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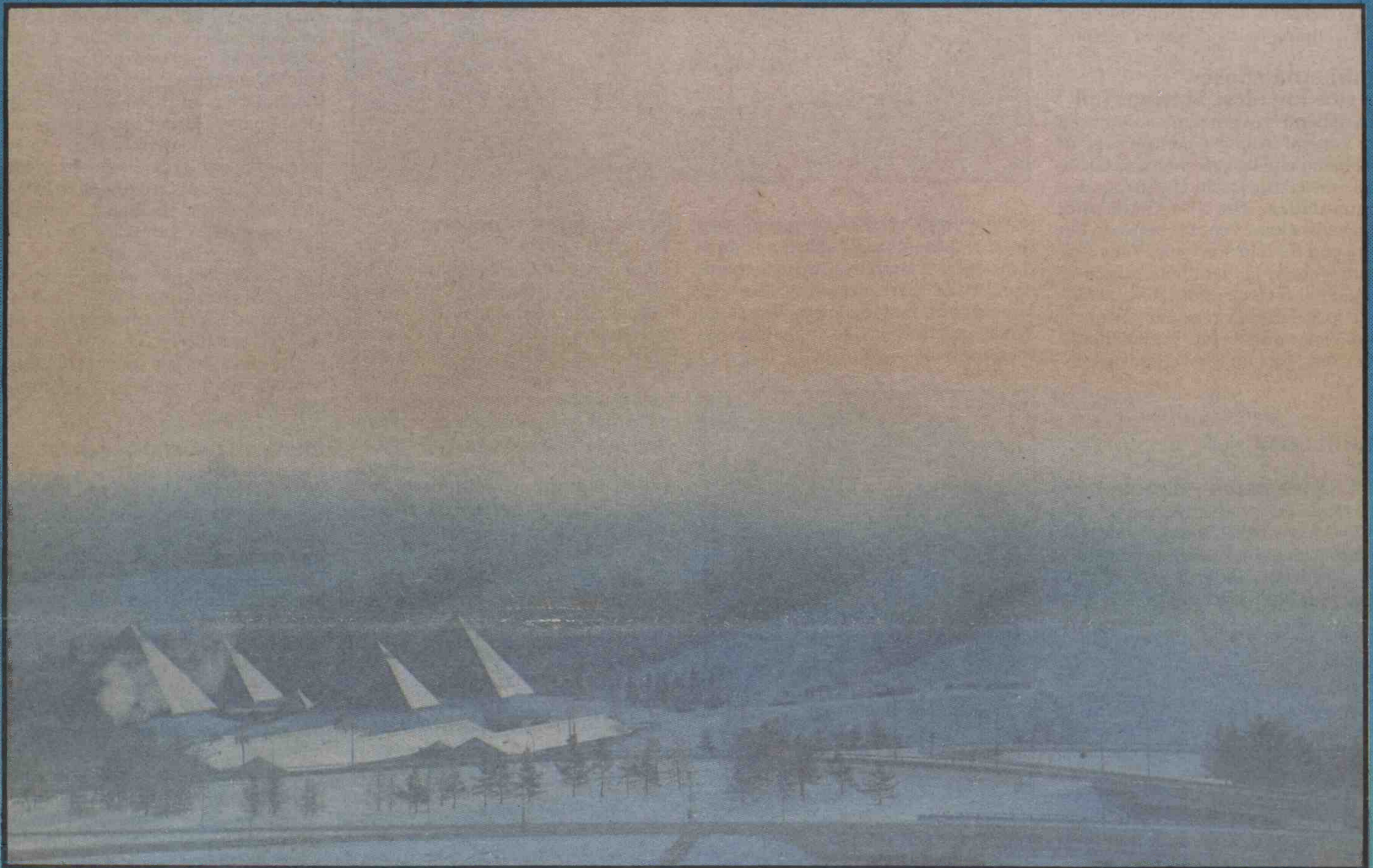
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The long cold season has settled in for its usual seemingly endless stay, casting a foggy haze over the city of Edmonton and the Muttart Conservatory.

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Elders tell a story of genocide

By Jon Harding
Grand Centre Sun

COLD LAKE, Alta.

The formation of the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range meant genocide for the people of Cold Lake First Nations, who trapped and hunted extensively on that land.

"Genocide means extermination of a culture, and that way of life has been lost," Ernest Ennow told a special commission on Indian claims, which recently held an inquiry at the band's administration hall.

Ennow and 20 other Cold Lake elders told the commission that the air weapons range, formed by the federal Department of National Defence, meant the beginning of the end for what was a self-sufficient trapping and hunting culture.

"We didn't know what poor was. We didn't know what so-

cial assistance was. We lived off the wildlife," said 73-year-old Genevieve Andrews, who spoke on the first day of the hearings.

Ennow, 63, made his living trapping and fishing with his grandfather, Jean-Baptiste Ennow, on the 2.88 million acres of land northwest of Grand Centre.

The land was turned into an air weapons range by the Department of National Defence in 1953.

Over the course of seven years, the federal government made three compensation payments to Cold Lake First Nations people for losses of income and trapping equipment, which they abandoned on the range when they left. Those payments ended in 1960, when National Defence made its final payment of \$169,000, on the condition the aboriginals sign quit-claims and release the government department from

any further obligation.

Ennow said he was one of the original members of a small committee set up in the late 1950s to find out why payments for the 20-year lease agreement were hung up.

"We asked questions and wrote letters through Indian Affairs and tried to persuade other Indians not to sign the quit-claims," he said. "The clause of the sale was never explained."

Elder Pierre Herman said many who signed didn't know what they were signing.

"We signed to get money, with no explanation or translation to Chipewyan," he said.

Ennow told the commission an agreement meant two people sitting and discussing a matter.

"This was not an agreement."

Many people signed quit-claims out of desperation for money or because they thought they could return to the land

after 20 years was up.

"They (Indian Affairs) said, 'Take it or leave it. You better take it now or the money will go back to Ottawa and who knows how long you'll have to wait then.' People started signing out of frustration," Ennow said.

Ennow and the others went back in time 40 years for the benefit of three panel members of the Indian Claims Commission, set up by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to conduct impartial inquiries into land claim disputes between government and First Nation people.

Cold Lake filed a \$30 million lawsuit against the federal government in 1990, claiming the government did not bargain the 20-year Primrose Lake lease agreement, and further extensions, in good faith.

The lawsuit also claims the government breached legal obligations as set out in the Royal Proclamation of Treaty Six.

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1992 saw the birth of an Inuit homeland and

JANUARY

Court battle looms for Inuit land deal

Northern Saskatchewan's Dene bands served notice they planned to throw up legal road-blocks against the largest land claim in Canadian history. The \$580-million Nunavut settlement overlapped with traditional Dene lands and threatened the band's development opportunities, claimed Prince Albert Tribal Council spokesman John Dantouze. A federal judge later overruled the band's request for an injunction against Nunavut, saying the land claim did not limit traditional hunting and trapping in the disputed region.

Hobbema chosen as site for First Nations jail

The federal government announced the central Alberta community of Hobbema will become home to Canada's first jail run for and by first nation communities. The \$8-million pilot project is a joint venture between Ottawa and the Samson band. The minimum security jail will house up to 50 inmates and create more than 30 full-time jobs for area residents. Samson chief Victor Buffalo said the jail should be a useful tool for local crime prevention.

FEBRUARY

LaChance inquiry announced

The Saskatchewan government announced a special inquiry into the shooting death of Leo LaChance by Carney Nerland after a year of protests over the handling of the case against the racist leader. "There have been questions raised regarding a number of aspects of this case," Saskatchewan Justice Minister Bob Mitchell said. "I want to ensure those concerns are addressed so people have faith in the execution of justice." Nerland received a four-year sentence for manslaughter after shooting LaChance, a Whitefish Cree, through the door of his gun shop in Prince Albert, Sask. Nerland is the self-proclaimed head of a Saskatchewan racist group called the Church of Jesus Christ Aryan Nations.

