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"They can't stop progress. There's industry all around them. They need to join in."

- Alpac spokesman
Alex McGillivray

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Protest unites Natives, environmentalists

Cheslatta Carrier Nation Chief Marvin Charlie addressed a crowd of protesters at the Vancouver Alcan head offices. The group was protesting the Kemanó II project, which will divert water from the Nechako River and damage salmon stocks. See story on page 3.

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Self-government process speeds up

By D.B. Smith
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

Native leaders across Canada cautiously applauded Ottawa's decision to accelerate Native self-government talks with Aboriginals and the provinces in the next few months.

The Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs welcomed the news with guarded optimism. The first task facing every Native authority will be to define the term self-government, said union head Saul Terry.

"To us, a government is one that protects its people and land. Any negotiations and discussion will have to be at that level. The policy of the governments has been to exclude that power. I shudder to think that what we're talking about here is the Conservative, reserve-based notion." Ron George, president of the

Native Council of Canada, also said he was happy to see negotiations finally under way.

"At least we're negotiating instead of going to the courts."

Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Ovide Mercredi expressed his anger with Indian Affairs for not consulting him before making the announcement.

"The minister should have consulted us when he makes major announcements and this was a major announcement."

Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin said Jan. 19 that Ottawa would begin to act on its commitment to respect the inherent right of self-government for Aboriginals.

The announcement represents the first time since the failure of the Charlottetown Accord that the federal government is willing to discuss self-government with the First Nations.

"The federal government is committed to building a new

partnership with Aboriginal people, a partnership based on mutual respect and trust," Irwin said.

AFN Ontario regional vice-Chief Gordon Peters was more forgiving than Mercredi.

"When we heard the announcement, we were happy to see finally the feds were recognizing the inherent right. They're recognizing us as a peoples, as nations of peoples."

The task before the First Nations now is to work out the jurisdiction of powers, he said. The AFN defines self-government to be "the capacity to look after our own people, and have jurisdiction over our own land and resources."

New self-government legislation will also have to consider already-existing treaties, he added.

The AFN's 10-member executive, which represents more than 500 bands across Canada, will meet before the end of the month to decide if they will join

in the talks with Ottawa.

Irwin is planning a six-month consultation period with Aboriginal leaders and members of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. The consultations are not part of a delay tactic but are designed to give Natives extra time to tell the government what they want.

But no matter what Aboriginals say, Ottawa will not drag the Constitution out again in legislating any new Native governmental powers.

"We're not going back to constitutional discussions, we're acting on the premise that it's there," Irwin said. "Until some court says that it's not, that's the premise that we're working on."

Irwin plans to meet with the Aboriginal groups in Toronto in February. Anne McLellan, newly appointed federal interlocutor for Metis and non-status Indians, and Justice Minister Allan Rock will also attend.

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University students battle racism

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WINNIPEG

A recessed economy and stiffer competition for limited space in university have resulted in an increase in racial discrimination against Native students.

Native student association officials are reporting a jump in the number of racist remarks and acts against Indians by non-Aboriginal students and professors.

Non-Aboriginals are usually only tolerant of Natives attending university as long as they feel the Natives are not taking someone else's place or getting a free ride, University of Manitoba in Winnipeg Native student adviser Florence Bruyere said.

A general ignorance of Natives and Native culture by non-

Aboriginals compounds that attitude, even in a place of supposed higher learning, she said.

"Anything that you find in the city of Winnipeg, you'll find here. The attitudes don't stop at the edge of the university campus."

Some of the university's 600 status Indian students have reportedly been told to cut their hair shorter to look respectable.

In January 1992, a Native woman who nabbed a parking space ahead of a non-Native student later found a letter on the windshield of her car which read "You are nothing but a typical, f-ing ugly, stupid bannock-eating, lazy-ass boggan!"

The note also warned her to stay away from campus because "You never know what good citi-

zen might exterminate you!"

At the time, University of Manitoba Native Student Association president Margaret King said the parking lot note was only one in a string of racial slurs against Natives.

Bruyere said many non-Native students still think of Indians that way. During an advertising campaign for a Native students' association social last year, someone spray-painted "Bring your own Lysol" on the inside of an university elevator.

Similar incidents have occurred at other universities as well. University of Winnipeg Native Student Union president Christine Cochrane said students at that university endure more off-color remarks from professors than from

their peers.

The U of M is currently developing its own policy concerning racist incidents on campus, said Terry Voss, a member of the university's advisory board on human relations.

And a lot of students still believe that treaty Natives get a free ride through university, although recent funding cuts to Native education access programs have limited the number of Aboriginals attending universities, she said.

There is nothing free about subsidized education for Aboriginals, said the University of Alberta Aboriginal Student Council president Cathy Sewell. Canada benefited "tremendously" from the exploitation of the mineral wealth on First Nation's land.

SHARING EXPERTISE

Want to start your own business but not quite sure what you'll need or how to go about it? CESO Aboriginal Services helped Patsy Rabbit buy the equipment and inventory of the Standoff Restaurant, which she'd managed for 20 years, and run it herself.

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HOCKEY HEATS UP

The 10 annual Aboriginal hockey tournament held in Prince Albert, Sask. this month provided players and the audience with the thrills of good sports and the chills of controversial calls. The reigning Kings were dethroned by the Cumberland Cree during the tourney.

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Oka raid no surprise to Mohawks

MONTREAL

The botched 1990 police raid on the Mohawk barricade at Oka came as no surprise to the Natives, said the first Indian to testify at a coroner's inquest into the death of a Quebec police officer.

Eba Beauvais, who had been on the barricades for more than three weeks before the July 11 raid, said they expected Quebec provincial police to rush them that morning.

The Mohawks, who had held tobacco-

burning ceremonies every morning at sunrise, were awake and aware of the gathering police force as hundreds of officers showed up to take the blockade down.

Beauvais, a longtime Native activist, said the police were intimidating and threatening when the Indians emerged from behind the barricade. When some women went out to confront the approaching officers, a SWAT team encircled them, pointing guns at their heads. All she could remember is eyes and guns, Beauvais said.

When the Mohawks refused for a third time to leave their encampment in a small pine forest near the Oka community golf course, the police fired tear-gas canisters over their heads. Beauvais was hit in the knee by one canister and a woman beside her was also hit.

The raid, which sparked the 78-day standoff between the Mohawks, Quebec police and Canadian Forces personnel, resulted in the shooting death of Cpl. Marcel Lemay. Coroner Guy Gilbert's inquest is the first public examination of the events that led to the botched raid.

Tempers simmering in Davis Inlet

DAVIS INLET, Nfld.

Life for the Mushuau Innu in Davis Inlet has hit rock bottom, the community's chief said.

Residents of the impoverished village 330 kilometres north of Goose Bay are so tired of dealing with unwelcome justice officials and insincere politicians that they are considering an armed revolt, Katie Rich said.

"There is a lot of tension here in the community. If anybody, either on the RCMP side or the Innu side, provokes anything, anything might happen."

Tensions in the village reached an all-time high when Rich confronted provincial Justice Robert Hyslop Dec. 16 and forbade him from holding further court sessions in the village.

Hyslop and half a dozen RCMP were later told to leave the village after more than 150 Innu youths surrounded the RCMP's

patrol cabin and tore the building's porch railing off for a bonfire.

Rich said she understands her peoples' frustration with the federal and provincial government but that violence is not the solution.

"I don't agree with that. But what does it take for them to listen? Does it take us to take up arms?... That's what the community is saying."

Minister of Indian Affairs Ron Irwin has promised to schedule a meeting with Rich and other community leaders at the end of February to discuss the upgrade and relocation of the village.

And word has it the minister plans to bring Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Ovide Mercredi, and federal MPs Jack Anawak, Elijah Harper and Ethel Blondin-Andrews with him.

But there was no word from Indian Affairs as to when the minister will go or whether he will be accompanied by Native officials.

Effective talks to improve life for the Innu may help to relieve some of their anxiety, she added.

"As people become aware of the actions that we should take to gain that control... you can see the hurt and pain in these people. For us to have control of our lives, we need to have control of the agencies here in the community. We are fighting for our survival here. We are seeing children dying right before our eyes, our Elders dying right before our eyes. So, what can you do?"

The deplorable living conditions in the village, which include inadequate housing, no running water or sewage treatment facilities, first came to light a year ago when tribal police found Innu children high on gasoline fumes and screaming about suicide.

A total of 17 children were airlifted to a treatment centre in Alberta, but all of them have since reverted to their old habit.

Models exist

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Several models for self-government already exist for their consideration. The Sechelt Band in southern British Columbia is already a self-governing Indian government, former-band chief Thomas Paul said.

The passage of Bill C-93 in 1987 gave the band ownership of their land, the power to make their own laws, determine membership and collect taxes.

"It works really good," Paul said. "We have eliminated all our ties to the federal government. The chief and council make all the decisions here."

The Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en people in northern B.C. have also been developing their own self-government model, Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en Tribal Council main speaker Gord Sebastian said.

NATION IN BRIEF

Minister wants Native input

Saskatchewan's minister responsible for gaming wants the province to negotiate with the Saskatchewan Federation of Indian Nations before it says anything about large Native casino projects. Eldon Lautermilch said there are a wide range of issues to be discussed by the two groups. The province rejected one proposal by the SFIN one year ago and has since been negotiating with individual bands and tribal councils. SFIN head Roland Crowe welcomes the renewed talks. But negotiations would have to be restricted to the subject of off-reserve gambling because both the federation and individual bands believe that Natives have the right to control their own on-reserve casinos, he said. The SFIN had originally suggested establishing three or four large Native-run casinos and wants bands and the province to negotiate a revenue-sharing formula. The province's policy, announced last year, calls for bands to have shared-revenue agreement with local exhibition societies.

