROVE OURSELVES SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY. THESE SAME PEOPLE THAT WERE FIRED FROM THIS DEPARTMENT WERE THE SAME PEOPLE THAT DID NOT LISTEN. THEY REFUSED TO CO-OPERATE AND RATHER WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO STOP ANY GOOD PROGRAM SUGGESTED FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE

THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN REALIZED THE FACT THAT SOME PEOPLE WITHIN THE INDIAN AND METIS DEPT, WERE DELIBERATELY HOLDING BACK PROGRESS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN GAINED HAD THESE IDEAS BEEN CONSIDERED. AS FAR AS THE PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN ARE CONCERNED, THIS TYPE OF PERSON IN OFFICE SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS POSITION IN THE FIRST PLACE.

THE REGINA LEADER-POST IS WRONG IN SUGGESTING THEY WERE GIVEN ONLY A FEW HOURS NOTICE, THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN RECOMMENDED TO BOTH THE FORMER AND THE PRESENT MINISTERS OF THE INDIAN AND METIS DEPT, TO HAVE SOME PEOPLE REMOVED. THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN IS NOT HAPPY WITH THE FACT THAT ANOTHER DEPUTY-MINISTER WAS HIRED BY THE PRESENT MINISTER OF THE INDIAN AND METIS DEPT. WITHOUT CONSULTING THE PEOPLE. THE METIS SOCIETY HAD ALREADY INDICATED A PERSON WHOM WE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE WE COULD WORK ALONG WITH.

#3. THE PROPOSED NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT DEPT. HAS BEEN FORMED WITHOUT THE CONSULTATION OF THE NATIVE PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT THIS NEW DEPARTMENT MAY SEPARATE THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT SHOULD BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED ARE:

A. WE SHOULD HOLD ONE LARGE MEETING TO INTRODUCE AND INFORM THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF THE PURPOSE OF THIS DEPARTMENT.
B. WE SHOULD HOLD FOUR MEETINGS IN EACH OF THE AREAS DESIGNATED BY THIS DEPARTMENT AND ELECT REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH AREA TO SIT ON THE NORTHERN COUNCIL.
C. HOLD ONE BIG MEETING TO FINALIZE ALL PLANS AND GET ALL THE INFORMATION THAT THE PEOPLE SUGGEST CONCERNING THE PLANNED LEGISLATION. IN THIS WAY THE NORTHERN RESIDENTS ARE INITIALLY INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING OF LEGISLATION. THEREFORE THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN ARE NOT JUST ADVISORS, BUT RATHER PLANNERS AND DECISION MAKERS. THIS IS DEMOCRACY.

LET US NOT FORGET THAT WE HAVE LIVED IN CONDITIONS CONSIDERED DEPLORABLE FOR 100 YEARS AND AS LONG AS WE SIT BACK AND WAIT THERE IS NO WAY OUT OF THIS PREDICAMENT. WE MUST UNITE ORGANIZE AND FIGHT TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE SOME OF THE BASIC RIGHTS THAT HAVE BEEN DENIED TO US IN THE PAST. REMEMBER THAT CANADA IS ONE OF THE RICHEST NATIONS IN THE WORLD AND THAT THERE IS NO REASON WHY PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE TO LIVE IN POVERTY AND DEGRADATION. REMEMBER, MAN IS NOT DETERMINED BY CONDITION, BUT RAHTER HE DETERMINES HIS OWN CONDITION. KEEP FIGHTING AND PLUGGING AWAY.

JIM DUROCHER
TREASURER
METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN

A HALF-BREED STOOD AT THE PEARLY GATE. HIS FACE LOOKED WORN AND OLD. SO HE MEEKLY ASKED ST. PETER FOR ADMISSION TO THE FOLD.
"WHAT HAVE YOU DONE ON EARTH," ST. PETER ASKED, "TO SEEK ADMISSION HERE?"
"I'VE BEEN A HALF-BREED ON EARTH," HE SAID, "FOR MANY AND MANY A YEAR."
THE GATE SWUNG WIDELY OPEN AS ST. PETER TOUCHED THE BELL.
"COME IN," HE SAID, "AND TAKE A HARP, YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH OF HELL."

LOWEL RESON.

WATCHING WATER SKIING FOR THE FIRST TIME, TWO INDIANS WERE PERCHED ON A ROCK ALONG THE SHORE OF THE LAKE.
FIRST INDIAN: "WHY BOAT GO SO FAST."
SECOND INDIAN: "MAN ON STRING CHASE-UM."

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NATIVE ALCOHOL COUNCIL

WELL, THIS YEAR AGAIN, WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF HAVING OUR NEW YEAR'S DANCE AND BANQUET AT THE QU'APPELLE STUDENT RESIDENCE. OUR THANKS GO TO FATHER SHARRON AS THIS IS THE THIRD TIME WE HAD OUR FUNCTIONS THERE.

OUR AGENDA STARTED WITH OUR A.A. MEETING AND WE HAD SOME GOOD SPEAKERS, WHO GAVE US A GOOD MESSAGE. THIS GIVES US A GOOD START FOR 1972. WE HAD A MEMBER, FRANK R, WHO RECEIVED HIS TEN YEAR MEDALLION, AND IT'S PEOPLE LIKE THIS THAT MAKES US WANT TO STRIVE ON FOR BETTER LIVES IN A.A. AND THERE WAS ALSO ONE YOUNG CHAP WHO RECEIVED HIS FIRST YEAR, I KNOW THIS PROGRAM WORKS IF WE LET GO AND LET THE HIGH ER POWER TAKE OVER. I FEEL THE ONLY WAY IS BY HELPING OTHER SUFFERING ALCOHOLICS AND I CAN'T FORGET THE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A DRUG PROBLEM. IT GIVES US THE COURAGE TO STRIVE FORWARD. THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THE PAST, BUT WE CAN TAKE THE PROGRAM A DAY AT A TIME AND CHANGE OUR OLD WAYS FOR GOOD. HONEST LIVING, HELP MEASURES AVAIL US NOTHING.

THE ATTENDANCE AT THE RECEPTION WAS 200 AND I FOUND THERE WERE ALOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHICH MAKES IT WONDERFUL., BECAUSE THEY ARE LOOKING FOR ANSWERS TOO, THE DRUG PROBLEM IS WORSE THAN BOOZE, BECAUSE THE DAMAGE IS DONE FASTER TO THE BODY; MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY, I KNOW IF THEY APPLY THE A.A. PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE, IT WILL AL SO WORK FOR THEM.

GROUPS THAT WERE REPRESENTED WERE FROM FILE HILLS, PRINCE ALBERT, KAMSACK, BALCARRES, PIAPOT, INDIAN HEAD, MOOSE JAW, CRAVEN, EDWENALD GOODEVE, ZEHNER, PUNNICHY, WYMARK, WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF HAVING THE PRESIDENT OF THE METIS SOCIETY, JIM SINCLAIR AND HIS WIFE AGNES. THIS IS WISHING YOU ALL A PROSPEROUS 1972.

EASY DOES IT.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM FT. QU'APPELLE GROUP,

LEONA B.



ALCOHOLISM!

ONCE YOU START DOWN THE ROAD TO ALCOHOLISM IT GROWS PROGRESSIVELY HARDER TO STOP. THIS FACT HAS BEEN KNOWN ALMOST FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME, BUT ONLY IN RECENT YEARS HAS MEDICAL SCIENCES GIVEN STUDY TO FINDING OUT THE "WHY". THEY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT EXCESSIVE DRINKING INDICATES MORE THAN A "WEAK WILL" IT INDICATES A SICK PERSONALITY. IT'S A DISEASE.