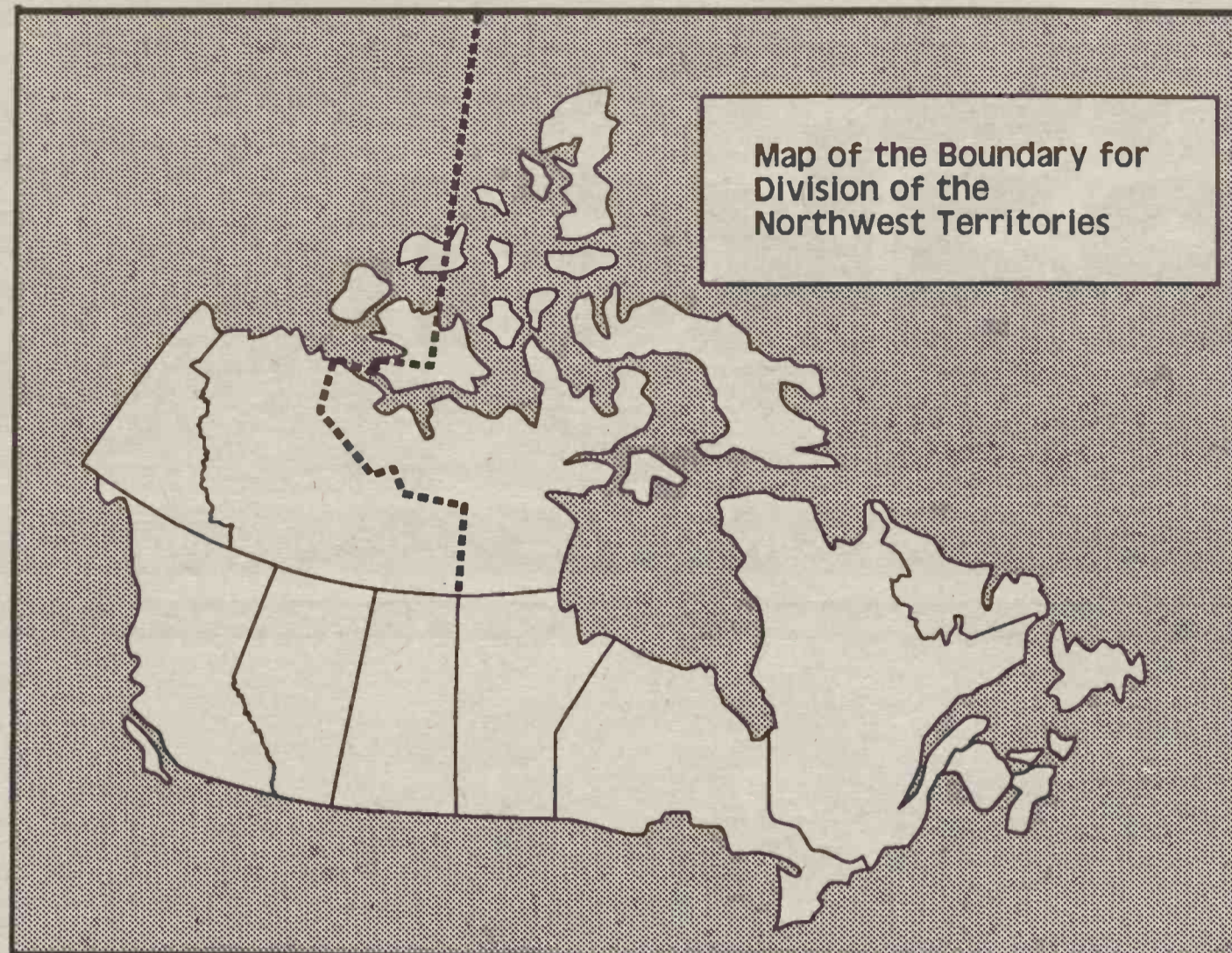
Mercredi calls for distinct society status

Assembly of First Nations chief Ovide Mercredi fired the opening salvos of what was to become a year-long drive towards constitutional recognition with demands for distinct society status. Mercredi said it was unfair to single out Quebec for extra culture and language funding without providing the same programs for first nations. But other leaders did not join the call, saying Mercredi shouldn't get into a debate over words that might steer away from self-government demands.

MARCH

NWAC launches first constitutional salvo

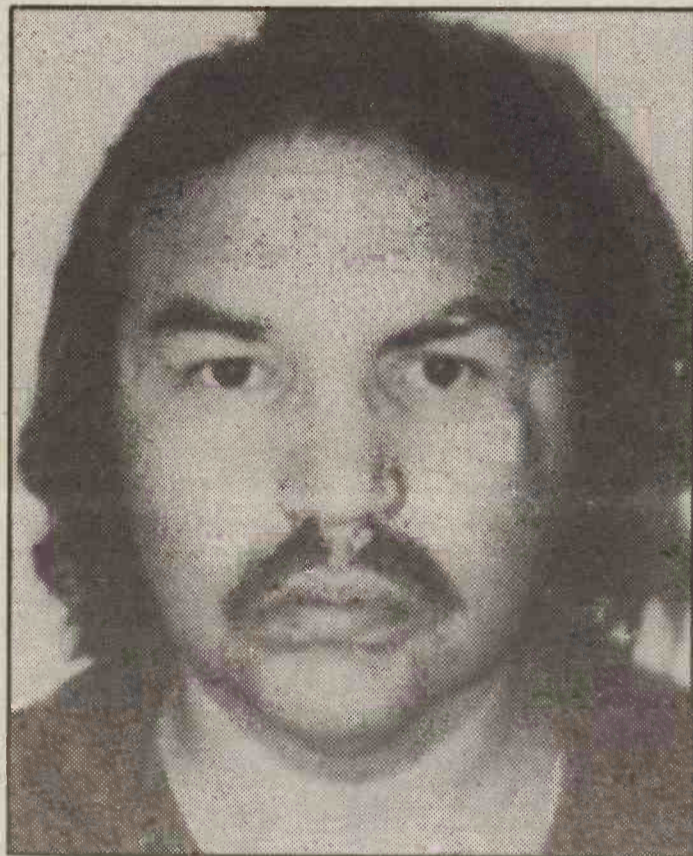
The Native Women's Association started their unsuccessful drive for a seat at the constitutional table with a lawsuit attempting to block funding for the four groups who had been invited. Spokesman Gail Stacey-Moore said women's concerns would not be heard during negotiations if only male-dominated groups were directly involved with negotiations. Whether the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms should apply to



self-government was a big issue for the association. It said charter protection was essential to ensuring gender equality at the community level. A federal court later dismissed the case. The association won an appeal, but by then the deal was finished.

be cleared of treason charges

Following an official recognition in Parliament of Louis Riel's contribution to the founding of Canada, the Alberta government asked Ottawa to clear the 19th century Metis leader once and for all. The province sent a petition to the federal justice department asking Riel be cleared of the treason charges for which he was hanged in 1885 following a rebellion for Metis rights. Alberta Metis Nation president Larry Desmeules said clearing the charges would help correct a historical misinterpretation of Riel's actions.



Nepoose freed as court calls for new trial

Wilson Nepoose, who spent five years in jail for a murder he says he didn't commit, was freed after a special inquiry and the Alberta Court of Appeal overturned his original conviction. A new trial was ordered for the 47-year-old Hobbema man, but the provincial government dropped the case and said they didn't have enough evidence to win a second time round. Nepoose's fortunes turned around when one of the star witnesses at his original trial said she lied in her testimony.

APRIL

Chiefs raise doubt over self-government proposals

Despite pleas for "one voice" at the constitutional table from Assembly of First Nations chief Ovide Mercredi, treaty chiefs in western Canada raised doubts self-government proposals worked in their favor. Entrenching the right in a future constitution could be a "trap" to re-open the traditional treaties, Alberta's Beaver Lake chief Al Lameman warned at an all-chiefs conference in Edmonton. "As a chief of Treaty 6, I would never want to do that," he told more than 1,000 delegates. But Mercredi said it would take years to reach self-government if the current opportunities were not acted upon.

Alberta asks that Riel

MAY

Federal report takes Oldman dam project to task

A leaked copy of Ottawa's environmental review of southern Alberta's controversial Oldman River dam said the project raises serious concerns. The report faulted Ottawa for not upholding fiduciary responsibilities to the region's Native communities and warned of damage to the local trout fishery and wildlife habitats. While the review recommended decommissioning the \$380-million irrigation project, it also laid out measures to prevent environmental damage if the dam proceeded.



Ottawa announces \$160 million child welfare project
Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon announced a multi-million dollar child welfare program to help solve on-reserve problems with substance abuse, suicide, health and after-school care. But the initiative drew quick criticism for failing to reach the majority of Na-

tive children. "This package means nothing to off-reserve kids," said Conrad Saulis, chairman of the Native Council of Canada's three-year study on off-reserve child care needs. Saulis said the program will only benefit about one-third of Native children. The federal government said it didn't include off-reserve programs because they are a provincial responsibility.

JUNE

LaChance inquiry starts public hearings

An inquiry into the shooting of Leo LaChance by racist leader Carney Nerland swung into action in Saskatchewan with gruesome details of the shootings and accusations against local police. During the opening session, the three-member task force learned how Nerland refused to let a passer-by use his telephone to call an ambulance for LaChance, who lay bleeding on a sidewalk. A Prince Albert police officer testified he believed some people on the 65-member city force sympathized with Nerland's racist views. Police photographs also showed that Nerland was at the scene of the investigation outside his store, a break with normal police procedures.