Commission examines racism in military

A Canadian Human Rights Commission tribunal examining allegations of racism within the Canadian Armed

Forces resumed Jan. 12 in Courtenay, B.C. Melvin Swan of the Lake Manitoba First Nation filed a complaint with the CHRC in 1989 shortly after resigning from a 12-year army career. He claims forces officials discriminate against Aboriginal personnel and that he was routinely called names such as wagon-burner, spearchucker or B-F-I. The tribunal opened in Winnipeg last September, with a second round of hearings there in November, but continued in Courtenay to accommodate defense department witnesses based at CFB Comox. The tribunal has heard testimony from Native witnesses Corena Letandre and Joseph Maud, who both claim to have been the targets of racism. It has also heard from witnesses for the defense who have worked with Swan and deny ever having heard racial slurs.

Resources minister takes on Native portfolio

Edmonton Liberal MP and Minister of Natural Resources Anne McLellan has taken on the additional duties of the federal interlocutor for Metis and non-status Indians. The federal position was established in 1985 during one of several failed rounds to clarify Native constitutional rights. McLellan has worked with several Native organizations in Alberta. As

interlocutor, she will act as the first person of contact within the federal government for Metis and non-status Indians. She will also take part in Ottawa's upcoming self-government negotiations.

Grand Chief wins Gandhi award

Ovide Mercredi, leader of the Assembly of First Nations, has won an award inspired by East Indian pacifist Mahatma Gandhi. The Thakore Visiting Scholar Award is given in recognition of work that has contributed to the understanding of social justice, racial equality and religious harmony. It was co-sponsored by Simon Fraser University Institute for the Humanities. Former Chief Justice Thomas Berger presented Mercredi with the award at a recent ceremony at SFU. The award cites Mercredi's stature as a leader and spokesman for self-determination and self-government for Aboriginals in Canada. It also recognized his attempts to link self-determination to economic and social issues, his fight against the on-going stereotyping and racial discrimination faced by Natives and his belief in Gandhi's principles of negotiation and non-violence.

News

Mercredi champions rights of Mayans

By D.B. Smith
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OTTAWA

Ottawa must take responsibility for the welfare of Natives in Mexico if it is to remain a trading partner in the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations said.

"There has to be a link between trade and human rights. The Canadian government should make sure that the rights of Indigenous peoples in Mexico are being respected," said Ovide Mercredi.

Canada, Mexico and the United States should also establish a hu-

man rights commission to monitor and examine human rights violations that occur as a result of the new international free trade deal.

Mercredi made the comments Jan. 20 after returning from a week-long excursion to the Chiapas war zone in southern Mexico where he met with Mayan leaders and state and church officials.

Mexico must immediately recognize the right of the Indian people to become equal partners in the peace process and any future social and political negotiations, he said. President Carlos Salinas de Gortari should also sit down with Native leaders to re-examine Article 27 of the Mexican Constitution to prevent any further alienation of Indian lands.

Mexico revised that article to accommodate the North American Free Trade Agreement, making it possible for Indian peoples to sell their land.

The Indians of Mexico have the same perception of land as Natives in Canada, both in terms of a communal ownership and their cultural connection to it, Mercredi said.

"They don't want to be subjected to the private ownership of title. They want to maintain their communal ownership of the land because it is the basis of their culture."

Ottawa must also help secure Mayan rights because Indian poverty is more severe in Mexico than in Canada, he added.

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien

and International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren have said the Chiapas uprising is a matter internal to Mexico and cannot be linked to NAFTA.

External Affairs Minister André Ouellet had no comment.

Violence in the most southern region of Mexico erupted Jan. 1 after heavily armed Mayan Indians moved to occupy the resort town of San Cristobal de las Casas. The so-called Zapatista rebels claimed to be acting in opposition to NAFTA, which came into effect New Year's Day.

Heavy fighting between the Natives and the army lasted a week before superior Mexican forces, aided by helicopter gunships, drove the Mayans back into the moun-

tains. Mexican officials have denied human rights abuses and have called for the unconditional surrender of the rebels.

The International Commission of Human Rights uncovered proof of human rights violations Jan. 17 when commission workers exhumed 17 bodies from a single grave in Ocosingo. Forensic experts reported that 10 of the bodies were Zapatista rebels and one was a civilian.

Forty-nine other rebel bodies were taken to the San Marcos graveyard in Ocosingo by army helicopter and entombed in cement, Mercredi said.

"If they're in cement tombs, I guess there's no way of doing forensic reports."

Inmate claims self-defense; seeks case review

By D.B. Smith
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EDMONTON

A Native offender who says he killed a fellow prisoner in self-defense may finally have his two-year-old "mercy application" for a case review examined by the minister of justice.

Richard McArthur's application for a review of his 1987 second-degree murder conviction has not been reviewed since its submission in 1991. But Reform MP Jack Ramsay said he has contacted the minister's office to see that McArthur's application gets prompt attention.

"As long as the delay is extensive, it may extend the injustice that may have occurred," he said.

McArthur is in Edmonton's maximum security prison for stabbing to death Michael Zima, a violent offender with a reputation for

intimidating and threatening other inmates.

His 1991 application under Section 690 of the Criminal Code to then-Justice Minister Kim Campbell to have his case reviewed includes evidence to suggest that he was acting in self-defense when he stabbed Zima during a dispute in the Drumheller penitentiary Jan. 24, 1986.

Section 690 authorizes the minister to either order a new trial, order an appeal or refer a question to a court of appeal for its opinion. It is not an appeals process and is not intended to be used to overturn decisions but does provide applicants with a last chance to correct errors that may have escaped previous court inquiries.

Four inmates, none of whom testified at McArthur's 1987 murder trial, have signed affidavits claiming that Zima was stalking McArthur and had threatened to kill the 30-year-old Pheasant Rump



Richard McArthur

Band member after the two men got into a confrontation over the volume level of a fellow inmate's stereo.

Inmate Mike Tkachuk overheard Zima say he would "get" McArthur only hours before the stabbing. His affidavit also states

that Zima flashed a home-made knife in the prison's television room and said he was going "to get that S.O.B. tonight" moments before the stabbing occurred in the doorway of McArthur's cell.

Zima was taken to hospital where he died two days later of complications from the wound, but not before giving police a detailed report on the incident with McArthur.

"At the time I stabbed him I felt relief that I got him before he got me because that's what I thought was going to happen," McArthur said.

"At the time, this all happened so fast. There was no time to think. Never, in my wildest imagination, did I think this fellow was going to die."

The four witnesses refused to testify at his trial because the rule in prison is not to get involved, McArthur said.

"I didn't know them, they didn't

know me. The golden rule is mind your own business."

Two of those witnesses, Tkachuk and fellow inmate Sam Roasting, are now out of prison.

The third, Clark Manybears, is still serving time in Stony Mountain Penitentiary in Manitoba. The fourth witness, Buddy Greenwood, drowned last September while running from police.

Ramsay said he took an interest in the case because lawyers often have no political resources to influence the ministry in moving on a decision.

"I will carry these concerns in a more substantive way to the justice minister. I'm very concerned about people sitting in jail when there's evidence to the contrary."

Justice department spokesman Wendy Sailman said the ministry is aware of the application and is in the process of considering it.

"We have it and we're working on it," she said.

Kemano II opponents claim project endangers salmon stocks

By Susan Lazaruk
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VANCOUVER

Opponents of Alcan's Kemano II project in northern B.C. are predicting dire consequences for salmon stocks if the hydroelectric megaproject goes ahead.

To draw attention to the \$1.3-billion project that diverts water from the Nechako River, Greenpeace organized a rally outside the giant aluminum company's downtown Vancouver head offices recently.

The crowd of about 75 listened to speeches by area Natives, environmentalists and a former federal scientist who says Kemano II, or the Kemano Completion Project, will harm B.C.'s fish stocks by reducing the Nechako's flow by more than 80 per cent.

They say the project was approved for the wrong reasons.

"The whole course of events in the deliberations of this project has been controlled politically instead of through science and good management," said Dr. Gordon Hartman, a biologist with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) for 30 years.

Marvin Charlie, chief of the 60-member Cheslatta L'en Carrier Nation, said Kemano II threatens his people at Cheslatta Lake.



Marvin Charlie

When the first phase of Kemano was built, the Cheslatta were forced to surrender their land and move north because of flooding. Their old homes were burned.

In the four decades since, they say the old lake shore village sites and cemeteries have been flooded 80 times, sweeping the remains of 50 Cheslatta into the rising waters.

But the Cheslatta haven't stopped thinking about the future.

"We have a big plan for Cheslatta Lake," said Charlie. "We hope to keep it as natural as possible, but the way the Alcan aluminum company's flooding it every year, year after year, maybe twice in the summer...."

Meanwhile, at public hearings held by the B.C. Utilities Commission in Prince George the day be-

fore the Vancouver rally, Alcan regional vice-president Dill Rich said his company has the right to finish the project and that it will stand up to public scrutiny.

Rich said claims of an 80-per cent reduction in river flows are incorrect because they're based on levels before the first stage of Kemano. He said that's irrelevant because salmon stocks have been maintained at lower current levels.

"Under KCP, Nechako River flows at Prince George, as they exist today, will be reduced by 12 per cent. Flows at another point will be reduced by 29 per cent and in the upper Nechako by 53 per cent.

The problems today are rooted in the 1950s when the B.C. government granted Alcan unlimited water rights in exchange for building a smelter and creating hydroelectric power for the province.

Key to the project is the Nechako River, which flows east in the country's most important salmon-spawning grounds. The Nechako River is a major tributary of the salmon-rich Fraser River, which flows about 750 kilometres south to Vancouver.

The first stage of Kemano involved damming the Nechako to reverse its flow westward to flood 200 kilometres of lakes and prime timber lands, creating the Nechako reservoir.

Alcan now diverts one-third of the Nechako's water, but it wants

more—88 per cent of the Nechako's flows—to expand its smelter operation and to generate more electricity for B.C. consumers.