ALCOHOLISM CAN BE ARRESTED AND THE ALCOHOLIC RESOURCE FROM THE OBSESSION THAT COMPELS HIM TO DRINK.

IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES IT TAKES TIME AND DETERMINATION - THE WILLINGNESS TO DO ANYTHING IN ONE'S POWER TO STOP DRINKING AND IF THERE SHOULD BE A FALL ALONG THE WAY - THE GUTS TO GET UP AND TRY AGAIN. AND, STRANGELY ENOUGH, THE PERSON THAT HAS SINCERELY TRIED THE "A.A. WAY OF LIFE", AND SLIPS USUALLY COMES BACK WITH MORE DETERMINATION AND IS STRONGER THAN EVER.

WHEN IT COMES TO DRUGS, GLUE SNIFFING, ETC, YOU AS PARENTS, COUNCILLORS CAN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE PROBLEM, UNLESS YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.

YOU CAN'T FORCE ANYONE TO STOP TAKING DRUGS OR GLUE SNIFFING. IT'S A SLOW WORKING PROCESS THAT TAKES TIME. IF YOU TRY TO PUT THE PERSON AWAY WHO HAS THE PROBLEM, THEY'LL RESENT YOU MORE THAN THEY DID BEFORE, BUT THEY WILL REACH A POINT, WHEN THEY KNOW THEY NEED HELP, WHEN THAT TIME COMES, TRY TO GET A YOUNG PERSON WHO HAD THE SAME PROBLEM, BUT HAS OVERCOME IT. IN THE MEANTIME, YOU CAN TRY TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE FINING THEMSELVES THROUGH THE HELP OF EACH OTHER

FROM A GIRL'S VIEWPOINT OF DRUGS.

WHAT THE N.A.C. HAS BEEN DOING

IT'S BEEN MOST DIFFICULT, FOR THE WORKERS TO GO OUT AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT ALCOHOLISM. DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS, THE SAD PART OF IT IS WE KNOW OUR NATIVE PEOPLE OR THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE SUFFERING THIS ILLNESS. WE BELIEVE THIS TO BE SO, BECAUSE JUDGING FROM THE NEWS-MEDIA, CRIME, DEATHS, BREAKING UP OF HOMES, WELFARE TAKING OVER THE CARE OF CHILDREN, LOSE OF JOBS, ETC. I CAN'T BEGIN TO WRITE EVERYTHING, THERE IS SO MUCH INVOLVED. THE REASON BEHIND THESE PROBLEMS IS ALWAYS "ALCOHOL", UNTIL THEN, WE ARE AT A LOSS, UNLESS WE COULD BE ABLE TO TEACH OUR PEOPLE WAYS AND MEANS TO ARREST THIS PROBLEM, BECAUSE LIFE CAN BE SO REWARDING,

IT'S GOOD TO GO OUT AND BE ABLE TO WORK AMONGST OUR OWN PEOPLE KNOWING YOUR TRYING TO HELP. PUT YOUR SELF IN THEIR SHOES. BECAUSE NOT TO MANY MOONS AGO, WE HAD BEEN FALLING DOWN AMONGST THE THORNS WONDERING IF THERE WAS A WAY OUT. AND MIND YOU THERE IS, BUT THE WILLINGNESS HAS TO BE THERE, TOO. THE MORE YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS ILLNESS, THE MORE YOU'LL BENEFIT FROM IT. I THINK IT'S GOOD, A GROUP OF ENTHUSED PERSONS COULD TAKE TIME OUT AND GO INTO THIS LINE OF WORK, WHEN IT'S SO DESPERATELY NEEDED, BECAUSE SOMETIMES YOU THINK YOU ARE NOT GETTING ANYWHERE IN THIS FIELD. BUT THE MAIN THING IS NOT TO GIVE UP. JUST KEEP TRYING. THERE'S MANY OUT THERE. I'M SURE, THEY NUMBER IN THE THOUSANDS.

(A WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT)

1918-1972 WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

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NOVEMBER 29, 1918

THE DEPUTY MINISTER
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
TORONTO.

DEAR SIR:

RE: THE INDIAN STUDENT, CLIFFORD TOBIAS, I BEG TO SAY THAT HIS ACADEMIC STANDING MIGHT BE SUFFICIENT, EXPECIALLY IF HIS TERM STANDING IN HIGH SCHOOL WERE UNIFORMLY GOOD. BUT HE COULD NOT TEACH THEM HORTICULTURE AND AGRICULTURE. I WOULD NOT ADVISE PUTTING ANY INDIAN IN CHARGE OF AN INDIAN SCHOOL. THESE CHILDRN REQUIRE TO HAVE THE "INDIAN" EDUCATED OUT OF THEM, WHICH ONLY A WHITE TEACHER CAN HELP TO DO.

IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER TO SELECT A WHITE, RETURNED SOLDIER OF EQUAL OR HIGHER ATTAINMENTS, AND MAKE AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE A HOME FOR HIM ON THE INDIAN RESERVE, NEAR THE SCHOOL.

AN INDIAN IS ALWAYS AND ONLY AN INDIAN AND HAS NOT THE SOCIAL, MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL STANDARD REQUIRED TO ELEVATE THESE INDIAN CHILDREN, WHO ARE QUITE CAPABLE OF IMPROVEMENT.

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,
W.H.G. COLLES, P. S. I.

CHATHAM, DEC. 1, 1918

AND THEN THERE WAS THE BRAVE WHO WAS THROWN OUT OF HIS TRIBE FOR SENDING DIRTY SMOKE SIGNALS.

THINK ABOUT THIS

"YOUR NOTHING BUT A DAM JAIL-BIRD," "YOUR A HOODLUM," "YOU BIG THIEF," "YOUR A DISGRACE TO THE INDIANS," "YOUR NOTHING BUT A BUM WHO'S TOO DAM LAZY TO WORK," "YOUR A CRAZY SPUN-OUT INDIAN," "YOUR NUTS, YOUR NOT ALL THERE," "YOUR JUST A COLD BLOODED BASTARD," (ETC., ETC., ETC.)

THESE ARE A FEW OF THE TITLES THAT I'M STUCK WITH FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. MORE PEOPLE, BOTH MY OWN PEOPLE AND OTHERS SEEM TO BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW DANGEROUS I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THAN ABOUT WANTING TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME DIRECTLY. AND THIS COMMUNICATION IS ITSELF THE TOTAL PROBLEM BETWEEN SOCIETY AND PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF.

IT STARTS FROM THE FIRST TIME THEY HAVE LOCKED YOU AWAY IN A CELL FOR PUNISHMENT, NOT FOR REHABILITATION PURPOSES. I'M ASHAMED TO APPLY THE WORD REHABILITATION, I'M ASHAMED FOR THOSE WHO USE IT WHEN THEY ADDRESS A CONVICTED PERSON.

BECAUSE A WORD LIKE THAT IS NOTHING BUT A FANCY FLAPPING OF THE LIPS AND TONGUE, IT HAS ABSOLUTELY NO MEANING IN ANY PRISON. AT LEAST ITS SERVERLY MIS-INTERPETED.