Manitoba social services inquiry mushrooms

An inquiry into the 1988 suicide of a teenage boy from Sandy Bay ballooned out into something approaching a full-scale investigation of the Dakota-Ojibway Family and Social Services. During weeks of stinging testimony, witnesses told inquiry head Justice Brian Geisbrecht several stories of political interference in child care delivery by members of band councils. When Geisbrecht finished the inquiry, he issued a stinging report saying the current system of child care on the reserves and various levels of government were failing in their missions.

JULY

Constitutional deal reached

A blueprint on the agreement that would later become part of the doomed Charlottetown accord was reached between Native leaders and the provincial premiers. While leaders in the regions said the deal represented progress, they also served notice it still had a number of hurdles to clear at the community level. Phil Fontaine, head of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, said any deal emerging from Ottawa would have to be approved by vote from his organization. The Native Women's Association of Canada also criticized the process for not dealing with gender-equality issues.

Mohawks acquitted of Oka charges

A Montreal jury cleared 37 Mohawks of dozens of charges stemming from the 1990 blockade at Oka. The acquittals meant only three people were convicted by juries out of the 40 arrested at the end of the 78-day stand-off against Quebec police and the Canadian army. "The acquittals mean recognition, recognition that we are a people," said warrior Robert (Mad Jap) Skidders, adding that the jury agreed with defence arguments saying the blockades went with peaceful intentions. About 30 other people pleaded guilty or were convicted in non-jury

and the death of the Charlottetown Accord



Dana Wagg

The jury at the trial of 37 Mohawks whose charges stemmed from the Oka standoff agreed with the defence arguments that the blockade went with peaceful intentions, as evidenced by this man out for a stroll with his dog.

trials following the land rights crisis.

AUGUST

LaChance inquiry bogs down over secrecy issues

The RCMP won their appeal in a Saskatchewan court to conceal the name of a secret informant whose identity became a leading issue at the inquiry into the shooting of Leo LaChance. The inquiry attempted to appeal the ruling to the Supreme Court of Canada, but were denied the opportunity to make their case to the country's highest court. Rumors circulated by the media said the informant was racist leader Carney Nerland, who was convicted of manslaughter for shooting LaChance. The Prince Albert Tribal Council later made a public statement identifying Nerland as the informant based on reports from their lawyer. The issue remains officially unresolved.



Lubicon get new offer, but it doesn't look good

Ottawa came out with a new set of numbers in an attempt to get the 50-year-old Lubicon land claim in northern Alberta moving again. But after reviewing the offer, Lubicon chief Bernard Ominayak said it simply juggled the same old number and didn't offer anything new. Talks about a settlement are still bogged down over whether Ottawa will agree to pay compensation for resources extracted from the band's traditional area for all the years they have lived without a claim.

SEPTEMBER

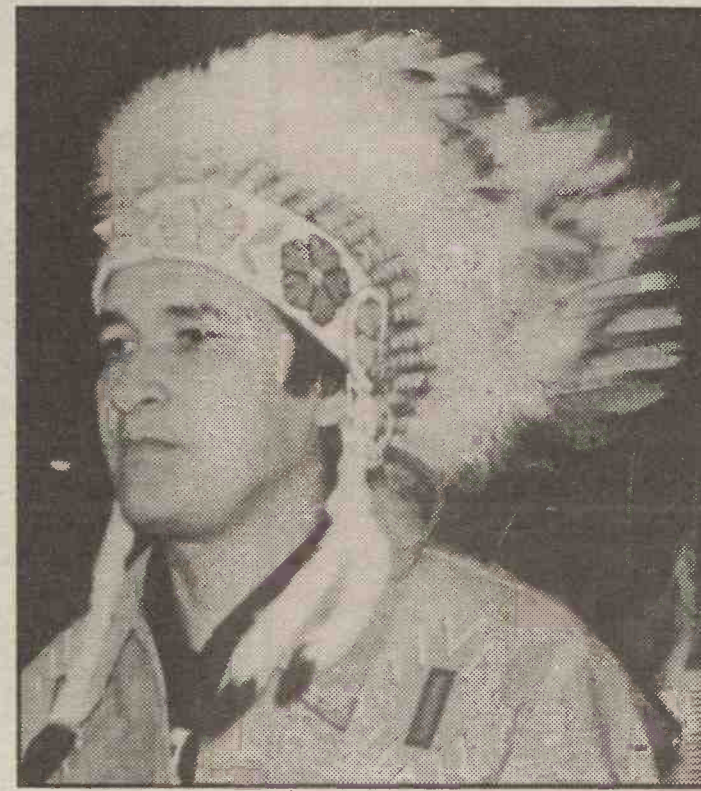
Missing salmon fan fishing feud

Tempers reached a boiling point in the war of words between Native and non-Native commercial fishermen over the disappearance of half a million fish from the Fraser River in British Columbia. Non-Native fishermen blamed a pilot project allowing bands to sell their catch for the first time in 100 years for the shortfall. But Native fishermen denied responsibility and claimed Ottawa had mismanaged the resource. A federally-sponsored inquiry later blamed over-fishing by all resource users and recommended changes to management regimes on the river.

Yes and No referendum campaigns swing into high

With only a few weeks to get information on the Charlottetown accord constitutional deal out to the communities, both sides of the debate swung into action on highly politicized campaigns. Assembly of First Nations chief Ovide Mercredi launched the Yes arguments in Regina, saying self-government is a right, not a gift. Treaty leaders in Canada, meanwhile, dropped out of the process and in some cases refused to let Elections Canada put referendum polling

stations on their reserves.



Assembly of First Nations chief Ovide Mercredi led the "Yes" side in the bid to pass the Charlottetown Accord.

OCTOBER

And the NO's have it

The Charlottetown accord was shot down in flames by a national referendum after more than a year of negotiations, conferences and round-table discussions on constitutional change. About 60 per cent of Canadians voted against the sweeping package of reforms that would have made self-government part of Canada's fundamental law. Opposition was high in first nation communities, especially in treaty communities where the deal was seen as a threat to the existing agreements. Assembly of First Nations chief Ovide Mercredi said first nations would now have to achieve self-government by unilaterally asserting their authority.

Columbus: First nations put a twist on anniversary

Native communities across North and South America marked the 500th anniversary of Columbus's arrival in the West with a series of protests and demonstrations. In Winnipeg about 400 people rallied outside the provincial legislature as a reminder of the devastation visited on first nations by western colonization. Protesters in Edmonton scuffled briefly with members of the Knights of Columbus during their annual parade celebrating the Italian explorer. An Equadorian Native-rights group dynamited the Pan-American Highway in protest of the anniversary. Meanwhile some U.S. cities cancelled festivities, fearing disruptive protests.

NOVEMBER

Inuit ratify largest land claim in Canadian history

Inuit voters in the Northwest Territories voted overwhelmingly in favor of a massive land claim that will lead to the creation of the Nunavut territory. The \$1-billion deal was approved by more than 70 per cent of people who cast ballots and will lead to the creation of a self-governing Inuit homeland by the turn of the century. "There were tears of joy. . . I've been waiting 17 years for this day," said Jack Kupena, vice-president of the Inuit land claim organization, as the final votes were counted. Despite overlap issues with Dene bands in the western N.W.T., Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Inuit leaders said they were optimistic about the future. N.W.T. Constitutional Affairs Minister Steve Kakfwi called the settlement a "lesson for all abo-

original people across Canada."

Self-government road long and expensive

Following the collapse of the Charlottetown accord, senior government officials said the only road now open to self-government is long and expensive negotiations. "You can only be as sovereign as others are willing to recognize. Legitimacy depends on your ability to govern and that is an expensive process," said Gordon Shanks, Indian Affairs director general of government relations. But Assembly of First Nations chief Ovide Mercredi continued his calls for communities to develop their own laws based on custom and tradition. "Rather than waiting for the constitutional process to be available to us again. . . we have to take measures to protect our own jurisdiction," he said.

DECEMBER

Mercredi tones down self-government message

Self-government will have to be achieved through co-operation with the government and people of Canada instead of declarations of sovereignty, Assembly of First Nations chief Ovide Mercredi said. "We live in a time of inter-dependence," he said in an Edmonton speech that stepped back from his earlier activist calls for unilateral assertion of the inherent right. "We have to lift ourselves up and reach out to other Canadians and their governments." Mercredi said self-government will have to be achieved through a vision of equality shared by all Canadians.



Dana Wagg

Elijah Harper, seen here at a peace rally at the Oka standoff in 1990, is leaving provincial politics.