Alcan announced plans for the completion project, a giant tunnel to allow a greater flow of water, in the 1970s.

But the DFO, whose job it is to protect fish, opposed the expansion because of the harm to salmon.

DFO minister Tom Siddon offered a compromise: Alcan could have 50 per cent (up to 75 per cent in some cases) of the Nechako's flow. Alcan insisted on 88 per cent and the court case was still set to go.

Five DFO scientists who worked on the impact of Kemano made it clear they felt Ottawa's compromise would harm the fish. Senior DFO officials told them to keep quiet or be dropped as expert witnesses for the case.

In August 1987, a week after the court case began, senior federal officials met with Alcan executives at their Vancouver head offices to negotiate a deal. The court challenge was dropped.

Siddon said the deal would result in no net loss of fish habitat and would benefit fisheries.

The scientists were stunned. They charged that the amount of water granted to Alcan was less than half the minimum required to maintain the salmon stocks. They called procedures proposed to maintain the stocks faulty.

But Kemano II was to go ahead, and in 1988 construction began.

But environmentalists demanded a federal-provincial Environmental Assessment and Review Panel, standard procedure for such megaprojects.

In 1990, however, the Conservative cabinet passed a special order to exempt Kemano II from a review, the only time in Canada's history that's been done.

The exemption was later condemned by an all party committee of Parliament as illegal and unconstitutional.

Six years later, the new Liberal government has promised to reopen Kemano and remove the gag but to date nothing has been done.

Construction has been halted on the project at least until the public hearings are finished.

Meanwhile, the provincial NDP government says its hands are tied. It calls the agreement a backroom deal but says it's a binding legal document and the government must abide by it.

Premier Mike Harcourt commissioned lawyer Murray Rankin to advise his government on legal aspects of Kemano II. Rankin concluded in January 1993 that the government would be liable for the \$500 million Alcan has so far spent on the project.

The Cheslatta and another Carrier Nation are calling for a federal-provincial review. S

Our Opinion

Start planning now for future talks on self-government

The federal government set itself the task of the century this past month as Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin announced that Ottawa will begin to lay the foundations for Native self-government.

The announcement could be cast as the bureaucratic equivalent to the parting of the Red Sea. Although Irwin doesn't hold quite the same stature for most people as Moses, his beginning of discussions on Native self-government represents the removal of long-standing barriers between the First Nations and our collective future.

The announcement also represents the opening of a Pandora's Box. Ottawa's interpretation of self-government has often been defined along the same lines as municipal-style governments. But for most Indian bands, that's out of the question. No First Nation is going to be satisfied with the right to decide where stop signs go over something like the right to control resources and the future of its people. And that's what real self-government means - the right to control the future.

Some bands already exercise that right. The Sechelt in southern B.C. have the right to make their own laws, tax land users and control band membership. They also own their land. Self-government for the rest of Canada's 600-plus bands will require Ottawa to concede to at least that much - the creation of a patchwork quilt of Native-owned and controlled territories right across the country. Huge tracts of forest in northern Ontario and British Columbia will have to be handed over, as will oil resources in Alberta and fishing rights in the Maritimes.

And then there's Quebec. Aboriginal Affairs Minister Christos Sirros recently told the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples that Quebec must recognize Native rights. But it's hard to believe that the province that mowed over the northern Crees to create the Great Whale Project would be willing to give anything to the First Nations without a lot of rending of flesh and gnashing of teeth, especially in the growing separatist climate.

And Ottawa will also be very careful when it deals with Quebec. With a strong Parti Québécois presence in the House of Commons and a provincial election around the corner that could see the further growth of a huge separatist wave, the feds will do little to upset the French.

"Damn the Natives and full speed ahead" would likely be their philosophy if they have to choose between enforcing Native self-government or neutralizing Quebec's continuous efforts to rid itself of the rest of Canada.

And what of the First Nations - do we know what we want? We've been cursing Canada's white paternalistic governments since they first came along. They took our land and our culture. Protecting what little is left will require a deftly defined and carefully implemented form of self-government, one that even goes beyond simply controlling our land and our destiny, especially in the new NAFTA world order.

The first thing Ottawa needs to set out for itself is to define the amount of control it is willing to give up. The CBC's Prime Time News caught Irwin shortly after his press conference, struggling to define the term himself. Indian Affairs emphasizes the need to recognize diversity and flexibility as key considerations in sorting out the crisis. But they need to be a lot more specific. Treaty rights will have to be upheld, as will Aboriginal rights. We will have to secure substantial land bases and we will have to stop fighting in and amongst ourselves.

And most of all, we will have to be firm with Ottawa and Irwin and insist that we want their inherent rights to control our future recognized in international law, not just the constitution, so that when First Nations people say Native government, the feds don't think we're talking about placing stop signs.



Illustration by Don Kew

What's it like to be a Native leader in Canada?

Do you ever wonder what it's really like to be a Native leader in Canada? Do you ever think beyond those demeaning and unjust stereotypical representations of the "corrupt, ruthless, and self-centred Native leader?" Personally, I think that being a Native leader must be a pretty thankless job and I sure wouldn't want it!

Really, just think about it for a while. When was the last time you heard anyone say: "That was a real good job you did and we're proud of you" to one of our leaders? Now, compare that to the number of vicious rumors that too often circulate in our communities, or within our provincial and national organizations, about the women and men who serve our peoples. I'll just bet that those unkind and vicious rumors far outweigh the positive or supportive comments.

At this point in our history as Native peoples — particularly with self-government looming just beyond the horizon — we really ought to think long and hard about the state of our com-



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munities and nation. And, we really ought to have confidence and respect for the women and men we elect to represent us.

While I'm certainly no big fan of any particular leader, I have become much more empathetic with them. I understand that theirs is not an easy job; they face criticism from both Native and non-Native peoples, they have no private lives, and they are expected to work around the clock for next to nothing. Even worse, too few people understand the complex legal and political world they inherit when elected to office.

As Native peoples aspiring towards self-government, don't you think we ought to respect

the political processes and organizations that are our own? And shouldn't we give our leaders (who are elected through a duly constituted system) a vote of confidence by standing behind them? Lastly, as citizens of Aboriginal nations in Canada, shouldn't we continually educate ourselves so that we can be productive and contributing members within our families, communities, and nations?

Personally, as a Native person who grew up imprisoned in a Whitesystem, governed by White laws, oppressed by White rulers, and brainwashed by White institutions, I wholeheartedly support the leadership in our move towards self-government.

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It is the time to be thanking all of you for your help and support in 1993. Tony Rios has told me many times how much it means to him to get your letters and to know that the struggle for justice is alive and well in the outside world. Who knows if he would even have had the will to live through the year without that support. It is a vital link. A special thanks to those who remembered him on his 17th birthday, Sept. 3.

(At 14, Tony was defending himself in an unprovoked attack, during which he used a knife. He inflicted shallow wounds on his white attacker, who later died - a rare and unusual case, according to the coroner. Tony was found guilty of

first degree manslaughter in adult court and is currently serving an eight-year sentence in adult prison in South Dakota.)

Tony's situation has not improved, as a matter of fact it has deteriorated throughout the year. He has been in the Hole since June, and has no hope of getting out until some time in the new year. His Hole time keeps getting extended, both by false accusations and by unfortunate outbursts of impatience on his part.

There is a new administration at the prison which is suddenly enforcing much stricter rules and greatly upsetting the prisoners in the process. There are many more restrictions on what possessions they are allowed to have, to the point where even art supplies are question-

able. If anyone wishes to send him a gift, the only thing we are certain is acceptable is a money order to be deposited in his prison account.

Tony's art has been making public appearances wherever the committee gets a chance to show it. It generates a lot of interest, especially the hand-drawn cards, and sales have been most satisfactory. It is gratifying to see Tony being accepted on the basis of his art and not only as a "cause". Watch out - this is one artist who has a future!

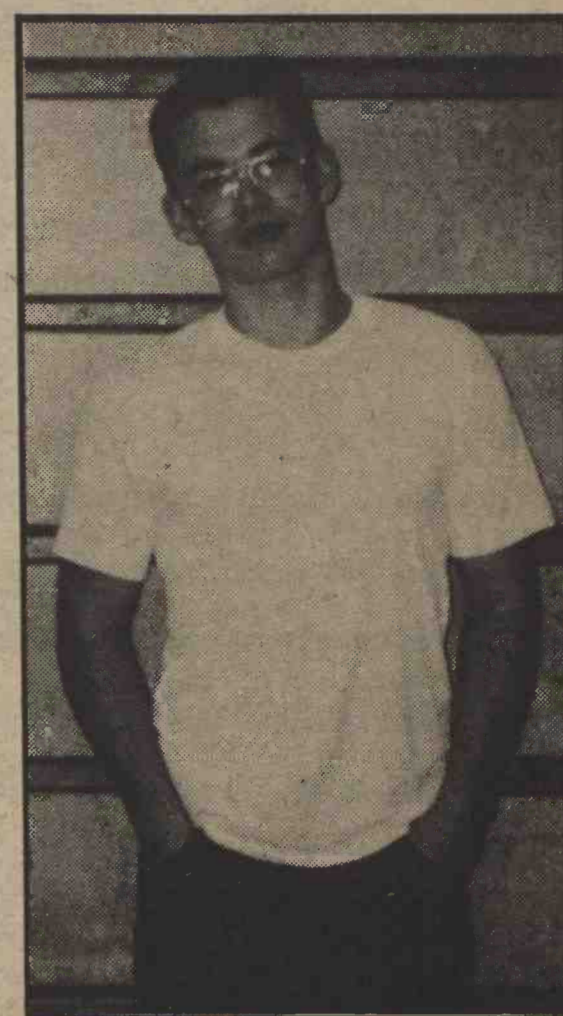
On the legal side of the coin, we believe that there is now a lawyer who is interested in taking Tony's case. He has been contacted through the support group of another prisoner but nothing has been confirmed with our committee as yet. Still,

we hope very much that he will turn out to be the answer to our prayers. Tony's next appearance before the parole board will be in April or May.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Tony, his mother Thelma, and all the dedicated committee members to wish you a safe and peaceful 1994. May the Great Spirit walk with us all throughout the New Year as we strive to attain our goals.