IF FACTS WANT TO BE LOOKED INTO DEEPER, GO ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE SCHOOLS THE WHITE MAN HAS MADE US ATTEND AS YOUNGSTERS. MIND YOU, EDUCATION IS GREAT FOR ANYONE, BUT SCHOOL SYSTEMS DIDN'T APPEL ENOUGH OF AN UNDERSTANDING ATMOSPHERE FOR ALOT OF INDIAN CHILDREN THEN, EVEN TODAY THIS IS IN EXISTENCE. WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL, I WAS ALREADY LABLED WITH A NUMBER, A NUMBER THAT TOLD ME WHICH CLOTHES WERE MINE, WHICH BED WAS MINE, ETC., I WAS WALKING IN A STRAIGHT LINE FOR SHOWERS, MEALS, ETC., JUST LIKE A CHAIN-GANG. I WAS TOLD WHEN TO KNEEL DOWN AND PRAY AND I WAS TOLD WHEN TO STAND UP AND SING. IN SHORT I WAS BEING BRAIN-WASHED OF MY NATURAL INSTINCTS. INSTINCTS THE WHITE MAN HAS CALLED "CULTURE," THEY SAY "NEVER FORGET YOUR CULTURE" THEN HOW COME THEY TRIED BRAIN-WASHING ME WITH THEIR SYSTEMS? WHEN I COULD HAVE BEEN FREE TO WEAR MY OWN KIND OF CLOTHES, TO SLEEP IN MY OWN KIND OF BED, TO HAVE A BATH IN A RIVER STREAM WHENEVER I DESIRED, TO EAT ANYTHING I DESIRED, NO ONE KNOWS THE ANSWER, OR SO THEY INDICATE...

THIS FORM OF BRAIN-WASHING HAS NEVER CEASED, I GUESS IT NEVER WILL, BECAUSE A PERSON WHO'S DONE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME EVENTUALLY REALIZES, THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THIS TO US AND NOW TRY TO FORGET THIS FEELING THATS BEEN PLANTED FIRMLY IN ONES MIND. WE RESORT TO THINGS TO TRY AND RID US OF THIS KNOWLEDGE, NAMELY BOOZE, DRUGS, AND CRIME, ALOT OF US RESORT TO THESE TATIC'S AND OTHER WAYS WITHOUT BEING AWARE OF HOW COME OR WHY.

AND IT BRINGS US TO PRESENT DAY BRAIN-WASHING IN PRISONS THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO USE ON PEOPLE. ONLY IT TURNS INTO A FORM OF BITTERNESS AND OBTAINING A GREAT EDUCATION IN CRIME.

WHY? BECAUSE THERE NEVER WAS ANY PROPER AND UNDERSTANDING COMMUNICATION, AND THERES STILL NONE IN EXISTENCE, AND ONE WONDERS IF THERE'LL EVER BE...

BY BILLY BRASS

A YOUNG INDIAN MAID WAS WALKING DOWN THE STREET WITH A BAG OF GROCERIES UNDER HER ARM WHEN A WHITE MAN WISE-CRACKED TO HER, "I HAVE A BUCK THAT SAYS I CAN TAKE YOU OUT AND GIVE YOU A GOOD TIME. THE INDIAN MAID KNOWING HERSELF AND THE FAITH SHE HAD IN HER BRAVE, REPLIED, "AND I HAVE A BUCK WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T."

NATIVE PROJECT SOCIETY CONFERENCE

NATIVE PROJECT SOCIETY OF THE REGINA PROVINCIAL CORRECTIONAL CENTER ARE HOLDING A MEETING WITH CHIEFS AND COUNCILLORS AND MANY WELL KNOWN ORGANIZATIONS OF SASKATCHEWAN. THE CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN AT 10 A.M. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1972. PART OF THE PROGRAM WILL CONSIST OF A SCHEDULED TOUR OF THE CENTER, FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH AND THEN THE CONFERENCE WILL START AT 1:30 P.M. ALL INVITED GUESTS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT 9:45 A.M. AT THE CENTER.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONFERENCE IS TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND OPEN LINE OF COMMUNICATION, THAT WILL BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIVE INMATES LEAVING THE JAIL. THE NAMES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIVE PROJECT SOCIETY WILL BE EXPLAINED. LETTERS OF INVITATION HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO CHIEFS AND COUNCILLORS AND TO MANY NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS OF SASKATCHEWAN. WE ARE ANTICIPATING A WELL-ATTENDED CONFERENCE BY ALL THOSE INVITED.

WILLIE PAPEQUASH
PRESIDENT
NATIVE PROJECT SOCIETY
BOX 17
REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

THIS IS YOUR LAND!

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY THE GOVERNMENT ALLOWS THE SALE OF JAPENESE PRODUCED INDIAN HANDICRAFTS IN CANADA?

THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS ARE LABOR AND MATERIALS. IN JAPAN, MATERIAL IS EITHER READILY AVAILABLE OR EASILY ACCESSIBLE. TO MASS PRODUCE REPLICAS OF INDIAN HANDICRAFTS FINISHED PRODUCTS SUCH AS BEADS, LEATHER, FURS, ETC., MUST BE ON HAND SINCE JAPAN IS NOT RICH IN RAW MATERIALS BUT PRINCIPALLY AN INDUSTRIAL NATION THEY MUST TRADE FINISHED PRODUCTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN EXCHANGE FOR RAW MATERIALS. BECAUSE OF AUTOMATION AND THE VAST NUMBERS OF EMPLOYABLE PEOPLE WHICH CREATES JOB COMPETITION AND RESULTS IN LOW WAGES THESE RAW MATERIALS CAN BE FASHIONED QUITE CHEAPLY INTO A FINISHED PRODUCT. WHEN THESE PRODUCTS HIT THE CANADIAN MARKET WE MUST COMPETE WITH THEM IN PRICE.

THE TIME IT TAKES TO PRODUCE GOODS IS THE DECIDING FACTOR IN THE PRICING OF AN ARTICLE. SINCE PROFITS ARE MADE ON WAGES AND THE NUMBER OF SURPLUS HOURS WORKED BY A LABORER THE JAPENESE PRODUCT YIELDS A LARGE PROFIT ON THE CANADIAN MARKET. INDIAN HANDICRAFTS WERE BEING SOLD ON THE CANADIAN MARKET LONG BEFORE THE JAPANESE CONCEIVED THE IDEA OF MASS PRODUCING REPLICAS. ALL THE RETAILER HAD TO DO WAS UNDER SELL OUR PRODUCT.

THESE PRODUCTS CREATE EMPLOYMENT AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, YEILD A PROFIT TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISES. THE PRODUCT IS BOUGHT IN JAPAN AND DISTRIBUTED BY A WHOLE SALER (FOR A PROFIT) TO A RETAILOR. IT IS AGAIN MARKED UP PERCENTAGE WISE ACCORDING TO SUPPLY AND DEMAND AND SOLD TO THE CONSUMER.

WHO SHOULD WE DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM? WE REALIZE THAT THESE JAPENESE REPLICAS MUST BE BOUYCOTTED AT ALL COSTS THEY FALSELY REPRESENT US AND THEY ARE DESTROYING OUR NEAR NON-EXISTANT ECONOMY. PROMOTING AND ESTABLISHING SALES CENTRES IN DIFFERENT AREAS COULD SERVE TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT AND BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS OF OUR PEOPLE. BUT THIS IDEA MUST BE DEALT WITH CAREFULLY.

TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT WE WOULD HAVE TO MANUFACTURE, PROMOTE AND SELL OUR PRODUCT. ALL PROFITS THEN WOULD RIGHTFULLY HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE THE PRODUCERS. ALL PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS PROJECT WOULD BE PAID ACCORDING TO ABILITY TO ELIMINATE ANY ONE PERSON IN PARTICULAR CAPITALIZING AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PRODUCER.

SINCE THE NATIVE PEOPLE HAVE NOT AS YET ESTABLISHED THEIR OWN SALES CENTERS, THE LOGICAL THING TO DO WOULD BE TO SELL YOUR PRODUCT DIRECTLY TO THE CONSUMER BECAUSE YOU ARE THE PRODUCER AND ENTITLED TO ALL BENEFITS THAT YOUR PRODUCT YIELDS. BY DOING THIS YOU WOULD PREVENT THE WHITE MONEY GRABBERS FROM CAPITALIZING ON YOUR PRODUCT.

JUNIOR WAS IN A VILE MOOD ONE MORNING, MOTHER WATCHED HIM AS HE WENT OUT INTO THE YARD. A COW HAD GOTTEN IN HIS WAY SO HE KICKED HER OFF THE PATH. NEXT, A PIG GOT IN HIS WAY AND HE KICKED IT OFF THE PATH, FURTHER ON A CHICKEN GOT IN HIS WAY AND HE PROCEEDED TO KICK IT OFF THE PATH.

WHEN HE CAME BACK INTO THE HOUSE, HIS MOTHER SAID, "JUNIOR, I SAW WHAT YOU DID. JUST FOR THAT NO SUPPER TONITE AND NO MILK FOR KICKING THE THE COW, AND NO EGGS FOR KICKING THE CHICKEN AND NO BACON FOR KICKING THE PIG."

JUST THEN HIS DAD CAME STORMING IN THE BACK DOOR AND KICKED THE CAT OUT OF HIS WAY. JUNIOR LOOKED AT HIS DAD AND THEN AT HIS MOTHER AND SAID, " SHOULD I TELL HIM OR WILL YOU?"

WHAT IS A POLITICAL PRISONER?

A POLITICAL PRISONER IS A PERSON OR PERSONS WHO REBELS EITHER KNOWINGLY OR UNKNOWINGLY AGAINST A SOCIAL AND VALUE SYSTEM OF A SOCIETY, COUNTRY, OR NATION THAT IS OPPRESSING THEM, IS TRIED, JUDGED, AND SENTENCED BY THE OPPRESSOR AND JAILED IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE TO BEGIN WITH.





WINTER WARMTH

SHIPMENTS OF GOODS AND MATERIALS ARE FINALLY ARRIVING AND THE HOUSING WORKERS ARE MAKING ORDERS FROM APPLICATIONS RECEIVED, THESE ORDERS ARE THEN BEING SENT BY SEMI-TRAILER TO VARIOUS DISTRIBUTING POINTS, SOME OF THE POINTS WHERE ORDERS HAVE BEEN SENT ARE KELLY LAKE, LA LOCHE, ILE A LA CROSSE, MEADOW LAKE, NORTH BATTLEFORD, COCHIN, BIGGAR, CUMBERLAND HOUSE, DUCK LAKE MACDOWELL, SASKATOON AND CANDO,

THERE WILL BE FURTHER SHIPMENTS AS MATERIALS ARRIVE AND ORDERS ARE PUT TOGETHER, WE HAVE RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 3,000 APPLICATIONS FROM 117 DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE, MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY MATERIALS OR SUPPLIES BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED FUNDS,

A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS WAS PRESENTED TO C.M.H.C. IN OTTAWA, BUT NO FUNDS WERE ALLOTTED,

PENSIONER'S HOMES

THE DUCK LAKE PROJECT WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY IN FEBRUARY, A WORKER WILL BE GOING AROUND TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS IN THE DUCK LAKE AREA,

A PROPOSAL HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO C.M.H.C. AND DEPT. OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS DEPT. TO PARTICIPATE ON A SUBSIDY BASIS ON THE PENTIONER S PROJECTS,

THIS SUBSIDY WOULD REDUCE THE RENTS IN THE HOMES SO THEY WOULD BE SIMILAR TO OTHER HOMES IN THE PROVINCE,

A MEETING WAS HELD IN LA RONGE ON JAN, 6 REGARDING THE POSSIBILITIES OF A PENSIONER'S HOME IN THAT AREA, A HOUSING COMMITTEE WAS FORMED AT THE MEETING TO ACQUIRE SOME INFORMATION ON THE FEASIBILITY OF GETTING A HOME THERE AND WE PLAN TO MEET AGAIN IN LA RONGE TO DISCUSS THEIR INTENTIONS,

THERE WAS A PROBLEM REGARDING THE ILE A LA CROSSE PROJECT, THIS AROSE WHEN THE DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES CANCELLED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HUDSON BAY COMPANY, THE LAND TO BE EXCHANGED IS THE LOTS WHERE THE PENSIONER'S HOME IS BEING CONSTRUCTED, SINCE THERE HAD BEEN AN INVESTMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$30,000 IN THE BUILDING THE HUDSON BAY HAVE AGREED TO SELL THE LAND OUT-RIGHT FOR \$7500,00 AND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PURCHASE IT,

LEBRET PROJECT GOT UNDERWAY ON JAN, 10, WITH MORRIS AMYOTTE SUPERVISING ON THE JOB AND PAUL AMYOTTE AS FOREMAN,

GENERAL HOUSING

THE DEPT. OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS IS PRESENTLY STUDYING OUR PROPOSAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 500 HOUSES FOR THIS COMING YEAR, IF THIS RECEIVES APPROVAL PROVINCIALLY THEN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SOCIETY WILL HAVE TO MEET WITH THE FEDERAL PEOPLE (C.M.H.C.) IN OTTAWA TO GET THEIR APPROVAL,

RAY HAMILTON
HOUSING SUPERVISOR,



RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AT BATTLEFORDS PARK

THIS IS AN URGENT APPEAL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN AN UNJUST AND RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY SITUATION WITH THE HOPE THAT YOU WILL DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO CORRECT IT.

IT IS NECESSARY TO READ THE FOLLOWING REPORT IN ORDER TO GET AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM.

THE INDIAN AND METIS WORKERS OF THE BATTLEFORD PROVINCIAL PARK ARE BEING SUBJECTED TO RACIAL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES, DENIAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, UNFAIR WAGES, AND UNSATISFACTORY WORKING CONDITIONS LARGELY BECAUSE THEY ARE NATIVES. THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, SPECIFICALLY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REFUSES TO ALLOW THESE NATIVE WORKERS TO JOIN THE UNION, CONSEQUENTLY THEY ARE KEPT AT AN ANNUAL WAGE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,500. THEY CLAIM THEY ARE SUBORDINATED TO A PARK SUPERINTENDANT WHO ABUSES HIS AUTHORITY, IN THAT HE DISCRIMINATES AND HANDLES THE NATIVE EMPLOYEES IN A DEROGATORY MANNER.