Harper leaves provincial politics

Manitoba MLA Elijah Harper ended his career in provincial politics with hints he may move into the federal arena as a candidate for the New Democratic Party. "When the time comes, if the Great Spirit is willing for me to run in that forum, I'll do so," said the 42-year-old Ojibway Cree, who was instrumental to the collapse of the Meech Lake constitutional accord. Harper was the first treaty Indian to win a seat in the provincial legislature where he represented the Rupertsland riding for 11 years.

Self-government struggle's just begun

The constitutional ups and downs of 1992 stand out easily as the biggest story of the year. It represents the first time first nations have been invited to participate at a fundamental level in determining their future in the country.

And the failed referendum vote, the rejection of the package on the inherent right, showed how much Ottawa, the provinces and even national Native leaders have to learn about building a future for grassroots communities.

But it would be wrong to consign the 1992 constitutional debate to history. It is not the kind of story that can be contained as a simple event. It is one that continues to shape the future of first nations development.

If anything, the constitutional process, from Meech Lake to Charlottetown, has been an education for the rest of Canada, one that dispelled a number of myths.

When Manitoba MLA Elijah Harper used procedural tactics to help sink Meech Lake, he showed the rest of Canada first nation concerns could be left on the shelf. It ended an era that saw Native affairs as a back-burner issue.

Likewise, the defeat of the Charlottetown Accord, which dealt head-on with self-government,

shattered the notion that lobby groups like the Assembly of First Nations can act as representative governments.

But looking towards 1993, some optimistic and useful thinking is emerging from the constitutional debris that fell from great heights over the last few years. They are the renewed efforts to build first nations control over their own communities from within, tempered by the goals set during high level negotiations.

If there is one lesson to be learned from the last year of meetings, negotiations and round-tables, it is that self-government emerges at the community level first.

Self-government can only be enshrined in the constitution when people have something in their hands. This doesn't mean the devolution of powers must be complete before another effort is made. But the leap of faith first nations will be asked to take will be much smaller when they know which direction they are jumping.

1993 is not likely to be a year of high-flown rhetoric and powerful meetings. It should, however, be a year in which all governments start taking serious action towards self-government - one solid step at a time.

Indian Claims Commission takes on Cold Lake dispute

It's hard to think of a community that can tell happy stories about land claims. Every place has its stories of bent deals, unfulfilled promises and the willingness of governments to double-deal on agreements when there was money to be made.

That is why the stories emerging from land claim hearings at Cold Lake in northern Alberta hold few surprises. Witnesses there told stories of poverty and destruction of a local economy with the construction of the defence department's Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range.

But this is a set of hearings with a difference. They are the first test for the newly created Indian Claims Commission, a body set up to deal land claims rejected by the Indian Affairs

department.

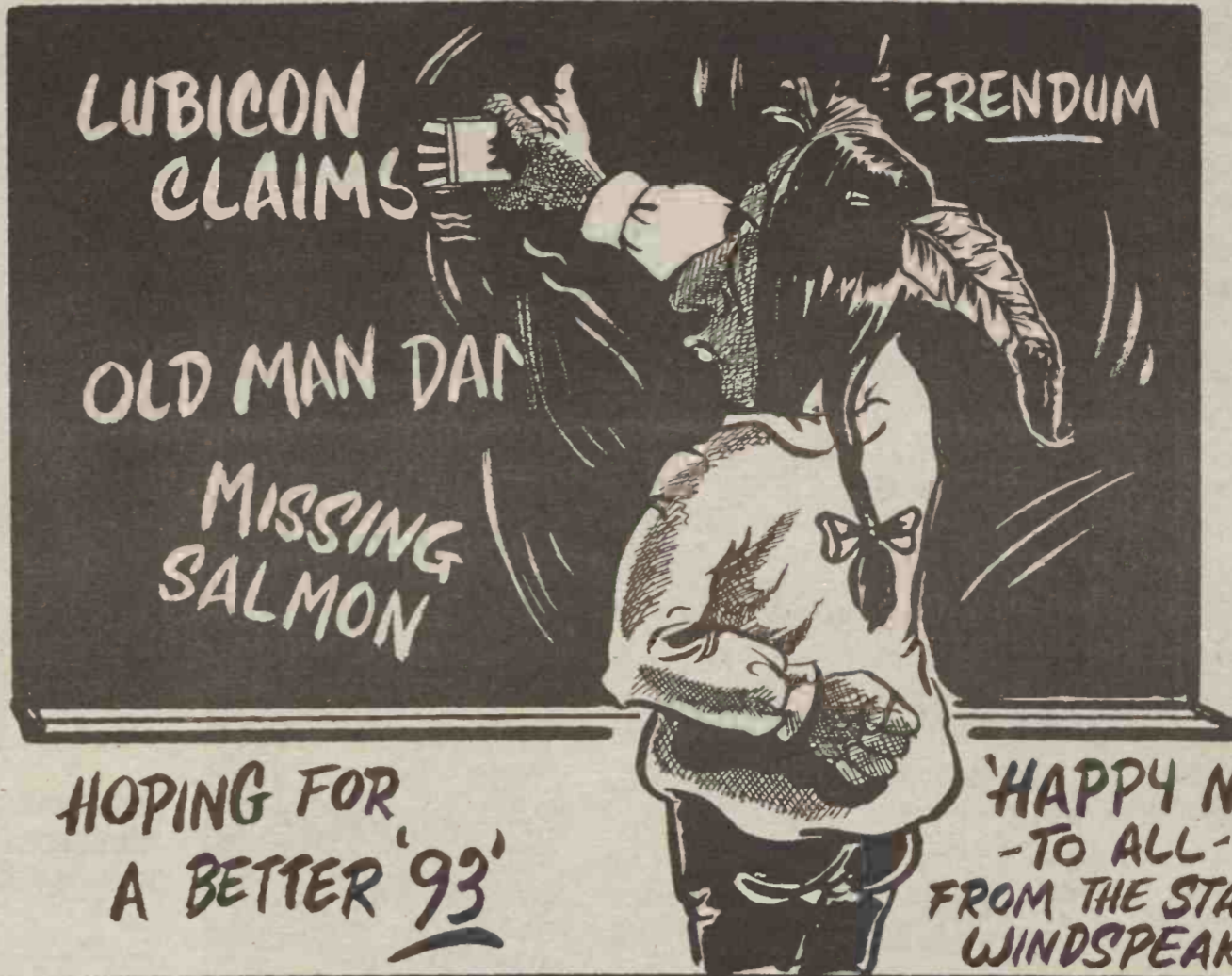
The Cold Lake hearings are still in progress and it will be some time before we know the nuts-and-bolts issue of this story: Will the commission really make a difference?

If this commission can break through Ottawa's often stony indifference to long-standing disputes, first nations may have a genuine tool to gain a fair deal from a lot bad history.

Then again, one has to wonder just how receptive a department that has already said "no" once will be to findings from a set of public hearings.

Windspeaker wishes the people of Cold Lake and the Indian Claims Commission the best of luck. Their work is going to cause difficult ripples no matter what happens.

GOODBYE '92'



1992 saw Native peoples get a say in own government

The new year has arrived. Now is the time for reflection on the previous year. I believe 1992, more than any other year, allowed Native people to be involved to a much greater degree in the mechanisms that affect this country.

Of course, the referendum was the most important event that took place this year. I think it was not the result that made this event so memorable, it was the fact that Native people were involved in the discussions that affected them. For the first time, the feds were not handing us a policy that had already been written and accepted.

There were spin-off benefits as a result of the high profile involvement of Native people in the referendum discussions. The mainstream media brought the voice of the aboriginal peoples to the front page of the nation's newspapers. The press presented fairly both yes and no aboriginal perspectives to the arguments.

Chief Ovide Mercredi was one of the nation's top news-



Pikiskwe
by Connie Buffalo

makers of the year. This in effect personalized the aboriginal position more so than any other single media event previously.

Other major events were not so positive but somehow they happened. Some momentum or new experience will be gained by the aboriginal community. They include the inquiry into the police and justice system's handling of the shooting of Leo LaChance by a white supremacist, the new inquiry for Wilson Neपोose and the staying of the sex charges against Bishop O'Connor.

These events in the aboriginal community started a momentum for change. The combination of these events started the aboriginal and some members of the non-

aboriginal communities to seriously question the Canadian judicial system.

Last week, Tony Mandamin, Native lawyer and member of the Edmonton Police Commission, stated it is now time to begin implementation of some recommendations made from the Cawsey Report. In addition, there have been a number of calls for an inquiry into the staying of charges against Bishop O'Connor from both the aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities.

I feel this momentum for change is a step towards a new awareness for both communities and this can only be seen as a positive development.