Tony can be reached by writing him at the South Dakota State Penitentiary, P.O. Box 911, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57117. His mother Thelma Rios can be reached at 2429 Gnugnuska Dr., Rapid City, S.D. 57701.

*In Spirit and solidarity,
Lois Cape*



Tony Rios

Following the leaders — but are they lost?

Dear Editor,

The following excerpts are to be found in a booklet entitled *The Illusions of Urban Man* put out by the Ministry of State, Urban Affairs, in 1976.

The author, Ruben F.W. Nelson, is particularly qualified to express the views presented; he is a graduate of Queen's and has taught at Queen's and the University of Calgary. As well, he has worked as a policy analyst, social analyst, and was president of Square One: a futures-oriented consulting and researching firm. During 1974/75 he directed a project of fundamental social research - the Cultural Paradigms Project - on behalf of the Advanced Concepts Centre of Environment Canada. Basically, his work is a critique and a condemnation of his own society and of civilization in general. Although I was not surprised at his honest and critical views, I was surprised that the government allowed them to be printed and distributed under its own aegis.

1. pg. 35 "... and the immensely appealing but finally empty alternative of continuing to drift, of acting as if we know what we are doing when both the mounting evidence and our most honest fears indicate that we do not."

2. pgs. 55/56 "... it is almost commonplace among the thoughtful economists and observers of economics today that the present-day images of economic man are both groundless in fact and destructive in practice. Why are we unable to face the implications of our best insights? Somehow we find ourselves unable to believe that our economic system is fundamentally ill-founded and wrong-headed.... So we carry on, attempting to live as if we are something we are not, reducing ourselves to impotence in the process, and even being bewildered by it."

3. pg. 60 "The point is that basically we carry on. We may withdraw into privacy to protect ourselves, or we may actively protest some change to our environment.... We are unable to sustain either righteous indignation or hope. Rather, we feel flashes of anger, resentment and puzzlement. But that's all.... Even withdrawal of belief and confidence in our leaders does not stop the juggernaut. Our main institutions can carry on

without our commitment. All they require is our acquiescence."

4. pg. 61 "... we are beginning to realize the unmitigated disaster of an economic system premised on the selfish pursuit by each person of his self-defined self-interest."

5. pg. 72 "... the present forms of our society inhibit rather than reward community-based assistance. We have almost come to the point that any help which is to be given/received by persons within our society must be institutionalized and blessed by some government structure. For us, to help is to institutionalize. We establish a particular program with officers, a building, and a budget, and everything starts to become impersonal and controlled."

6. pg. 62 "I believe that the fundamental crises of our culture are rooted in our misunderstanding of man and his place in the universe. We act as crazily as we do because we do not feel at home on this planet.... Accordingly, we are afraid. We seek comfort in the suggestion that if we can only solve our organizational, administrative, financial, and economic problems, the issues of the spirit will take care of themselves."

So, then, these are some of the opinions of a "behind-the-scenes" player; a person who knows the "system" better than most. Some of his comments exude a sense of hopelessness. Some of his words sound like a desperate plea for help and direction.

I have offered these words in the hope that those of our people who have chosen to follow the ways of our white brothers will pause and consider the wisdom of following a group which, though it travels in comfort, doesn't even know where it's going.

It especially irks me when I see efforts being made to equate our Great League to mere man-made governments. It is now even to the point where some of our people advocate membership in the United Nations. If our Peacemaker could be insulted, this would represent the ultimate insult - to equate his work (the Great Peace) with that of Machiavelli (mere Nation States).

*Gawit'ra'
Six Nations - Grand River*

Families sought

Dear Editor,

My name is Timothy Philipp Niosalke and I would like some help in finding my birth mother, brothers and sisters.

A friend of mine told me that your magazine goes coast to coast in Canada to all the Native reservations.

I have some information that will be of some help to you in helping me find my birth family.

I was born in North Battleford, Sask. on May 14, 1974. I was put in a foster home until July 12 that same year when I was adopted out into a white family who took good care of me. The foster home

was in Glasyln, Sask. and the name of the father was Rudy Frose, who is still living there with his family.

At birth my name was Rodney Lyle Runningbird until it was changed a few months later. It has been said to me that I have five other brothers or sisters who also were put in foster homes.

That is all the basic information that I have to go on.

Anyone with information can write me at Apt. 7, 114 Ave. V-N, Saskatoon, Sask. S7L 3E3 c/o Kristine Ulrich.

Timothy Niosalke

Dear Editor,

Corinna Jaylee Mah is looking for her birth parents. She was born on Dec. 7, 1968 at 11:40 p.m. at the Winnipeg General Hospital. She was born Corinna Jaylee Gregory.

The birth mother was 28 years old at the time. She was also born in Manitoba, in 1940. She is of Native and French background. She was interested at the time in pursuing a career in hair-dressing. Corinna has two older sisters, born about 1960 and 1965. Corinna also has two maternal

uncles born in 1937 and 1943. Her mother was the middle child.

Corinna's birth father was employed as a miner. He was born in 1934. It is known that he had been married and had seven children before meeting Corinna's mother. He is of Metis background.

Corinna Jaylee Mah is very interested in meeting either her parents or any of her nine siblings. Anyone with information, please contact her through Carrie Reid, c/o Box 42, Parksville, B.C., V9P 2G3 or call (604) 248-2096 or fax (604) 248-9792.

Tansi Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to ask for your assistance in helping two of our own - who were lost in all the bureaucratic red tape of the welfare system - in locating their roots, family and relations.

Mary A. Smith is of Cree ancestry. Her grandfather came from a reservation in Canada. She can be reached at P.O. Box 165, Layette, TN 37083.

Anthony Lindsay, #705304, is also of Cree ancestry. His birth mother's name was Paula L'Meer. He can be reached at Unit 6, Tier E, Cell 5, Washington State Penitentiary, P.O. Box 520, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Any information regarding the location of family or relatives would be greatly appreciated.

*Marvin J. Crier
Winnipeg, Man.*

Dear Editor,

Hi! My name is Patricia Bouvier. I am from a small community called Fort Providence in the Northwest Territories.

The reason why I am writing this is because I would like some information regarding Bouviers.

I have heard that there are Bouviers living in Black Lake

and Buffalo Narrows of Saskatchewan. If anyone from Buffalo Narrows or Black Lake who is related to Bouviers has read this, please give me a call at (403) 699-4316, or write me. Thank you for your consideration.

*Patricia Bouvier
P.O. Box 6,
Fort Providence, N.W.T.
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Windspeaker welcomes letters to the Editor. Submissions should be approximately 300 words or less in length. All letters must be signed with a first and last name or an initial and last name. A phone number and address must be included, not for publication but for verification.

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Oki. This year has proven to be very different already. I went down to Pincher Creek for their annual powwow. I know, I know, I told you already. But it was so unreal what a smile and a handshake could do for a person. Grouchy old me usually has nothing to smile about or even hold out my hand to a greeting for. It was unusual because I was approached by so many people. I could have sworn it was the hair. But I'm glad for those people who came up to say "hi." I was starting to think I had been talking to myself all these months.

Any way, I want to send out special thanks to Leona Hoof for putting up with us lost sheep.

Celebrating 30

Ottawa, Ontario - There is a man I've known all my life. He is just an uncle of mine but many have seen his paintings. This person's name is Alex Janvier from Cold Lake First Nations. He was like Michaelangelo in the latter part of last year. He painted the ceiling of the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa, which he called Morning Star. You can see the first thirty years of his work at the Museum of Civilization. Actually it's not all of his artwork but you can see the changes his painting style has gone through since 1964. I would like to congratulate him and ask a special request... Could I have one of your paintings? Jokes.

Congrats all around

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan - They handed out the awards in Saskatoon for Native business or, to be technical, the First Nations Business Awards. And the winners are... the Meadow Lake Logging and Reforestation, for best Native business of the year. The business is located 205 kilometres northwest of Prince Albert. Congrats! And the individual award went to Ms. Janet Bitternose from the Bitternose Buslines in Fort Qu'Appelle. Congrats!

Dance with them

Phoenix, Arizona - Now and then, I have the urge to talk about an event that is about to happen. This event,



PEOPLE & PLACES

by Ethel Winnipeg

of course, is a powwow. But the only 'snag' is it's going to be at Phoenix, Arizona. The powwow will be held March 4 - 5 and is at the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Coliseum. The event is called The Morning Star Celebration and is produced by the Amerindian Inc., a Native organization dedicated to the preservation

and development of the Native people of North America. There is going to be a lot going on that particular weekend down in Phoenix. It's not just a powwow, it's a powwow and a half. So get your outfits ready and if you happen to be going by Edmonton, stop by and pick me up. Is that a plan or what?



Gordon Russell, where are you?

It's been a while since we've seen you around, and judging from the photo, things haven't changed much. You're still in the kitchen cooking up a storm or making a mess. I remember you when my mother used to work with you. I heard stories of you coming to the 'KITCHEN'. Jokes. It's great your big old heart hasn't changed towards volunteering for the community.

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Barb Grindler

Focus, focus, focus

The competition was tough during the Napi Competition Powwow at Pincher Creek, Alta., but this focused fancy dancer took that in stride. The powwow was held in conjunction with the 4th Annual Cross Cultural Conference, hosted by the Napi Friendship Centre Jan. 14-16.

Native programs won't suffer with cuts - Cardinal

EDMONTON

Natives in Alberta will not be affected by Premier Ralph Klein's recent cut backs to provincial funding, the Minister of Family and Social Services said.