LAST JUNE THE METIS WORKERS OF THE BATTLEFORD PROVINCIAL PARK COMPLAINED ABOUT THEIR WORKING CONDITIONS TO THE PROVINCIAL INDIAN AND METIS DEPARTMENT AT REGINA. THEY STATED THAT THEIR PAY OF \$1.60 PER HOUR, OR APPROXIMATELY \$250 A MONTH WAS UNSATISFACTORY. SINCE PARK WORK IS SEASONAL THIS AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY \$1,500 PER YEAR. SOME OF THESE EMPLOYEES HAVE WORKED AT THE PARK FOR SEVERAL YEARS - ONE HAS WORKED THERE FOR TEN YEARS - YET THEIR PAY IS THE SAME RATE AS IT WAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE PROMISED SEVERAL TIMES TO RAISE THE WAGES, BUT THIS HAS NEVER BEEN DONE. THIS HAS BEEN MADE INTO A RACIAL ISSUE IN THAT THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING MR. HORNCastle, THE PARK SUPERINTENDANT INSIST ON PAYING HIGHER WAGES TO WHITE EMPLOYEES, WHO ARE NOT ANY BETTER QUALIFIED, AND WHO ARE DOING THE SAME WORK. THIS IS FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY THE FACT THAT THE WHITE EMPLOYEES ARE RECENT, AND OFTEN TEMPORARY; YET THEY RECEIVE HIGHER WAGES, BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES.

A METIS WORKER SUMMED UP THE UNSATISFACTORY WORKING CONDITIONS IN A LETTER LASY MAY, WRITTEN TO THE PROVINCIAL METIS SOCIETY: "MR. HORNCastle, ... HIRE SOME METIS AND INDIANS, JUST FOR A FEW DAYS, THEN LAYS THEM OFF, JUST FOR NOTHING, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ASK FOR HIGHER WAGES. THERE'S ABOUT 15 OR 20 METIS HERE NOW, WITH NO JOBS." TWO MONTHS LATER THE NATIVE WORKERS COMPLAINED THAT THE SUPERINTENDANT, MR. HORNCastle AND THE FOREMAN HAD BECOME DISCRIMINATORY AND HARSH IN THEIR TREATMENT OF THE NATIVE EMPLOYEES, AS A RESULT OF THEIR ORIGINAL COMPLAINT. THEIR LETTER STATED, "THEY (SUPERINTENDANT AND FOREMAN) ARE TRYING TO GET US TO DO SOMETHING WRONG, SO THEY COULD LAY US OFF OR FIRE US." AT THE SAME TIME THE SUPERINTENDANT HAD HIS OWN YOUNG SON EMPLOYED IN THE PARK.

ALTHOUGH VARIOUS COMPLAINTS WERE MADE TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES DURING THE SUMMER, NOTHING WAS DONE TO IMPROVE THE WORKING CONDITIONS OR WAGES OF THE NATIVE EMPLOYEES. CONSEQUENTLY IN SEPTEMBER THE WORKERS AND THE CITIZENS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY SIGNED A PETITION (A COPY IS ENCLOSED) TO HAVE MR. HORNCastle REMOVED FROM HIS POSITION AS SUPERINTENDANT OF BATTLEFORDS PARK. TODAY NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO EITHER IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF THE WAGES OF THE WORKERS, OR TO REMOVE MR. HORNCastle; EXCEPT TO REITERATE ITS SUPPORT FOR THE SUPERINTENDANT AND HIS POLICIES, AND TO STEADFASTLY OPPOSE THE REQUESTS OF THE INDIAN AND METIS.

ON OCTOBER 11TH, A MEETING WAS HELD IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY OF THE BATTLEFORD PARK TO DISCUSS THE MATTER IN FULL, AND TO DECIDE ON A COURSE OF ACTION. APPROXIMATELY SIXTY PERSONS WERE IN ATTENDANCE, THUS INDICATING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM. SEVERAL IMPORTANT FACTS WERE REVEALED. THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, SPECIFICALLY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IS SEAMINGLY UNFAIR AND INSINCERE IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE NATIVES WORKERS. IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IS PROMOTING A QUESTIONABLE NATIVE PROPAGANDA PROGRAM AT THE EXPENSE OF THE INDIAN AND METIS, WHICH COULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.

THE GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMS IN THE MASS MEDIA THAT IT HAS SPENT TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR ON AN "AMBITIOUS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE NATIVES. ACCORDING TO THE INDIAN AND METIS WORKERS THEIR DEFINATELY HAS BEEN NO TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE BATTLEFORDS PARK AT ANY TIME; NOT A SINGLE NATIVE WAS INVOLVED IN ANY TRAINING WHATSOEVER IN THE LAST TEN YEARS. EACH AND EVERY SUMMER THE NATIVES ARE GIVEN THE USUAL CASUAL LABORING JOBS OF WEEDING, HOEING, CUTTING GRASS, SERVICING AND MAINTAINING THE PARK BUILDINGS AND ALL GENERAL JOBS ASSOCIATED WITH PARK WORK. IN SPITE OF THIS EVIDENCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CONTINUES TO BOAST OF ITS "AMBITIOUS TRAINING PROGRAM" AND THE TERRIBLE CONDITIONS. SINCE THE ATTENTION OF PEOPLE IS FOCUSED ON ELECTION AND CANDIDATES IT IS A GOOD TIME TO POINT OUT FAULTS OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM; AND THE WAY IT DISCRIMINATES AGAINST, AND OPPRESSES OUR PEOPLE. IT IS A GOOD TIME TO SHOW THAT WHITE BUSINESSMEN RULES US WITH THEIR RACIST GOVERNMENT. BUT IS IT WORTH IT, IF WE ARE TO VICTIMIZE OUR PEOPLE INTO BELIEVING AND ACCEPTING AN ELECTION TRICK THAT CONTROLS US AS CHILDREN.

AS INDIANS AND HALFBREEDS WE ARE CONQUERED PEOPLE, AND COLONIZED. THE OTTAWA SOLDIERS INVADDED OUR PRAIRIE COUNTRY IN 1885 AND WON THE WAR AGAINST OUR ANCESTORS. AS THE NEW RULERS, THEY SEIZED OUR LAND, AND FOR ALL PURPOSES MADE THE NATIVE PEOPLE PRISONERS IN OUR OWN LAND. WHITMAN DESTROYED AS MUCH OF OUR CULTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS HE POSSIBLY COULD, BY KEEPING US

IN SMALL HALFBREED COMMUNITIES AND ON RESERVES, OTTAWA AND ITS GOVERNMENT WAS ABLE TO CONTROL US. AS PRISONERS, WE WERE INFERRORIZED; THAT IS, MADE TO BELIEVE THAT WE WERE INFERIOR AND LOWER THAN WHITEMAN. WE WERE TOLD THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO RUN OUR OWN AFFAIRS; THAT WE NEEDED PROTECTION. BUT, IT WAS THE WHITEMAN'S GOVERNMENT THAT WE NEEDED PROTECTION FROM.

OUR LEADERS, SUCH AS LOUIS RIEL WERE MURDERED SO THAT OUR ANCESTORS COULD NOT ORGANIZE, AND REMAIN POWERFUL AS A NATIVE NATION. OUR NATIONALISM - THE FEELING OF BEING PROUD AS A NATIVE & THE SPIRIT OF CONCERN FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS - ALL THIS WAS CRUSHED, WHERE IT WAS NECESSARY, OTTAWA STAMPED NATIONALISM OUT WITH THE USE OF THE GUN. HOWEVER, TODAY WE MUST START REBUILDING OUR NATIVE NATIONALISM AND OUR CULTURE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DEVELOP A SENSE OF UNITY, AND A SENSE OF BROTHERHOOD. OUR PETTY DIFFERENCES AND QUARRELS MUST BE PUT ASIDE, AND WE HAVE TO CONCERN OURSELVES WITH ALL THE NATIVE PEOPLE, AND NOT JUST OURSELF. ABOVE ALL, WE HAVE TO STOP TRYING TO BE WHITE, AND TRYING TO BE ACCEPTED; BY WHITE SOCIETY. A STRONG NATION CAN NOT BE BUILT ON NATIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE ASHAMED OF THEIR INDIANNES, AND BY PEOPLE WHO ARE LYING TO THEMSELVES, AND BY NATIVES WHO ARE 'SUCKING-UP' TO THE SO-CALLED IMPORTANT WHITE PEOPLE. WE MUST HAVE PRIDE IN OURSELVES AND IN OUR NATION. NATIVE (RED) NATIONALISM IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE AGAINST OUR MASTERS AND OPPRESSORS - THE WHITE BUSINESSMAN'S GOVERNMENT.