From my family to yours, all the best in the new year.

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Your Opinion

Churches, schools lead to verge of extinction

Dear Editor,

Those who missed the recital of the Great Law recently missed out on an unusual experience. It was not just another run-of-the-mill culture conference featuring the usual lecture-circuit regulars with their routine material and predictable deliveries. This conference was something special.

Oh, there were a few people who came with chips on their shoulders and axes to grind but in the end the "Good Mind" prevailed - you could feel it - you could see it.

Those who attended heard the story of the Peace Maker and learned something of the political nuts and bolts of the Six Nations Confederacy but there was more.

Displaying a surprising amount of stamina for his age, Jake Thomas stayed on his feet for six to seven hours a day patiently weaving a variety of historical, spiritual, and political threads together. The resulting tapestry displayed a general time-space image of the Con-

federacy but the most prominent part of the scene was taken up by a very personal picture of us here at Grand River.

To me, this was the most significant part of the conference. Jake's portrayal of our community was honest and frank - he pulled no punches. He let us know that we here at Grand River have all stepped out of the circle by getting Europeanized and that we are on the verge of extinction thanks to churches and schools. (It was good to hear someone else saying that for a change).

Part of Jake's delivery included the prophecy of the disembodied head of the Confederacy rolling aimlessly on the ground. This prophecy exactly describes the condition we are in today. Without a functioning clan system the people cannot take part in the decision-making process. Because of various reasons: apathy, ignorance, geography, etc., there are no meetings at the clan level to discuss pertinent issues. As a result our chiefs go to council with empty bags.

There is no input from the

people (the body) of the Confederacy. The chiefs are effectively cut off from the people - a head without a body. And this head (the chief's council) is rolling aimlessly around while being laughed at and kicked.

But, so the prophecy goes, the chiefs will still have power. They will still be able to stop Ontario Hydro from coming across our land. They kept our young men from conscription. They have successfully warded off census takers and Toronto garbage - but the Confederacy is still a mere shadow of what it could be.

Over the years "chief bashing" has been one of our national sports. As I've said before, our current chiefs have inherited a real can of worms. It wasn't their fault that so many of our children ended up in the "mush hole," for example. We had enough money in trust funds (from leases and sales of land) to see us through until we learned the new farming methods but when the government took those funds to buy up worthless Grand River Navigation stock from its desperate white investors, our

people were left to starve. The chiefs couldn't feed the children. At least in the newly constructed "mush hole" the kids could eat - even though they had to become Europeanized in the process.

Our ancient Confederacy can become whole only if each of its member nations becomes whole and the individual nations cannot become whole unless they have functioning clan systems within them. But the clans cannot function unless the individual clan members forsake the private property concept and agree to live in a large family environment under the loving care of the women and the protection of the men. The people have always been the source of our strength. By the acceptance and the acting out of its principles, the people breathed life into the Great Law.

If we, the people, are not prepared to rebuild the body of the Confederacy and re-attach it to the head, then the head will continue to roll and we will continue to suffer. But there would be an even greater loss. Today's world is in need of the ways of

peace and alternatives to the insane process of destruction that civilized people seem unable to control. We are sitting on the answer. The great White Roots of Peace are waiting to be spread.

And it would not be the first time that the Iroquois have influenced world affairs. The 13 colonies mimicked our political system and went on to become the greatest power in the world. World Communist doctrine used our social system as its cornerstone (although they applied it out of context and failed). The establishment of the old League of Nations, which evolved into the present United Nations, took its inspiration from our ancient League of Peace. No other group has had such a universal influence on mankind and now we face our greatest challenge. Will we lose faith, abandon our Great Law, and allow ourselves to be swallowed up by the inferior, immature, unbalanced system which surrounds us today?

Gawittha'
Six Nations - Grand River
Hagersville, Ont.

Story needs clarification, corrections

Dear Editor,

I would first like to state that I enjoy reading Windspeaker and find it to be entertaining and very informative. Unfortunately, it has come to the attention of myself and a number of my peers and acquaintances that a misinterpretation by one of your reporters has occurred. This happened in the Dec. 7 issue of Windspeaker. The article to which I am referring was titled Artist remains true to culture and was based on an interview with myself and your reporter. Although the majority of this story is accurate there are

a few points that are misinterpretations and misquotations that I feel must be corrected.

The first inaccuracy is a statement concerning self-sufficiency. The article stated that we eventually hope to grow our own food to cut costs. Cost was only one consideration in our gardening. Other reasons included having control over how our food was produced. Our production of organically grown food started seven years ago. Now a 70-by-90 foot garden, two small outbuildings and a number of bird runs produce a good quantity of vegetables, herbs, fruits, game hens

and other foods.

Secondly the "small shed" that has been turned into a studio is actually a small house. Although the outside of it could use a bit of paint the interior has recently been renovated. It is fully serviced and has a floor space of about 900 square feet. This building is considered by myself and a number of other artists to be a pleasant space in which to work. Finally in the article I was quoted as saying "My work is really political." What I really said was "My work, in most cases, is not really political." Although some of my works may be socially or politically moti-

vated, most of them are based on the positive aspects found in Native culture. Examples of this would be myths, legends, ancient stories, etc. I feel that social comment is important, but I also feel that people should be given a chance to see what a living and vibrant culture that is closely tied to Nature has to offer. I appreciate this opportunity to clear up these misunderstandings. They may seem small to some but I feel they need to be corrected.

Thank you.
Sam Warrior

Being Indian means seeing with different eyes

Tansi, ahnee and hello. An old Native woman and a young man were walking through the woods one winter morning. The young one was seeking the elder's company for those things he might learn about himself and his Nativeness. The old one was making herself available for the questions.

As they walked they came upon a small grove of trees surrounding a small snow-covered meadow. The old one stopped and looked around, squinting her eyes and nodding her head slowly and respectfully.

"Lots goin' on here," she said to the surprised young man.

"What do you mean, gokum?" he asked, not being able to see anything but a silent snow-covered meadow.

"Lots goin' on here," she repeated.

"I don't see anything," the young man said again.

The old one pointed to the very edge of the meadow. There a small spruce sapling was growing in the shadow of a tall poplar. Its tiny top was barely visible through the small drifts of snow that had collected at the poplar's base.

"You see that?" she pointed. "You stand here and when you

start to see what's happening around you here you come tell me about it."

The old woman walked off in the direction of her cabin, leaving a very puzzled young man standing in the ankle-deep snow. Looking as hard as he could, he was unable to see anything other than one small tree poking through the snow. He stood there a long, long time.

Finally, in the middle of the afternoon the young man appeared at the old woman's door. She poured him a big mug of strong tea and sat him down by the pot-bellied stove to warm himself. He seemed happy despite the frosty edges.

"I saw it," was all he said at first and the old woman smiled, happy to share his victory.

"And what did you see?" she asked.

"I saw what was happening there," he said and then went on to explain his experience while the old woman sat with her tea and her pipe and watched him tell his story.

He stood there a long time looking at that small spruce tree. Pretty soon, the young man explained, he began to feel himself as being a part of that small meadow. When he began to feel



Richard Wagamese

that way he began to see.

The spruce tree wasn't just growing in the shadow of the pine tree, it was being nurtured by it. As the snow fell the poplar's branches would deflect it so it wouldn't land on the tiny spruce and crush it.

Then the young man saw that in the springtime the poplar's roots provided solid ground for the small tree to grow in. When strong winds came the spruce tree was rooted in solid soil and couldn't be blown over. When rains came that same solid ground prevented the small tree from being washed away or drowned.

Because spruce trees love the coolness and shade when they're growing, the poplar tree provided great stretches of shade during the heat of the summer. The poplar was helping the spruce tree grow and

get strong all through the seasons.

But that wasn't all the young man saw. He told the old woman that he saw the spruce tree growing to great heights as spruce trees do. As it grew it no longer needed so much nurturing from the poplar. Soon it was taller than its friend.

By that time, the young man said, it would be time for the old poplar to return to the earth. Old trees love the coolness and shade and the spruce tree provided that. Old trees need solid ground for their fragile roots and the spruce tree offered that. When those strong winds blew the poplar wouldn't be blown over nor would the rains wash away the soil covering its old roots. The old poplar would be nurtured by the spruce.

Then, the young man said, when it came time to go to the

earth the spruce tree wouldn't allow the old poplar to crash to the forest floor. Rather, it allowed it to pass through its branches until it settled with dignity on the bosom of mother earth.

But still there was more. When that old tree surrendered its body to the earth it provided a source of rich soil as it decayed. Soon, in the fertile soil it provided, a young poplar would emerge and be nurtured in the same way by the branches of the spruce tree. The circle of life would continue in that small snow-covered meadow.