Native programs escaped the Conservative government's Jan. 17 announced funding cuts to health, education and social services because most of them are handled at the community level, said Mike Cardinal.

"None of the cuts will affect negatively the Aboriginal communities. In areas where there is high unemployment people will continue to receive the basic assistance that's there."

Provincial funding cuts included \$1.6 billion to the Social Services department in 1993 and an additional loss of \$1.5 billion in 1994. The department also hopes to reduce welfare payments by \$185 million this year, taking 55,000 people off the dole, in addition to 55,000 recipients cut off in 1993.

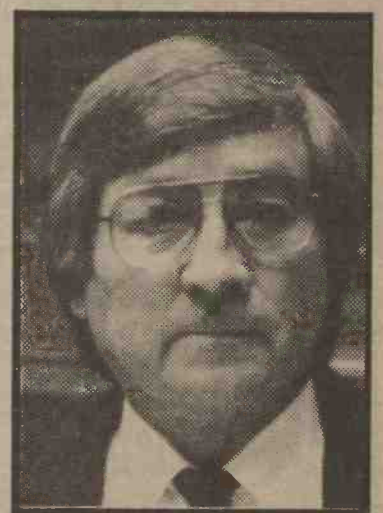
Social Services can run the same number of programs with the same level of service in spite of the cuts, Cardinal said.

"There could have been better use of the dollars that were out there and this is exactly what we are doing.... The cut backs are really a re-direction of how we deliver programs. And there was strong support to get people back into training and employment."

But those cuts could still be felt at the community level because many Native social programs work in concert with non-Native programs, said Dave Desjardins, the Feather of Hope Soci-

ety's executive director.

"I would be hard-pressed to say that the cuts wouldn't affect us, directly or indirectly."



Mike Cardinal

The society, which provides counselling services for Natives with AIDS, receives some funding from Health and Welfare Canada. But losing even a small amount of the \$19,000 that Alberta contributes each year would affect services, Desjardins said.

Cuts to other non-Native programs which the society relies on will undoubtedly affect both service and quality of service to clients, he said. The society's annual budget is slightly more than \$135,000.

More Indian communities and reserves, including Wabasca, Desmarais and Calling Lake, are, however, already running their own economic and social programs because they can do a better job than the government, Cardinal said.

"The more authority we give to Native communities, the better off we will be," he said.

The main hardship facing Aboriginals in Alberta is the adjustment that comes with returning to the work force, he said.

"We created dependency and people became inactive. The adjustment and the attitude change is going to be a major step right now."

Hockey tournament keeps scoring big

By Dave Leaderhouse
Windspeaker Contributor

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.

What started out 10 years ago as a dream has certainly blossomed into a major event in Prince Albert.

The Indian and Metis Friendship Centre held its 10 annual Aboriginal hockey tournament on the weekend, and according to one of the co-founders, Eugene Arcand, the tournament gets better each year.

"This gives our players an opportunity to showcase their talents in a large urban area," said Arcand during the first day of the tournament. "Ten years ago, Prince Albert was the only major community in Saskatchewan that didn't have an Aboriginal tournament. Now, we can play in a first-class facility and this helps encourage young players to play the game and it also provides good physical conditioning for our young people."

Arcand, who is now the fifth vice-chief in charge of sports and recreation for the Federa-

tion of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, was working with the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre in Prince Albert when the tournament was born. Arcand also said that the tournament fulfills a dream of co-founder Wayne Kemp, who passed away in 1989 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

"It make me feel good to see how far we have come," noted Arcand. "It fulfills our dream."

After some humble beginnings where the first two events featured just eight teams and were played in a much smaller facility, the tournament has

gained recognition across Western Canada. The tournament is now one of the largest in Prince Albert, and one of the biggest draws to the Communiplex.

"We wanted to try and start something good and with the reluctant co-operation of the city, things started to going," explained Arcand. "We soon outgrew the eight-team format and the smaller facility, and in three years we expanded to the present 12-team format and are now playing to large crowds here at the Communiplex."

"The underlying reason for the tournament is fundraising,"

added Arcand. "We have never gone in the hole and we usually raise between \$12,000 and \$15,000 for the friendship centre. The economic impact for the city also has to be considered. The business community has really become a major part of this."

Arcand said he hopes that the tournament will continue to grow and encompass teams from eastern Canada.

"The next five years are important because we would like to be where we have teams from Quebec," said Arcand. "I can really see it happening."

Prairies

Native programs threatened - educators

By Dawn Adams
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

Recent budget cuts by the Klein government could affect funding for Native education programs in the 1993-94 school year.

A five-per-cent decrease to the general education block next September, with an additional two-per-cent cut the following year will make it harder to maintain special programs at their current levels.

"Ultimately, the decision will rest with the school boards," said Garth Norris, communications director for the Department of Education.

The Native education grant was eliminated and absorbed last May within the general education block. This left school boards with the option of using the funds where they deemed necessary.

Although there was an overall eight-per-cent cut to the block funding, concerned parents organized and both school boards maintained the previous years' level of funding for Native pro-

gramming.

Louis Lamothe, president of the Ben Calf Robe Society hopes that the school boards will remain sympathetic to the special needs of its Native students.

Lamothe is concerned with the literacy rates among the Aboriginal population, which he feels are much higher than that in the general population.

With so few jobs available in band offices and on reserves, many of the youths will have to look at coming to cities for work, he said. Lamothe is concerned that without extra initiatives, such as the programs currently in place, these students will have difficulty competing.

"If we want to make a difference then we must make this a priority at budget time, and bucks should follow priority," he said.

Brian Mitchell, a trustee for

Edmonton Catholic Schools acknowledged the importance of the Native education program but isn't optimistic that it will escape this budget unscathed.

"They (Native programming staff) will be impacted certainly, but it's difficult to say how much until we do a full analysis."

In terms of dollars, the cuts equal the wages of 175 staff positions, said Mitchell. Rollbacks or staff reductions will have to be used in order to fit within the budget.

John Cardinal, one of four liaison workers offering support services to 35 schools, is very concerned about how cuts will affect services.

Cardinal feels overworked. High caseloads, house visits and presentations have already stretched support services as far as they can go while continuing to do an affective job, he said.

Edith Dalla Costa agrees. As a Native liaison worker she's been assigned 59 schools.

"It would be so wonderful if we had two more workers in this office. A lower workload would mean more time could be spent with school and students," said Dalla Costa.

Last December, the Ben Calf Robe society sent a letter to Premier Klein outlining their concerns and offering solutions that could keep Native funding from falling to the axe.

"The intent of the letter was to ensure that no cuts are made to Native education funding and to suggest approaches that could be used to ensure the level of funding is maintained," said Lamothe.

The society received a acknowledgment from Klein's office stating that they can expect a detailed response early this year.

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Housing dismal for First Nations

By Alex Roslin
Windspeaker Contributor

MONTREAL

If you're one of the thousands of Crees on waiting for subsidized housing, the news isn't good. At the current rate of housing construction, it will take until the year 2009 before every Eastern James Bay Cree who needs a new home right now gets one. And that's not counting the fact that another 75 families are added to the waiting lists for subsidized housing each year.

"At that rate, we'll never catch up," said Brian Craik, responsible for housing issues at the Grand Council of the Crees.

Craik said the problem may get worse before it gets any better. Funding from Ottawa for on-reserve housing has fallen by a third in the last decade. All eyes are now on the new Liberal government, which is set to announce a new housing policy in the next few months. It's likely there will be new cuts, said Craik.

"The government wants something new, but no one knows what it is," said Craik. He fears that in the name of attacking a runaway deficit the Liberals may carry out a Tory threat to make dramatic new cuts to the

First Nations housing budget.

Before being voted out of office in October the Tories were sitting on a plan to drastically reduce the amount of money given to First Nations homebuyers in the form of grants, and replace this with loans to be paid back with interest.

Al Horner, director of Indian programming and funding allocation in the federal Indian Affairs department, wouldn't give any hints about the new housing policy. But even he acknowledged that the government isn't doing nearly enough.

"Between the need to properly maintain homes and the fact that there is a fairly healthy backlog, the current rate of government expenditures would not in itself meet the demand," Horner said. "That's a well-known situation that is one of the first issues the chiefs raise when I meet with them."

Horner's department spends \$137 million each year for on-reserve housing, an amount that has remained frozen for a decade. During that time, inflation has eaten up a third of the value of the spending.

The federal government doesn't have figures on the total number of First Nations people on waiting lists for subsidized housing across the country. Separate lists are compiled by each

First Nation. Craik said 1,200 new houses are needed in the Eastern James Bay Cree communities alone. Last year, only 75 new houses were built for Crees with federal funds. At that rate, the existing housing backlog won't be cleared up for 15 years, he estimated.

Craik expressed frustration with the haphazard way the federal government allocates housing funds. He said it's often unclear until the last moment how much money is available for housing, which makes planning difficult for Cree band councils.

Craik said stable funding would help Crees establish a joint housing policy for all the communities. Currently, housing is the responsibility of each of the band councils. Such a policy could ensure that housing money goes to those people who need it the most, Craik said. A housing policy could also include rules barring preferential treatment in the allocation of housing.

Another problem that needs to be addressed is the wide disparity in how much contractors charge for construction of a house in different communities, Craik said. The average new house in Chisasibi costs about \$160,000 to build. One in Mistissini costs only \$100-110,000 whereas one in Waswanipi costs less than \$100,000.