NATIVE NATIONALISM HAS TO BE CAREFULLY GUIDED, SO THAT IT HELPS TO BUILD A STRONG NATIONAL FEELING IN EACH NATIVE PERSON. JUST TO RESTORE OLD INDIAN AND HALFBREED CUSTOMS AND RITUALS, IS NOT NECESSARILY REBUILDING NATIVE NATIONALISM. THE WHITE RULLERS KNOW THAT A SPIRIT OF NATIONALISM IS RISING AMONG NATIVE PEOPLE, SO THEY ARE WORKING TO DIRECT AND CONTROL IT IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS. THAT IS, THEY GET NATIVE PEOPLE ALL TIED-UP IN TRADITIONAL NATIVE CULTURE THAT IS NOT LINKED TO REVOLUTIONARY POLITICS. AS A RESULT, THIS KIND OF NATIVE NATIONALISM BECOMES MORE OPPRESSIVE, AND SERVES TO CONTROL THESE NATIVE PEOPLE MUCH MORE EASILY.

Can whitey learn from his brown brother?

To the editor of The Star:

Your editorial "From passivity to protest; Indian Anger: A symptom of health," of Dec. 30 appeared to be somewhat naive.

The editorial did not seem to comprehend the issue on which Harold Cardinal's resignation was based - the refusal of the Commonsense Committee on Indian Affairs to hear the Alberta Association's answer to Indian Affairs Minister Jean Chretien's accusations that would, in the Indians' opinion, show that the cabinet minister is either an incompetent or a liar. Without the reader being aware of this issue, he can not come to any other conclusion than that of "misspent taxes."

Apparently the writer of the editorial equates "to learn the ways of the white man to act as pressure groups and lobbyists..." with "the Indian people are at last taking their problems in hand." At best, this is ethnocentric, at worst, racist, and at the very least, a lack of knowledge



Harold Cardinal

and understanding of what is actually happening with the Indian movement today. Indian organizations have taken

out the adjective "dirty" from the concept of politics. They haven't been secret with documents, hidden with objectives, used patronage or financial pull. They have apparently taken to heart Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's concept of a just society and full participation in democracy.

And can we find one white man in a parallel position of power, who would put the interests of the organization and the movement over his own

Maybe, just maybe, Cardinal's resignation will be considered for its example, and not for the "unfortunate result" of the conflict. Cardinal resigned because he felt that his personality was being viewed as the movement, not because his integrity and/or credibility were being undermined.

Maybe, just maybe, whitey can learn from his brown brother.

Mrs. A. T. RICHARDSON
Toronto

AN ELECTION WAS HELD AT THE RED PHEASANT RESERVE FOR THE CHIEF AND THE BAND COUNCILLORS.

ELECTED MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS: CHIEF-GAVIN WUTTUNEE
BAND COUNCILLORS:
GERALD WUTTUNEE
PAT BUGLER - RE-ELECTED
CLIFFORD WUTTUNEE
ED BRABANT
ALEX NICOTINE

A GOOD MANDATE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PEOPLE AND THE FEELING ON THE RESERVE WAS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE COMMUNICATION WITH THE METIS SOCIETY. FULL SUPPORT IS GIVEN TO THE NATIVE YOUTH FOR WHAT THEY ARE DOING BECAUSE THE PEOPLE BELIEVE THEY ARE NOT AFRAID TO SPEAK OUT, AND THAT THEY HAVE LOTS OF BACKBONE.

THE PEOPLE ON THE RESERVE WOULD LIKE TO MEET SOME OF THE NATIVE YOUTH TO START UP THE SAME MOVEMENT ON THE RESERVE. IT WAS ALSO SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE ROD DUROCHER OF THE METIS SOCIETY ON THE RESERVE TO EXPAIN HIS ROLE TO THE PEOPLE.

THE PEOPLE STATED THAT THEY HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THE METIS SOCIETY AND THAT THEY GIVE FULL SUPPORT OF THE AIMS OF THE SOCIETY. IT WAS ALSO SAID THAT WHEN THE WHITEY'S CRITICIZE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WILL BE RIGHT BEHIND US AND WILL SUPPORT US IN TIMES OF TROUBLE.

THE PEOPLE WILL TRY TO GET CHANGES IN THE F.S.I. - THE PEOPLE WANT TO SEE THEM BACK ON THE RESERVE WHERE THEY BELONG INSTEAD OF BEING JUNIOR PARTNERS OF THE INDIAN AFFAIRS. THIS MEANS A CHANGE OF PERSONNEL IN THE HIERARCHY AND GETTING RID OF THEIR DICTATORIAL ATTITUDES TO THE GRASS-ROOTS PEOPLE ON THE RESERVES.

WHAT THE PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS A WELDING OF THE METIS AND THE INDIANS TO BECOME A POWER BLOCK FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR NATION.

GERALD WUTTUNEE.

Jobs said non-existent on Indian reserves

ST. PAUL, Alta. (CP) — There was a touch of frustration and hopelessness in William Raymond Cardinal's voice.

"A steady job... there just aren't any," he said, trying to explain why Indians on three northeastern Alberta reserves must depend on the federal government to improve living conditions on their reserves.

Mr. Cardinal is a band councillor on the Saddle Lake reserve, 145 miles northeast of Edmonton, where 90 per cent of 2,300 people are on welfare.

The job situation is even worse on the neighboring Kehewin and Cold Lake reserves and probably was a factor in the Indians' fight for better-equipped homes and new schools.

To back their demands, residents of the three reserves pulled 600 students out of school and conducted sit-ins in Indian affairs department offices here and in Edmonton.

Some of the students went back to school in mid-November.

"The unemployment rate on my reserve is 98 per cent and there are no jobs in the area," said Chief Gordon Youngchief of the Kehewin reserve.

Raymond Hunter, a relocation officer on the Saddle Lake reserve, said that last July only 163 of some 1,900 adults on the reserve had full-time jobs. The rest had to depend on seasonal employment and welfare payments.

In the six-month period from April through September this year, welfare payments amounted to \$103,887 on the Saddle Lake reserve, \$88,700 on the Cold Lake reserve and \$82,140 on the Kehewin reserve.

The Saddle Lake reserve has a population of 2,560, Cold Lake 851 and Kehewin 500.

The Cold Lake band said non-Indians have destroyed the Indians' traditional way of living from the land.

"Much of our best trapping and hunting land was taken from us for an air force bombing range and we were

never satisfactorily compensated.

"Cold Lake, which formerly amply furnished us fish, now is almost barren of fish."

"Now the provincial government threatens to grab from us the last good Crown land for a provincial park."

"There are large areas of land on our reserves that could be cultivated but it is lying undeveloped, and we are offered welfare orders for a living."

"Only a few of our people have got jobs at the air base and nearby towns. In desperation we have had to travel as far as Washington State, the British Columbia coast and the southern Alberta sugar beet fields to try to retain our self-pride."