When the young man finished the old woman smiled and gave him a big warm hug. He'd learned.

"Learning to be an Indian is learning to see with different eyes. When you see yourself as part of it all, you'll see stories and teachings in everything. You're the only one who can close your eyes and you're the only one who can choose to open them again. Them stories and teachings are always there for those who choose to keep looking," she told him.

That young man was me and this story is my New Year's gift to all of you. Happy New Year.

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Oki, how are you? So we're a couple of days into the New Year and have you broken your resolutions yet? I can't tell you what my resolution is. Every time I tell people what I'm going to do, this or that, it becomes an obsession. Sorry, my pen is dry on this subject. This is the year of the rooster in Chinese astrology. Ummm, ummm, yours truly is a rooster. Also, this is the Year of the Indigenous People. Wow, a whole year of celebrating aboriginal people of the world. Anyways, I hope this is your year and best wishes to everyone in '93.

Here is the first People and Places of 1993.

A Veteran's Calling...

Mark Joseph Sark is having it rough with life in general. He is an ex-marine and U.S. Army veteran. He served in the Cold War and the Gulf War. He is having a hard time adjusting to civilian life. He would like to get in touch with Patrick Spotted Wolf. He needs to be with someone who is Native and is a veteran. They can relate better than most of us civilians. If you, Mr. Spotted Wolf, happen to read this, could you give me a call and discuss this man.

Mark would also like to meet or write to some ladies from the north. If you think this is a humble request, then give me a call. Don't be embarrassed to call.

Season's Greetings from An Old Friend

Edmonton - I went dancing over the weekend. I met up with an old teenage friend of mine, Lloyd Yellowbird. We talked for awhile. He was telling me about his life and the way it has been going for him. If you have never met a world traveler, now you have. He dances with the American Dance Theatre, a popular dance troupe. He is one of the original dancers of the troupe. He travels all over the world promoting Native culture in different countries, whether it be in China or Denmark. He comes back to Edmonton to visit for a month or so and he's off again. For the next two or three months, he will be going all the way down the west coast starting from Alaska. Then he'll tour Australia for five weeks. A life of a true



PEOPLE & PLACES

by Ethel Winnipeg

entertainer. Can we change places for Australia?

Besides performing, he loves to give his knowledge to the younger generation by showing them how to make outfits or gives presentations on different social issues Natives are facing today. He told me that people receive their calling at different times and he was lucky to get his calling early in life.

Stars shine for food

Calgary - Tom Jackson, the star of North of 60, will always be a friend to food banks. Since he had seen a man on Winnipeg street who was unable to walk or talk. People ignored him. He took the man to hospital. He found out that the man had a heart attack

and broke his collar bone when he fell. It occurred to him after that incident that we shut our eyes to people who need our assistance. He had made two albums for the Salvation Army and food banks. He has donated his gift of entertaining.

This year, he had given a show in Calgary called the Huron Carole. Back in his hometown of Winnipeg, it is an annual event. This year, he brought together many different talented groups to give this concert. Graham Greene of Dances With Wolves fame, was the host of the evening. All the proceeds went to the Interfaith Food Bank in Calgary. My hat is off to you, Mr. Jackson for having a heart of gold.



Wà! Jessica Grandbois steals a kiss from "King" Wilson Moccasin at the Legoff School Christmas Concert in Cold Lake.

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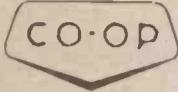
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Isabel Martial listens to translator Lionel Francois at the Cold Lake inquiry.

Government broke treaty

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The proclamation of Treaty Six is an agreement between Indians and the Crown going back to 1763.

John Janvier, who teaches Dene language and local history at LeGoff School, observed some of the hearings with his students. The federal government broke an international treaty, he said.

"Treaty Six guarantees that aboriginal people will be treated with respect and compensated if the crown lays claim to their lands or threatens their livelihood," Janvier said.

Commissioner Daniel Bellegarde, an Assiniboine/Cree from Little Black Bear First Nations in southern Saskatchewan, asked Ennow what, in his opinion, would be adequate compensation to replace the way of life he had known.

"We don't want to be millionaires but we do want to be self-sufficient. Future generations should be able to get established on the reserve through job creation and economic development," he said.

Ennow quit school in 1944, after grade seven, and went to work trapping. A portion of the year (fall and winter) was spent hunting and trapping in the area around Primrose Lake and that, in turn, supported a small farming operation.

Once the compensation payments stopped coming, around 1960, cattle and farm machinery that people had invested money in had to be sold off.

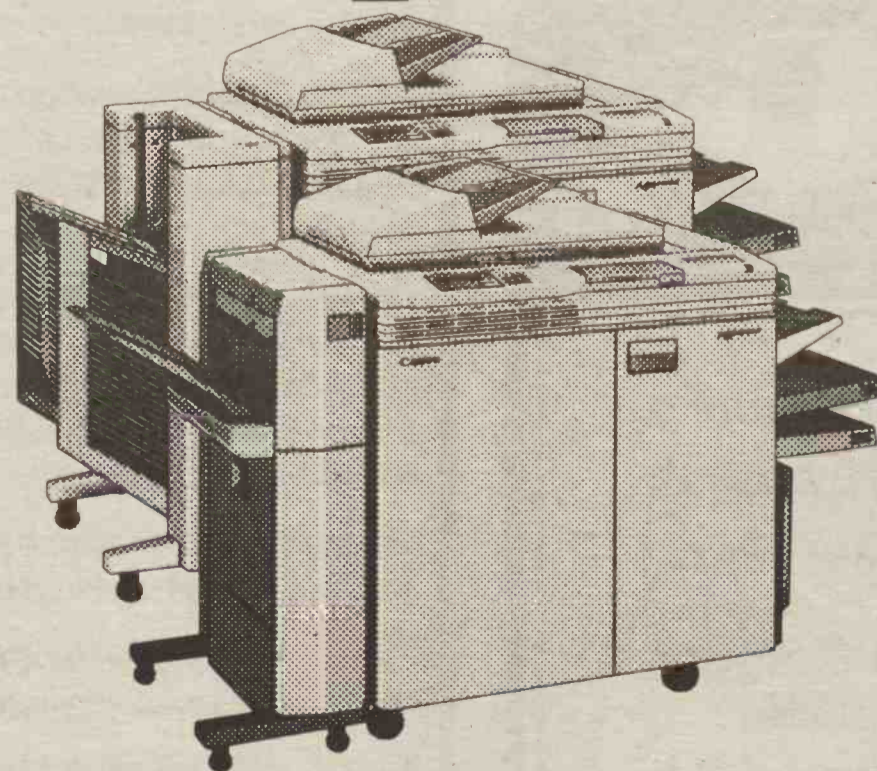
"In 1952 we had to give up our rights to the Department of National Defence for the common good of Canada. They wanted it for 20 years, and now its been 40 years. Indian Affairs were the great white father and we trusted them," Ennow said.

The Indian Claims Commission will now gather more evidence and testimonies, including more hearings at Cold Lake in February.

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Metis to control resources

By Cooper Langford
Windspeaker Staff Writer

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Alberta's eight northern Metis settlements are looking into starting an oil and gas exploration company after signing a ground-breaking resource development agreement with the province.

"If we are going to participate with industry, we are going to need a vehicle to do it," said Garry Parenteau, vice-president of the Metis Settlements General Council. "It will be like any other com-

pany that has a right to go in and extract resources from our land... We are looking for a vehicle to get as much as we can out of our resource."

Consultants are working on a survey of oil and gas reserves on Metis lands and will submit a report at the end of January, Parenteau said. Once the report is in, the settlements will decide whether to invest in a company.

Last fall, the settlements inked a deal with the province that allows them to control development on Metis lands. While the province retains ownership of the resources, communities control access to their lands. Companies wanting to de-

velop in settlement areas must negotiate agreements with the communities that can include extra royalties, training and hiring clauses as well as environmental protection and conservation agreements.

Interest in a resource development company has been helped along by concerns that the ability to impose extra royalties may deter companies from investing on Metis land, Parenteau said.

If a company is set up, it will give the settlements a vehicle to negotiate with other developers that can offset some concerns about the cost of doing business on Metis land, he said.

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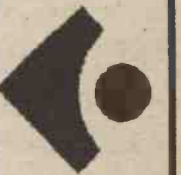
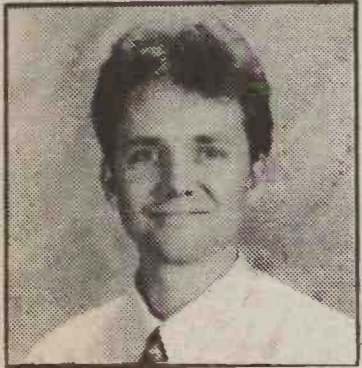
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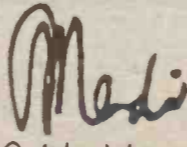
At this time of year when families come together to share the joys of Christmas, we are reminded that nationhood carries with it the heavy responsibility of ensuring that every one of our children has access to an education, to the benefits of a healthy life, to the love of family and to the warmth of community. That is our way.