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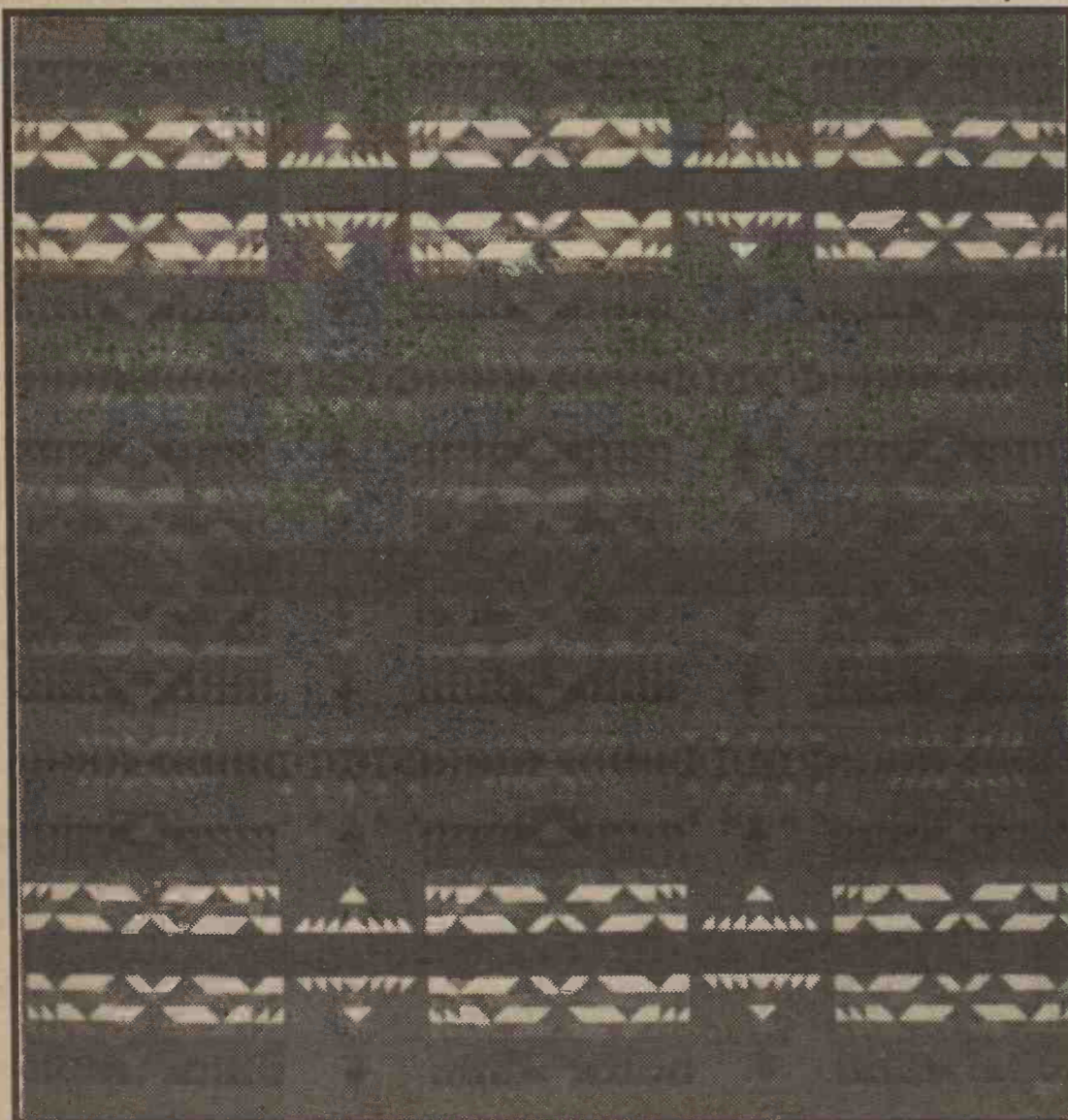
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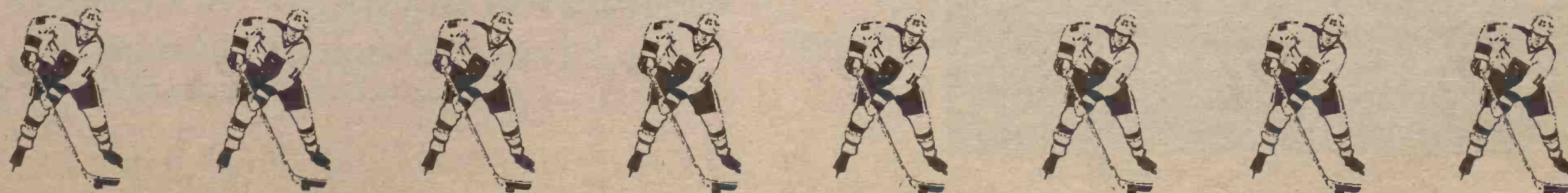
Location: Beardy's sports centre • Duck Lake Thunderdome

Program Ceremonies

- Introduction of former hockey teams
- Official Face-off
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SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1994

**Midget "AA" Tournament Continues
Final Games at Beardy's sports centre**





St. Michael's College (1894 - 1994) Centennial Events

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Sports

Kings fight noble battle but lose

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.

The Prince George Lumber Kings simply ran out of gas.

The Lumber Kings, playing their fifth game of the day, were dominated from the outset as the Cumberland Cree cruised to an easy 11-3 triumph in the championship final of the 10th annual Indian and Metis Friendship Centre hockey tournament.

"When we are fresh there is not a (Native) team in Canada that can beat us," said Prince George captain Everett Rosé. "We were also lacking our main goaltender and a number of other key guys, but that gave us more incentive. We are a fighting club, but we didn't prevail. We came close, thought."

Cumberland Cree, who were playing just their second match of day and who also had several more bodies at their disposal, jumped into a 3-0 advantage after the first period on goals by Joe MacKay, Rubyn Norman and Gerry Bick.

Cumberland increased their advantage to 6-1 after two peri-

ods of play with Shawn McKenzie, Billy Roy and Louis Gardner netting singles while Brent Pascal finally put Prince George on the scoreboard.

The third period was academic with Norman collecting two more for his hat-trick, Bick adding his second of the game and singles coming from Boone Laliberte and Randy Dorion. Gerald Gagnon and Rose rounded out the scoring for Prince George.

"It gave us a lot of motivation knowing they were defending champions," said Norman amidst a happy celebration on the ice. "We were quite a bit fresher, but we are a pretty good team and we were up for it."

It is the second title for the team who were inaugural winners back in 1985. Sand Lake Chiefs claimed the championship in 1986 before the Dog Lake Raiders won three years in a row from 1987-89. Prince George picked up its first championship in 1990 with Dog Lake returning to the winners circle two more time in 1991 and 92.

Kings, Cree take tourney awards

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.

The Prince George Lumber Kings and Cumberland Cree skated away with most of the special awards of the 10th annual Indian and Metis Friendship Centre hockey tournament held in this city Jan. 14-16.

Cumberland Cree, which captured the title with a 10-3 decision over Prince George in the championship final, placed two players on the all-star squad while the Lumber Kings had three.

Making the elite team from Cumberland were defenceman Penny Norton

and forward Louis Gardner. From Prince George it was defenceman Don Jones and forwards Everett Rose and Joey Potskin. Rounding out the team were goaltender Darwin Morin from Pelican Narrows and coach Pierre Settee from Cumberland.

Andy Degray of Prince George picking up the best defenceman award, Rubyn Norman of Cumberland Cree getting the nod as the best forward and Louis Gardiner of Cumberland Cree selected as the tournament's most valuable player.

The most prestigious award, however, was the Wayne Kemp Memorial Trophy for sportsmanship and ability with Randy

Dorion of the Cumberland Cree taking home the honor. Wayne Kemp was one of the co-founders of the tournament who passed away in 1989 at the age of 32 years. Kemp was very involved in the community and was also active in the local and provincial Indian and Metis Friendship programs.

The final presentations were cash awards for the top four teams of the tournament. Cumberland Cree collected \$6,000 for finishing first while Prince George Lumber Kings picked up \$4,000 as a finalist. Placing third and taking home \$2,000 were Pelican Narrows with The Pas, Man., pocketing \$1,000.

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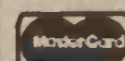


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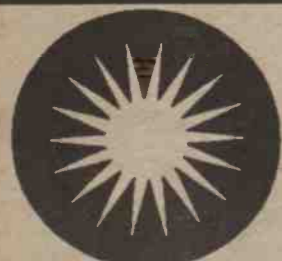
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Sports

Disputed goal rocks P.A. championship

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.

The 10th annual Indian and Metis Friendship Centre hockey tournament held in Prince Albert, Sask. Jan 14-16 had a little bit of everything.

There was some good hockey and some bad hockey, there were last-minute cancellations and, of course, there was controversy. A post-game ruling on a disputed goal pitched players against organizers and is being blamed for at least one team vowing to boycott future tournaments in Prince Albert.

The tournament began innocently enough with the original draw to feature 14 teams. A lack of entries, however, resulted in organizers to downscale the draw to 12 teams and when play began on Friday there two no-shows.

Southend failed to show up for the tournament and the Sandy Bay, Man. team had bus troubles enroute to Prince Albert leaving just 10 teams vying for the \$6,000 first-place prize money. Sandy Bay did show up for their second contest, but were handed an 11-1 setback to Goodfish in the first round of the B-event playoffs.

The opening round of the double-knockout event had Beardy's Blackhawks win over Southend by default, Beauval out-scored Deschambeault 9-4, The Pas beat Sturgeon Lake 9-5, Cumberland Cree crushed the Woodland Cree 29-0.

Pelican Narrows advanced to thesecond round when Sandy Bay did not arrive in time and the Prince George Lumber Kings, defending champions, got off to a good start with a 14-3 triumph over Goodfish, Alberta.

Championship side quarter-finals had Beardy's defeat Beauval 7-3. Cumberland blasted The Pas 13-2 and Pelican Narrows edged Prince 5-4 in an overtime shootout.

And this is where the controversy enters the picture.

During the shootout, Prince George forward Gerald Gagnon scored a goal after taking a second swing at the puck to beat Pelican goaltender Darwin Morin.