Louis McGilvery, acting chief on the Saddle Lake reserve, said there must be "something... some kind of industry... the government could establish on the reserves 'to get most of the boys working all year'."

"Give us the tools and we will do the job ourselves," Mr. McGilvery said. "This is an undeveloped area and we've never been given a chance to prove ourselves."

There is some on-reserve employment for the Indians, primarily in band offices and in pre-fabricated housing plants on the Saddle Lake and Cold Lake reserves.

House construction on the reserves creates jobs for up to 80 Indians in the summer, but the job opportunities drop to 15 or 20 in the fall and winter.

The Saddle Lake band employs about 35 people to administer band programs and to run a co-operative and cereal grains-cattle farming project.

The Cold Lake band estimates that a new school on the reserve would create 20 jobs with an annual payroll of \$108,000. There would be jobs for bus drivers, stationary engineers, maintenance, craftsmen, caretakers, teacher-assistants, recreation directors, a cultural program director, adult education workers and a secretary.

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Family planning clinics proposed for NWT Prospects dim for training native people

Special to The Globe and Mail
YELLOWKNIFE — The Yellowknife Family Planning Group is attempting to have family planning clinics established in all the communities of the Northwest Territories. It's a big job—the Territories take in more than 1-300,000 square miles, one-third of the land mass of Canada.

The chairman of the Yellowknife clinic, Frank Anderson, thinks about \$200,000 will be needed to carry out a proper program and the federal Health Department has been asked for a grant.

Mrs. Sunderland, a housewife and a mother of two, both under two, said it's just not a question of handing out birth control pills or other contraceptives, but of educating the people.

In the remote settlements the people know little or nothing about birth control. The Yellowknife group says it will have to visit most of these settlements, talk to the people and explain birth control, family planning and contraceptives.

The group thinks the North is a Canadian priority for family planning. The ratio of adoptions is the highest in Canada. The birth rate among the Indians and Eskimos is also the highest in Canada.

Mrs. Sunderland and her organization say once the people in the communities are told about the program some will have to be taken to Yellowknife for a seminar and instruction in operating a clinic. After that more money will be needed to set up local organizations. A clinic is to be set up in Inuvik by February.

The Yellowknife group has only been in operation for little more than a year, but feels it has had more success than many southern-based clinics.

Mrs. Sunderland, who recently attended a national conference on family planning in Halifax, said that, for example, in Yellowknife 12 volunteer workers visit the hospital and operate the clinic one day a week. A group in Toronto was only able to recruit one volunteer for this type of work.

City Hospital expects little success in training, hiring, and keeping Indian and Metis staff.

A report to the hospital board from assistant director Elmer Schwartz on the possibilities of setting up a hospital training program for native people indicated the program had dim prospects.

Following discussions with Canada Manpower, the provincial government, and the Indian and Metis department, Mr. Schwartz reported a lack of suitable recruits.

The Indian and Metis department said there was a shortage of people willing to be trained in hospitals, as many people preferred to remain in their own community rather than move to a city.

The department apparently does not have sufficient staff to make the move easier for native people, said Mr. Schwartz.

He also said hospital requests for native personnel to fill positions were not met.

Requirements to obtain Canada Manpower funds for training placement in hospitals while training could not be met, partially because there were no provincial funds to establish positions on an extra, above-budget basis, he said.

Several board members and staff expressed concern with the situation, maintaining that when native staff members were hired, most quit soon after.

Executive director Dr. R. A. Fleming said a hospital could not afford to hire untrained personnel when training persons were available.

Although the report recommended against a training program, it did suggest continued work with the Indian and Metis department to obtain people for hospital positions.

It also called for personal contact with Indians and Metis currently on staff in an effort to expand the circle of potential employees.

On a motion from Ald. George Taylor, the board voted to expand attempts to hire native staff and called for a report every three months to keep in touch with the situation.

Dr. Austin Forsyth said the emphasis should be away from numbers, which might vary from month to month.

IT HAPPENED IN CANADA



INDIAN TEEPEES ON THE GROUNDS OF THE CALGARY STAMPEDE ARE AN UPDATED DISPLAY OF INDIAN SPIRITUAL POWER. A FEW YEARS AGO, OFFICIALS DECIDED THAT INDIANS PARTICIPATING IN THIS WESTERN CLASSIC HAD TO PAY A FEE FOR PITCHING THEIR TEEPEES ON THE SITE. THE INDIANS USED THE ONLY RECOURSE OPEN TO THEM. THEY HELD RAIN DANCES AND THE STAMPEDE WAS RAINED OUT THAT YEAR. SINCE THEN, THE INDIANS HAVE BEEN GRANTED FREE USE OF THE GROUNDS.

Liquor profits urged for recreational dep't

YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T. (CP)—Alcohol has caused 31 deaths in the Arctic community of Frobisher Bay since a liquor store opened there 10 years ago, a member of the Northwest Territories council says.

Bryan Pearson, member for the Eastern Arctic and long-time resident of Frobisher Bay, made the charge during debate on the capital budget of the N.W.T. liquor control system.

Members were arguing over proposed expenditures of \$65,000 each for additions to warehouses for liquor at Inuvik and Frobisher Bay.

"I know of 31 souls that have perished because of liquor. 31 people have died in Frobisher Bay since the liquor store opened," Mr. Pearson said.

Frobisher Bay, on the southern part of Baffin Island north of Hudson Bay, has the largest Eskimo population of any community in Canada — about 1,200 — plus about 600 other residents.

Mr. Pearson asked the territorial government to turn over the \$3 million profits from the sale of liquor in the North to a special recreation department.

"In many settlements, there's no alternative to drinking. There's drinking and there's boredom. And contrary to popular belief you can buy happiness — at the liquor store for about \$11 a bottle."

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Use of drugs to be discussed

Factors leading to drug use by native youngsters in Regina and a shortage of recreation facilities fitted to their needs will be discussed Thursday at a meeting sponsored by the Native Youth Movement.

The group is still awaiting word on a grant application to the federal government which seeks more than \$30,000 to operate the centre this year.

The centre, open from 9 a.m. to midnight in 1971, provided the facilities for various recreational activities for native drug users. Between 400 and 500 persons reportedly used the facilities last summer.

A brief accompanying the movement's grant application notes heavy incidence of solvent use among the program participants. It says more than 55 per cent sniffed glue, nail-polish remover or other solvent daily, 32.6 per cent use it on weekends and 14.2 per cent reported using solvents a few times a month.

Some 51.3 per cent said they had been sniffing glue for a year or more. The brief says 78 per cent of the youths interviewed at the centre had sniffed solvents.

Lorrie Lavalley, director of the Native Youth Movement, describes the solvent-sniffing situation in Regina as "unbelievable." The brief says solvents are "quite easy" to obtain at most stores.

"Something's got to be done about these stores," Mr. Lavalley said.

He said certain stores were profiting from native youngsters' problems.

Pleas for restrictions on solvents sales have been heard from police and from various community groups in the past. But Mr. Lavalley said one of the only suggestions yielded by past discussions has been that retailers place such products on higher shelves.

Thus and other aspects of native drug use in Regina are slated for discussion at the youth movement's Thursday meeting to be held at the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre at 1770 Quebec St.