The new year will have special significance for us. It is the International Year of Indigenous Peoples. It will be a year where our First Nations can say with pride to our brothers and sisters from around the world: "We have faced great challenges to our survival. We have retained our strength as a people. Today after centuries and decades of resistance, our distinct future as Nations will no longer be denied by dominance and exclusion. We are awake to our responsibility for ourselves.

Our journey has made us stronger and we will never regress from where we are today. We will reach our goals of self-determination and well-being.

I thank you for giving me the honour of playing a small part in our journey together. I wish each and everyone of you a very happy and loving holiday.

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Business Profile

Altruism motivates Fort McMurray entrepreneur

Desire to help led to formation of new business

FORT McMURRAY, Alta.

Conventional business thinking paints a basic picture of the entrepreneur.

A bright individual surveys the marketplace, finds a product or service that looks salable, rustles up a bit of money and settles down to some hard work.

Traditionally, the scheme is based on the notion of self-interest. Entrepreneurs take to their tasks for the money and the challenge of seeing a personal venture grow.

But Doreen Janvier, head of DMJ Enterprises, has put a new twist on that thinking, one that could pave a new road in attitudes towards business development among first nations.

For the 29-year-old former resident of the Janvier reserve, south of Fort McMurray, the desire to go into business stems directly from concerns about the health of her community.

The vision for DMJ Enterprises started to materialize about two years ago, when Janvier's sister invited her to a weekend alcohol abuse workshop in her home community. It was there that she started thinking about ways to help members of her community find self-esteem and a brighter future.

With a bit of time and some consultation with her supervisors at Syncrude, where she was employed in the wash bays, Janvier's concerns materialized into a clear vision. The idea was to start a business that would employ the people she wanted to help and give them brighter futures.

"I know I wouldn't feel good about myself if I wasn't working," says Janvier, who

runs a company supplying workers for the oilsands giant Syncrude's heavy equipment wash bays.

"Those people who are working will have self-esteem. They'll feel good about themselves. That's where all this started.

"I wanted to help my people but I didn't know how to do it. So when I came back from the workshop I talked to my supervisor Mike Mullins about what I had experienced.

"We talked about Native employment and why people were suffering so much. From there we started brainstorming. When I first approached him, I didn't think it would end up with me starting my own business."

The good news is that Syncrude Canada Ltd. is very supportive of Native business development, enabling Janvier and Mullins to get senior management endorsement for the project fairly quickly.

Despite Janvier's lack of business experience and unusual starting point for a business idea, DMJ Enterprises was launched in 1990 with 14 employees, all from Janvier. The company now boasts an all-Native, 25-member staff hired out of Janvier and Fort McMurray.

But like all new ventures, there was some tough going at the start, like dealing with banks.

DMJ Enterprises was started with a \$10,000 investment from Janvier's own savings. But she needed another \$30,000 to make the payroll during her first three months while waiting out Syncrude's standard 90-day delay on paying invoices. To get over this first bump she put up her house, truck and skidoo for collateral to ensure help from the banks.

Janvier says a lot of people helped her through the difficult start-up period. She is especially grateful for support and advice from the Athabasca Tribal Corporation and her contacts at Syncrude, who all wanted the

venture to succeed.

"The first six months were different because I didn't have any business experience. But I was determined I was going to be successful," Janvier says.

"New business must have a lot of determination. There are going to be a lot of obstacles they'll have to face. There are going to be times when you don't feel like working. But you have to go because your employees are depending on you. You've got to be proud and you've got to be comfortable with what you are doing."

Dennis Love, Syncrude's general manager of mining, says success stories like Janvier's go a long way towards opening doors in the formation of new Native business.

DMJ Enterprise's contract was not a give-away, Love says, adding that Janvier and her employees have significantly improved the operation of the large equipment wash bays at the mine.



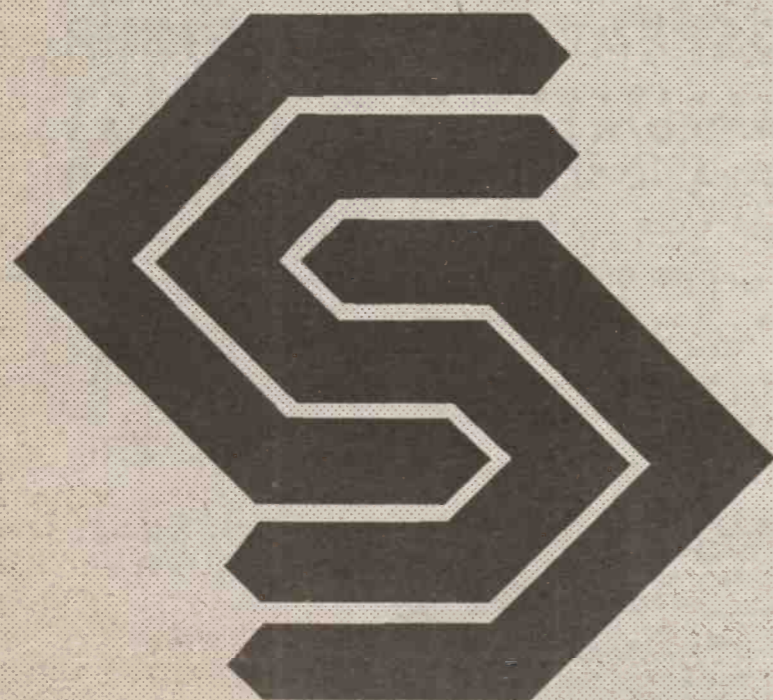
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Doreen Janvier took a look around her on the Janvier reserve and decided the way to help her people was to put them to work.



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Doreen Janvier's company, DMJ Enterprises, supplies workers for Syncrude's heavy equipment wash bays.



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Buying a House

By Ward Mallabone

Buying your dream home can be a very exciting time. Always remember, however, that you are spending tens and perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars which may be at risk.

Unlike most other consumer transactions, you have little protection regarding the quality of the product. There are no money-back guarantees. When buying a re-sale house the vendor only warrants that the house will be fit to live in. It is truly buyer beware. Inspect the house carefully before signing the offer. There may be little your lawyer can do after the offer is signed.

Whether you will be obtaining new mortgage financing or not, it is wise to have the property surveyed to ensure that it complies with municipal planning by-laws. If, for example, a detached garage does not fit within the property boundaries you may have problems when you go to sell the house years later. At best, you may have to spend hundreds of dollars to obtain a Relaxation Permit from the city. At worst, the city has the power of force you to demolish the building.

Before you sign an offer, be sure you understand the hidden costs in purchasing a home, which can add up to

thousands of dollars. Price may be increased by adjustments such as taxes and interest. There may be mortgage application fees, appraisal fees, mortgage insurance fees, perhaps deposits to be made on the utilities, fire insurance premiums and, of course, legal fees. If you sign and decide that you cannot afford to proceed you will likely forfeit your deposit and the vendor may have a cause of action to sue you in damages.

Lastly, if the price includes chattels, such as a fridge, stove or built-in vacuum, insist that they are adequately described by make, model and serial number to avoid nasty disputes after you have paid your money, moved in and discovered them missing or replaced with items of inferior quality.

Next month we will look at some items to consider when selling your home.

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(Ward Mallabone is a lawyer with Walsh Wilkins, a full-service law firm that has carried on an extensive Native practice for more than 25 years. The Calgary telephone number is 267-8400.)

FSIN hosting fish and wildlife conference

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations will be hosting the 11th annual Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Conference next summer in Saskatoon.

"We are expecting more than 700 delegates from across North America, including many Canadian First Nations People," said FSIN Chief Roland Crowe.

American representative Don Sampson of the Fish and Wildlife Society says the theme of the conference will be Unity of First Nations: Protecting Traditional Rights and Resources.

"We want First Nations across the continent to recognize their unique relationship to the land. We hope this conference will be part of the development of a new vision for managing fish and wildlife resources, as well as other natural resources," said Sampson, the Society's northwest representative on its board of directors.

Keith Annis of Montana and plains region director stressed that the conference will help first nations develop expertise and experience and a professional approach to resource management based on traditional

culture and knowledge.

"First Nations have a tremendous contribution to make in resource management because they have lived in harmony with nature for thousands of years," he said.