The rule on a penalty shot is that you can only take one shot when coming in on the goaltender, whether you fan on the first attempt or not.

The goal counted and Prince

George was awarded the win. But Pelican Narrows protested the game and a rules committee subsequently overturned the original call and gave the victory to Pelican Narrows.

"The decision was made and we are happy with the decision," commented tournament chairman Frank Carriere.

"Unfortunately there always has to be a winner and a loser and unfortunately the loser is always a bit, how should I say this, ticked off. We based our decision what the referee saw and what the goal judge saw."

What made the ruling so hard to swallow for Prince George was that happened after the game, not during the play.

Rose said a valid solution would have been to let the team replay the game later that night.

The loss dropped the Lumber Kings to the B event where they began a hectic final day of the tournament with a 5-1 triumph over Goodfish, Alberta. Prince George then defeated Sturgeon Lake 10-2 and the The Pas 9-3 to advance to the B event final.

This game set up a rematch of the controversial game with Pelican Narrows as Cumberland



Dave Leaderhouse Prince George Lumber King's Joey Potskin (44) and Cumberland's Louis Gardiner challenge each other during a faceoff early in the championship final.

Cree had dropped Pelican Narrows to the B event with a 9-7 victory in the A event final. Prince George gained some satisfaction in the fact that they edged Pelican Narrows 5-3 to earn a berth in the championship final against the Cumberland Cree.

With just 30 minutes separating Prince George from the emotional win over Pelican Nar-

rows and the final contest of the tournament, the Lumber Kings just couldn't find enough wind to pull off the Cinderella victory as Cumberland Cree skated to an easy 10-3 triumph.

"Because of the injustice that happened here, we won't be coming back," said a disappointed Lumber King captain Everett Rose moments after the final contest.

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Prairies

Land rights abused by industries - chiefs

By Kim Heinrich
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

Spoken promises about land use were traditionally ignored when it came time to write treaty agreements, the audience attending an environment conference in Edmonton heard.

The spirit and intent of Treaty 8, signed in 1899, led more than 25,000 Native people in Canada's boreal forests to mistakenly trust their traditional lifestyles would be protected, said one chief.

"Unfortunately, First Nations leaders relied on a spoken commitment of Treaty Commissioners. And what was printed on paper is a pale reflection of those spoken commitments,"

said Chief Johnsen Sewepagaham, spokesperson for the Grand Council of Treaty 8.

Sewepagaham addressed 100 people at a Prairie Boreal Forest Conference held in Edmonton mid-January. Hosted by the Western Canada Wilderness Committee and Grant MacEwan Community College, the conference addressed the questionable management of Native lands.

Before Treaty 8 was signed it was argued non-Native people moving into traditional lands would be farmers who could grow their own foods.

"It was a treaty of peace and friendship," said Sewepagaham. But during tough times following World War One, non-Native trappers flooded the North country.

"These trappers approached the forests with a different land ethic than First Nations people," he said. "They devoted themselves to trapping out as much fur as possible. They depleted the forests and left the First Nations people to starve because the forest resources needed to sustain life had been destroyed."

Now the few who can make a living off hunting and trapping are threatened, he said. This time disruption to traditional lifestyles comes from big industry.

Guest speaker Chief Bernard Ominayak, of the Lubicon Cree Nation, said his people have seen tremendous destruction taking place in northern Alberta.

"...without regard for people, wildlife or the environment. It seems to me that many of the multinational corporations that

come into our area come for one thing - to take," Ominayak said. "To take the dollar and whatever it may be."

Hespoke of the Mitsubishi-owned Alberta Pacific forest company which has timber cutting rights to 50,000 square kilometres of land.

"We have nothing in place that is going to allow our First Peoples to hope for a better future."

Alex McGillivray, Native affairs co-ordinator for Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Inc., attended the conference as a spectator. He said that because so much territory is being disputed, industry has no choice but to involve Native people.

"It can't be business as usual like it used to be," McGillivray said.

ALPAC tries to alert Native

trappers if their lines are going to be logged, he said.

"We're trying to get compensation for trappers whose livelihoods are disturbed from logging," said McGillivray, a Metis.

The government is responsible for treaty rights, not ALPAC, he added. He objects to the term "corporate Indian" because it implies Native people who do business have somehow sold out.

"Native people can be their own worst enemy. We call it the crab syndrome. If one or two do well, others try to pull them down."

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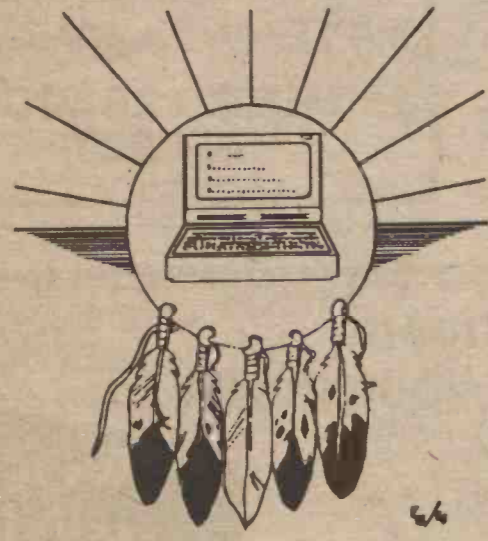
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For many of the kids, meeting a professional midget wrestler and one their own age opens their eyes to the idea that life could hold more for them.

"They go 'Wow! This guy is small and he can do all these things, then surely we can do it, too'. It all works as encouragement and a positive factor heading in a proper direction."

Watson, who's been wrestling for more than 20 years and is trained in European, Canadian/American and Luchi Libra or Mexican style, teaches kids not to sit around on the mat like "those guys from World Wres-

ting Federation do, who don't know the difference between a wrist hold and a wrist watch."

In the first two days, students learn how not to hurt themselves with break-falls and standing-holds. From there, the kids are paired off for five- or six-minute bouts to learn co-ordination, motivation and "do a little bit of high-flying." The last day of camp is the big finale, when the kids put on a wrestling match for the whole community.

Watson was introduced to the idea of bringing his wrestling camp to the reserves during a conversation with a stranger at Toronto's International Airport, who told him of the problem of teen suicide in northern Ontario.

The stranger said it would be a blessing if someone brought a wrestling program like Watson's into any of the 26 reserves that are just in Northern Ontario.

"Since then, we've done Sachigo Lake, Sandy Lake, Bear Skin and Cat Lake."

Watson started the course in the wake of his 17-year-old daughter's death at the hands of a 17-year-old drunk driver. It's a way to help kids that are physically aggressive but who have no healthy outlet for their feelings.

"And it proves to do just that. And it gives them a little bit of promise. Not every kid is meant to be a baseball player, a hockey player, a football player, but they all love watching wrestling."

The response from Native communities has been excellent. Jim Sparks, principal of the Jimmy Sandy Memorial School on the Naskapi Kawawachikamach Reserve in Shefferville, Que., praised the camp for the way it motivated the kids in the remote community of 500 people.

"It occupied their time," he said. "It was very well received by everyone."

The Naskapi liked it so much, in fact, that they've bought Watson's ring for future training and events.

"When we left there, there were half a dozen kids in tears just at the fact that we were leaving," Watson said. "I've got letters from those kids, and when I sit down and read them, they bring a tear to my eye because the kids were so great up there."

The Naskapi have also booked the camp back in for a second clinic for 47 kids in March. And in July and August, the kids may have the opportunity to take their skills on the road to the three or four surrounding communities.

"We give the kids the chance to be whoever they want to be," Watson said. "One kid wrestled the midget wrestler there as Jimmy 'The Big Boss' Ballet. Another kid, Brian Shepapiro, wrestled as Brian 'Mister Perfect' Shepapiro. I give them the chance to have some real fun, to be the whole opening part of the card."

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Business

CESO steers clients towards success

By Susan Lazaruk
Windspeaker Correspondent

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As a manager of the band-owned Standoff Restaurant on the Blood Nation reserve in southern Alberta three years ago, Patsy Rabbit was getting fed up with her job.

"I was getting so frustrated because the band was always saying that I wasn't making enough money for them," she said. "One day I thought, I'd like to be on my own."

Problem was, even after working for the restaurant for 20 years, Rabbit had no idea how to run a business on her own.

And then she heard about CESO. The non-profit, non-governmental agency, which used to stand for the Canadian Executive Service Organization and now just goes by the acronym (pronounced KES-so), is in the business of helping people like Rabbit.

Through CESO's Aboriginal services division, she was matched up with Bill Jackson, a volunteer who had expertise in business matters. He helped her draw up a proposal to take over the restaurant.

Jackson laid out what she would need to make a go of it on her own and explained to her the money and expertise she would need.

"He made me understand I have to take risks," said Rabbit recently after a busy lunch hour. "But he didn't pressure me."

She bought the equipment and inventory from the band, using her entire savings, and now pays the band rent on the building.

And she says she's happier now because she has control, has created one more full-time position and is even making a modest profit.

"I'll never be a millionaire here," she says with a laugh. "But now I can do what I want. Before I always had to answer to (the band)."

Rabbit's story is just one of many stories that make up CESO.

Modelled after a successful group in the U.S., CESO was founded in 1967. It's a non-profit group that matches volunteers with years of expertise in their fields to businesses or organizations that need professional advice.

Since its beginning, CESO has completed about 27,000 assignments in more than 57 countries.

It has 3,600 volunteers, representing more than 150 industries, such as manufacturing, oil and gas,

construction and financial institutions, mining, food and restaurants, clothing, agriculture and communications. CESO offers consultants, functional experts, mentors and trainers and can assist bands in the running of their own councils and governments.

The Aboriginal Services division has been serving Native clients for 24 years. About 75 per cent of its funding comes from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

The division's emphasis is on giving Natives the tools they need to run their own businesses and social organizations, CESO president Daniel Haggerty said during a recent visit to Vancouver.