LEST WE FORGET

"YOU ARE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO FOUGHT SO WELL AND BRAVELY ON CUT KNIFE HILL. BUT YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT AGAIN, THE HARDEST KIND OF FIGHT, YOU MUST FIGHT YOURSELVES AND THIS NEW WAY OF THINKING THAT WE ARE LESS THAN THEY ARE, BECAUSE IT IS NOT TRUE. OUR OLD WAY OF LIFE IS GONE BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN WE SHOULD SIT BACK AND BECOME IMITATION WHITE MEN. OUR BELIEFS WERE GOOD, OUR GODS SERVED US WELL. NO WHITE MAN HAS YET SHOWN ME ANYTHING THAT IS BETTER. WE AT LEAST LIVED BY WHAT WE BELIEVED. THEY TALK OF LOVING ALL MEN, OF BEING HUMBLE AND GENEROUS AND TRUTHFUL AND FROM WHAT I LEARNED IN PRISON, THEIR JESUS WAS LIKE THAT. BUT WHEN I LOOK AROUND HERE I THINK I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THEIR LOVE AND GENEROSITY. I WONDER WHAT THEIR JESUS WOULD THINK IF HE STOOD HERE WITH US. RIGHT NOW, I AM PROUDER THAN I EVER WAS BEFORE THAT I AM A CREE."

"POUNDMAKER"

Inquest approved Indian death investigated

WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C. (CP) — Frederick Quilt told a nurse that an RCMP officer beat him up Nov. 28, two days before his death, a coroner's inquiry into his death was told Thursday.

Leslie Roberts, a public health nurse at Alexic Creek, B.C., said she was called Nov. 29 to the Stone Indian reserve, 65 miles west of Williams Lake in north-central British Columbia.

She said Mr. Quilt told her RCMP "had jumped up and down" on him.

The coroner's inquest was ordered following the 35-year-old Mr. Quilt's death in hospital here.

Dr. Han Choo Lee, who performed an autopsy on Mr. Quilt, said death had been caused by acute peritonitis caused by a torn small bowel and testified that with surgical treatment within 12 hours there would have been a good chance of survival. He died Nov. 30, Dr. Lee said.

Beat sex bias, woman stays on reserve

BRANTFORD (CP) — Yvonne Bedard says she plans to fix up her house on the Six Nations reserve and possibly take in foster children following a decision by the Supreme Court of Ontario permitting her to remain.

The court ruled Wednesday that a section of the Indian Act disqualifying a woman from membership in an Indian band if she marries a white man is in conflict with the Canadian Bill of Rights.

Mrs. Bedard, 33, asked the court to restrain the Six Nations band council from removing her name from the band list and evicting her from the reserve.

She was born on the reserve but left it in 1964 to wed Mrs. Bedard separated from her husband a year ago and returned with her two children.

The band council ordered her to leave and began eviction proceedings when she refused. It also ordered her to dispose of the house she inherited from her mother.

Mrs. Bedard says she feels the act is immoral. "It pushes Indian women to living common law with white men they would otherwise marry."

The decision by Mr. Justice J. H. Osler also clears the way for her to enrol her children in a reserve school and allows her name to be reinstated on the band list.

Mrs. Bedard described the decision as "great. Just great."

"It's going to make a lot of changes. I feel I have done something for others as well as myself."

"If I was being discriminated against by my own people, I would be really hurt. I couldn't understand why they were asking me to leave. I belong here."

VANCOUVER (CP) — Glen Macdonald, British Columbia's chief coroner, said Tuesday he could see nothing improper in the inquest at Williams Lake, B.C., into the death of Frederick Quilt, 35, a resident of the Stone Indian reserve.

Mr. Macdonald was commenting on complaints by the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia that there were no Indians on the inquest jury.

The chief coroner said he knows of no improper proceedings at the inquest, adding "if there were, it is up to the prosecutor at Williams Lake to lay criminal charges."

A police spokesman at Williams Lake said the jurors for the inquest were sworn in the night Mr. Quilt died in hospital, Nov. 30, before there were allegations he had been beaten by RCMP.

The jury heard testimony that an RCMP officer allegedly kicked Mr. Quilt and that he died later of peritonitis. The allegations were denied by the RCMP and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death and attached no blame.

Mr. Macdonald said there is a "deep-seated resentment" between RCMP and Indians in B.C. He said he could sense the resentment right across the province.

A MEETING WAS HELD ON JANUARY 21, 1972 AT THE MARLBORO HOTEL IN PRINCE ALBERT. THE PRESIDENT OF THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN, JIM SINCLAIR LAID OUT THE OPENING MESSAGE REGARDING THE PRESENT AND NEWLY HIRED WORKERS FOR THE SOCIETY AND THEIR POSITIONS. PRESIDENTS OF NORTHERN LOCALS ARE:

NORM NONTAWAYAS - SANDY BAY
 ERNIE VAN DALE - DEBDEN
 JULES ROY - BEAUVAL (? NO ELECTIONS YET)
 LAWRENCE KIEZIE - BUFFALO NARROWS
 MATHIAS MAURICE - PATUANAK
 ROD JANVIER - DILLON
 LIONEL DESCHAMBEAULT - CUMBERLAND
 ANDY BOUVIER - JANS BAY & COLE BAY (NO ELECTIONS)
 IVAN MORIN - TURNOR LAKE
 GORDON SMITH - PINE HOUSE
 GEORGE MCLEOD - STANLEY MISSION
 TOM SANDERSON - LA RONGE
 VICTOR LEMAIGRE - LA LOCHE (NO ELECTIONS YET)

L.I.P. WINTER WORKS:

C.D.O. 1. HENRY BELROSE
 2. ALFRED DESJARLAIS
 3. ROD JANVIER
 4. MATHIAS MORRIS
 5. ANDREW BOUVIER
 6. LAWRENCE KIEZIE

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 3. LIONEL DESCHAMBEAULT
 4. JULES ROY
 5. GEORGE MCLEOD
 6. GORDON SMITH
 7. TOM SANDERSON
 8. JOAN MORIN
 9. ROD ANSKAN (FORT)
 10. DAN KESLANE (YORKTON)
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COMPLAINTS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE PRESIDENT IN EACH COMMUNITY THUS THE WORK DONE AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL WILL ENABLE THE THE PEOPLE TO GET HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT. THE SOCIETY WILL DRAW UP PROPOSALS AND SEND THEM INTO THE GOVERNMENT.

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JIM SINCLAIR SAID THE PROPOSALS FOR NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT IS JUST THE SAME OLD BARN WITH A NEW COAT OF PAINT.

MR. HILL STATED THAT THE NORTH HAS BEEN RUN OR RULED IN AN AUTOCRATIC WAY BY THE GOVERNMENT AND NOW THE GOVERNMENT WANTS THE PEOPLE TO GIVE VOICE TO THE PROPOSALS NOW BEING SET UP IF WE WANT TO SEE AND KNOW HOW THE NORTH IS RUN.

A LIVELY DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD FOLLOWED. JIM DUROCHER TOLD MR. HILL HE WANTED THE FUNDS AND THEY (THE GOVERNMENT) WOULD SEE THE JOB WE COULD THEN DO. NUMEROUS QUESTIONS WERE ASKED, FOR WHICH MR. HILL SEEMED UNABLE TO ANSWER.

THE TURNOUT FOR THE MEETING WAS VERY GOOD AND THE WHOLE NORTHERN PART OF THE PROVINCE WAS REPRESENTED. THE MEETING WAS A VERY LIVELY AND INTERESTING ONE. I AM SURE EVERYONE WENT AWAY FEELING THEY HAD ACCOMPLISHED SOME PURPOSE FOR THE PEOPLE.

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