Chief Crowe noted that Saskatchewan First Nations have a unique approach to traditional resource management.

"Our people, especially our Elders, know how to co-exist with Mother Earth and we hope this conference will be a forum for sharing that traditional wisdom," he said.

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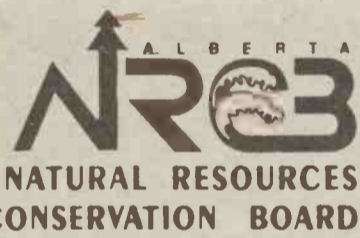
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WHEREAS the applicant for the project, Vacation Alberta Corporation, has filed an application with the Natural Resources Conservation Board to obtain an approval in accordance with section 5 (1) of the Natural Resources Conservation Board Act for an expansion of the existing downhill ski facilities and new tourism and recreation facilities, including two 18 hole golf courses, overnight accommodation and staff housing to be located southwest of Pincher Creek, and

WHEREAS the Natural Resources Conservation Board considers it appropriate that preliminary notice of the application be given to potentially interested persons even though the application is not a completed application until the material filed has been reviewed and deficiencies supplemented.

THEREFORE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

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2. Copies of the application including information and particulars filed in support thereof may be obtained by persons with an established interest in the matter (the Board will provide direction in the event there is a question as to whether a person has an established interest in the matter) from the applicant, Vacation Alberta Corporation, 10940 - 166A Street, Edmonton, Alberta.
3. Copies of the application are available for viewing at municipal libraries in Pincher Creek, Lethbridge, Crownsnest Pass, Calgary, and Edmonton and by appointment at the Natural Resources Conservation Board offices in Calgary and Edmonton.

Individuals who have an interest and wish to receive ongoing notices respecting the application are asked to advise the Board by calling 297-8303 (collect calls will be accepted).

DATED at Calgary, Alberta on 11 December 1992.
William Y. Kennedy - Board Solicitor, Natural Resources Conservation Board, 10th Floor, 640 - Fifth Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G4, Telephone: (403) 297-8303

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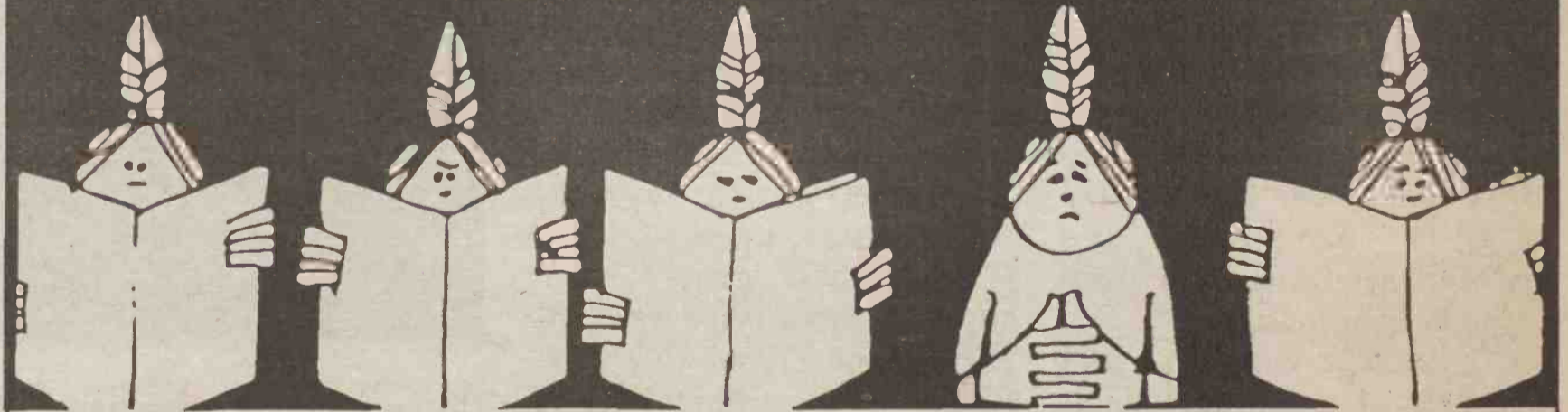
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1993 a special year for indigenous people

By Cooper Langford
Windspeaker Staff Writer

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In a series of ceremonies across the country, members of Canada's first nations set the stage for the 1993 International Year of the World's Indigenous People.

Assembly of First Nations chief Ovide Mercredi and former Inuit Circumpolar Conference president Mary Simon were on hand at the United Nations for the interna-

tional kick-off on Dec. 10.

Government officials and community leaders meanwhile marked the occasion with speeches, traditional festivities and appeals for action to correct historical wrongs.

"It is encouraging to know that the international community is beginning to recognize the rights of our people," said Indian Association of Alberta president Regena Crowchild at the Edmonton launching.

In Ottawa, Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon unveiled a com-

memorative poster and officially opened a new museum exhibit featuring 18 modern aboriginal artists.

Among the projects Siddon's department announced to coincide with international celebrations are: a \$50,000 fund to support aboriginal film-makers, distribution of a calendar showcasing the work of Native artists and the launch of a new magazine featuring drawings and essays by Native children about people they admire.

"1993 will be a pivotal year in increasing the appreciation and

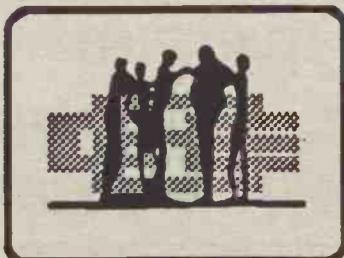
understanding of the importance of indigenous people to our country's past, present and future," Siddon said.

In a media statement, Native Women's Association of Canada spokesperson Sharon McIvor outlined a list of legislative changes the government should make to better the lives of aboriginal women.

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Metis Senator Thelma Chalifoux leads a prayer at an Edmonton ceremony.



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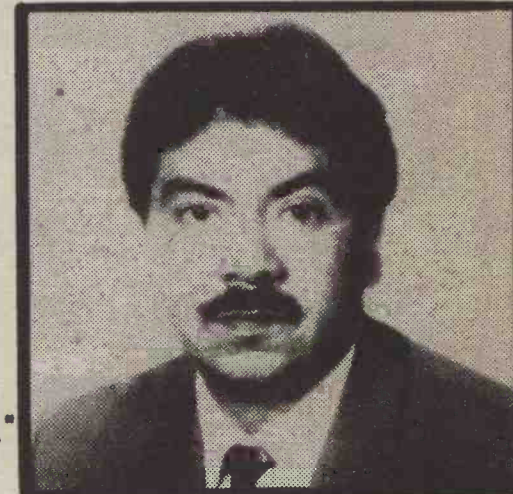
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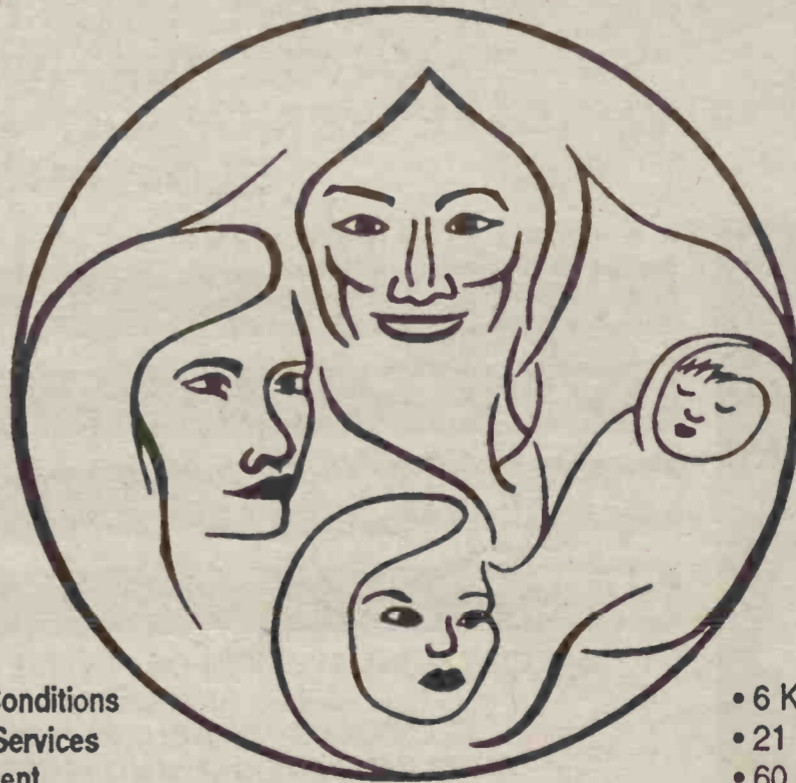
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