"The knowledge and expertise is not just being transferred (to Native communities), it's being melded with their own," he said.

CESO also acts as an advocate for self-sufficiency among Natives. The organization submitted a report to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

One recent change for Aboriginal Services is asking Native clients to contribute to the costs of their individual projects, if they are able.

"When groups contribute to the cost of a project, they feel they have the right of greater input and can question the services more freely," says Vancouver's Susan Tatoosh, one of the Aboriginal board members.

CESO will offer services to any enterprise Native groups see as beneficial to their people, says Haggerty. That would include helping them start up a gambling casino, despite possible negative repercussions.

"I'd try to suspend my own personal belief about gambling," said Haggerty. "It's as close to altruism as you can get."

Aboriginal Services projects include assisting the Fisher River First Nation Healing Centre in Manitoba develop their 1993-94 operating budget; consulting on renovations, and advising on federal funding, to restore Wolf Lake Band Council's historic chapel in Quebec; helping to develop tourism and a grocery store and gas station for the Ditidagt Nation Visitors Centre at Port Alberni, B.C.

Meanwhile, restaurateur Rabbit says she will return to them when she moves to a larger location, possibly next year. And she would recommend CESO for Natives wanting to start a new venture.

"I'd like to see more people get their own businesses."

CESO Aboriginal Services, which has its head office in Montreal and operations centre in Toronto, as well as eight regional offices across Canada, can be reached at Suite 2000, 415 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., M5B 2E7, (416)596-2376.

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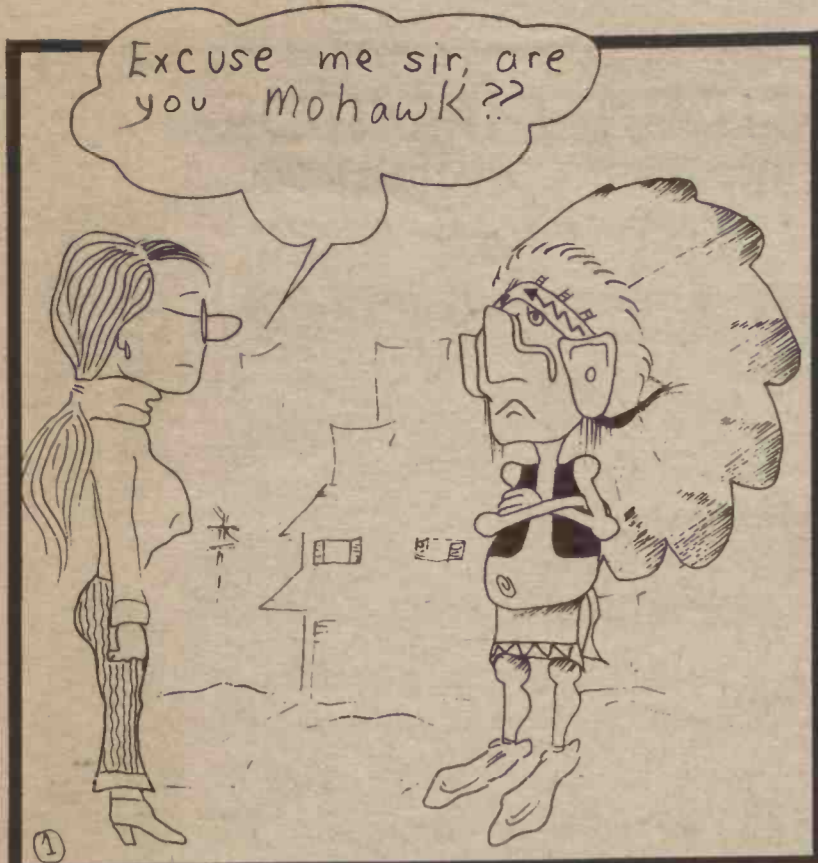
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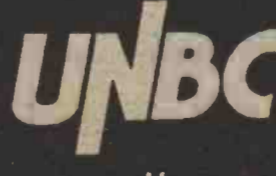
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MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1994

- 6 am Sweetgrass Ceremony
- 8:30 am Opening Ceremonies
- 9 am - Plenary Sessions: "
- 10:30 am *The Present Structure and Policy of Mental Health Services*
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:
 • Minister of Health Canada • Provincial Minister of Health
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- 10:45 - 12 pm Breakaway Sessions: "Community Based Mental Health Services"
- 12 pm - Luncheon: Panel Presentation:
- 1:30 pm "Mental Health Common Problems of Native Communities"
- 1:30 - Breakaway Sessions (12):
- 3:30 pm "Community Based Mental Health Programs - A National Perspective."
- 3:45 - 4:45 pm Summary & Conclusion

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1994

- Theme - Traditional Mental Health Concepts
- 6 am Sweetgrass Ceremony
 - 9 - Plenary Session: *Decolonization Effects on First Nations Peoples*
 - 10:30 am **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:** Maria Campbell & Dr. Pam Colorado
 - 10:45 am - Breakaway Sessions - Facilitated by Elders:
 - 12 pm "Philosophy of Traditional Holistic Approach To Wellness"
 - 12 pm - Luncheon - Presentation by Millie Stonechild
 - 1:30 pm "Combining Traditional Concepts & Contemporary Approaches
 Methods of Achieving Individual Community Wellness"
 - 1:30 - Breakaway Sessions (12) - Facilitated by Elders
 - 3:30 pm "To Share Traditional Concepts/Approaches used at the Community Level"
 - 3:45 - 4:45 pm Summary & Conclusion

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1994

- 6 am Sweetgrass Ceremony
- 9 - 10:30 am Plenary Session: *Mental Health Training Strategies*
- 10:45 - 12 pm Presentation: "National Native Mental Health Association"
- 12 pm - "Community Mental Health Workers/Practitioner Training Programs"
- 1:30 pm **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**
 • Institutional/University Presidents • Minister of Advanced Education
- 1:30 - Plenary Session
- 3:30 pm "Present National/Provincial Mental Health Programs"
 Recommendations for a Comprehensive Mental Health Programs
- PANELISTS:**
 • National Indian & Inuit Community Health Representatives
 • Nechi Institute
 • National Native Alcohol & Drug Abuse Program
 • Brighter Futures: Department of Health
 • Community Action Program
 • Health Directors
- 3:45 - 4:45 pm Summary & Conclusion
- 6 pm Traditional Feast & Rounddance - Poundmaker's Lodge
- 7 - 9 pm Evening Presentation:
 "Mental Health Training Institution Curriculum Development"

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1994

- 6 am Sweetgrass Ceremony
- 8 am Breakfast Buffet
- 9 - Plenary Session: "Mandate - Future Direction"
- 12 noon **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**
 • National/Regional Directors
 • Health Careers - M.S.B
 • Brighter Futures - M.S.B
 • Pathways to Success - C.E.I.C
 • Post-Secondary - I.N.A.C.
- 12 noon Closing Remarks

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

12 Consecutive Workshops

"Community Based Mental Health Program - A National Perspective"

TOPICS: (12 Workshops)

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| 1. Suicide | 2. Family Violence |
| 3. Grief/Bereavement | 4. Addictions |
| 5. Sexual Abuse | 6. Fetal Alcohol Syndrome |
| 7. Residential Schools | 8. Physically Challenged |
| 9. Diagnosed Disabilities | 10. AIDS/HIV |
| 11. Community Development/Wellness | 12. Personal Growth |

NATIONAL CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Workshops will run from 1 1/2 to 2 hours in length.

If you are interested in making a presentation on one (or more) of the topics please send:

1. a brief outline of your presentation;
2. a brief biography (2 or 3 paragraphs);
3. presentation (audio/visual) needs;
4. photograph (optional) for conference program.

HEALING/TALKING CIRCLES EACH EVENING

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

- Affordable Advertising Rates
- Encourage submissions such as short stories, poetry, artwork, announcements, notices, upcoming events and other issues pertaining to First Nations Mental Health. (All submissions will become property of the conference, should you want your material returned, include self-addressed stamped envelope)

SPECIAL EVENTS AGENDA:

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1994: NETWORKING RECEPTION

- Beverly Hills Ballroom, Fantasyland Hotel
- 6 pm Reception (Networking Centre, Name Tags, Guest Book)
 - 6:30 pm Opening Remarks
 - 7 pm Fashion Show featuring Native designers:
 • Bruce Omeasoo, Hobbema, Alberta
 • Kathy Shirt, Kathy's Cree-ations
 • Pat Piche, Edmonton
 Aboriginal Models: Enoch Modells & Azpex Modelling
 Fashion Show M.C.: Helen Calahasen
 - 8 pm • Fun Money Events & Auction
 • First Nations Lapel Pin Exchange (Buy, trade, sell) Bring your collection
 • Open Podium Comedy Hour for Story/Joke Telling
 • Free Door prizes awarded throughout the evening • Open to public

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1994: FUNDRAISING "GALA" BANQUET

- Beverly Hills Ballroom, Fantasyland Hotel Banquet Admission: \$25.00/person
- 6 pm Prayer by Elder
 - 6:15 pm • Silent Auction Commences
 • Welcoming Address
 - 7 pm Introduction to Guest Speaker: Chief Katie Rich, Davis Inlet, Labrador
 - 8 pm Aboriginal Entertainment (TBA)
 - 9 pm Prayer by Elder
 Cultural Dance Troupe presentations
 Special Blanket Dance for Davis Inlet Children
 • Media Table • Open to public • Door Prizes
 • Silent Auction:
 Bid on 10 pieces of artwork donated by top Native Artists
 Proceeds to go to the Innu Children of Davis Inlet

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 March 21 - 24, 1994,
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Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Organization: _____

Delegate Registration:	\$150.00
Elders/Students/Youth (under 20):	\$75.00
Cancellation Fee (Administration Charge):	\$25.00

Registration includes: Conference Materials, 3 Luncheons, 1 Breakfast Buffet.

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