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Treaty 6 Forum examines issues

By Albert Crier

BEAVER LAKE RESERVE — An excellently organized meeting, highlighted by a lively and cooperative sharing of information, was held at the Treaty Six Forum at the Beaver Lake Indian Reserve.

Delegates examined the issues of Indian government, Treaty rights, Band mem-

bership codes, and the Rupertsland Claim and heard a presentation by the Miskito Indian organization of Nicaragua.

"These meetings are getting stronger, we have people coming from far away, because we are doing them in the traditional manner," said hosting Chief Al Lameman.

"I have sat together with

Chiefs and Elders here to make a strong (Treaty Indian) stand on issues and to send a message to government," said Lameman.

The Treaty Six Forums are a series of meetings held to deliberate on issues of direct importance to Treaty Indians belonging to

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New reserve sought for reinstated Indians

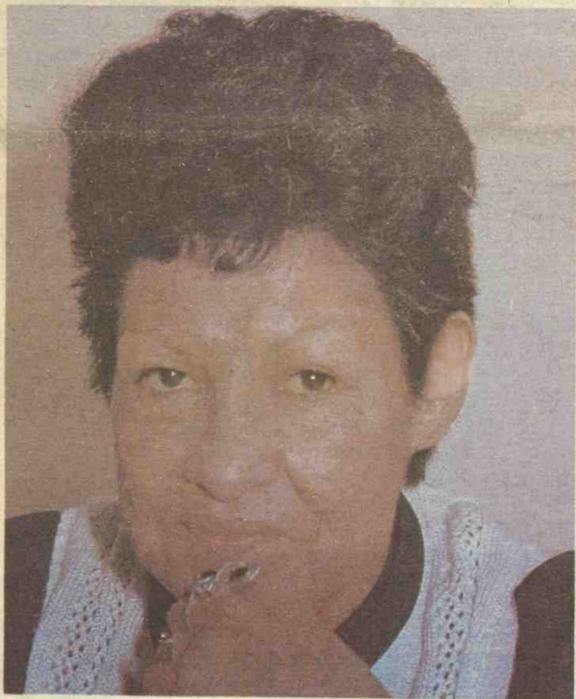
By Rocky Woodward

For over a year now, Nancy Tingey, formerly of the Cold Lake First Nations Reserve, along with a group of professionals, has been developing a proposal for the forming of a new reserve that would become a home for Indian people unable to return to their former reserves.

Tingey is planning a visit to Ottawa, to approach Indian Affairs Minister David Crombie with her proposal that suggests the "Twin Rivers Reserve" be located 100 miles north of Edmonton, near Flatbush, and bordered by the Athabasca and Pembina rivers.

According to Tingey, it is beautiful country filled with streams, lakes and rivers, surrounded by miles of Crown land that would be an ideal location for the Indian people.

The land Tingey refers to, is private land said to be owned by doctors and lawyers and farmers. The land is up for sale and "we have talked with these people and they think it is a great idea. We are not out to fight with Indian people. We only want to develop a life for ourselves. There are a lot of Indian women who feel the same way I do," said Tingey.



NANCY TINGEY
...professional assistance

The Twin Rivers Reserve would consist of four townships of land. Tingey has produced blueprints of the township and designs of buildings important for the reserve and its people.

The four-year project would see the building of an administration building, school, senior citizens' home, children's home and homes for residents.

The projected cost is estimated at \$18 million

and, according to Tingey, she doesn't expect the federal government to "dish out" all the expenses, but would like to see funding come from many departments within both levels of government.

Tingey has engaged the services of Ced-dar-log homes, an Alberta based log building construction firm which would provide

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NEW CITIZENS WELCOMED

NEW CANADIANS at Citizenship Court held at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre in Edmonton — a historic first — were invited to join the White Braid Society dancers who performed for the event. **See Pages 17 and 27.**

—Photo by Terry Lusty

Lubicon gets support

Unanimous, powerful support was given to the Lubicon Lake Cree Nation in defence of their land rights at the Second European Meeting of American Indian Support Groups, held at Luitzhausen, Luxembourg, April 9 to 13.

In addition, the unprecedented resolution gave unconditional support to Chief Bernard Ominayak and his people's efforts to bring about a boycott of the 1988 Winter Olympics, which are slated to be held in Alberta.

A second resolution approved of the principles being put forward by the Canadian-based organization, "Indigenous Survival Internationale." The European Support Groups have a number of objectives, one of which is to eliminate ste-

reotypes that the population have concerning the Indian peoples of the United States and Canada. Another is to give political support to North American Indian Nations who are in a state of crisis as they defend their Treaty and Aboriginal Rights.

The European Support Groups number twenty organizations in nine countries, including: Austria; Republic of West Germany; Switzerland; Sweden; France; The Netherlands; Belgium; Italy; and, Luxembourg. Other nations have developing nuclear groups that wish to become involved. At a four-day conference there were eighty delegates with the largest numbers representing Austria and Germany.

The members of the

Support Groups come from all walks of life with strong representation from the following occupational groups: journalists; publishers; book shop operators; foresters; artists; professors of universities; and, teachers. Among the young attendees are students of high schools and colleges.

There were five representatives from Canada, including: Chief Ted Moses of the James Bay Cree; Thomas Coon, Indigenous Survival Internationale; James O'Reilly, Montreal lawyer who has done work for the Lubicon Lake Cree; Roy L. Piepenburg, consultant with the Indian Association of Alberta; and, a staff person of the

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WAGAMESE is still concerned about kids, and this week wonders what the future holds for his. **See Page 7.**

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European groups back Olympic protest

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World Council of Indigenous Peoples.

Among the top-ranking Europeans who gathered to support Indian rights was John van Tilborg, The Netherlands, a member of the Grael in Rainbow Group of the European Parliament. The Rainbow fraction, as it is called, has a strong conservationist orientation like the Green

Party in Canada. Van Tilborg has made a commitment to the Support Groups and the Lubicon Lake Cree Nation that he is considering introducing a similar resolution to one that was adopted by the meeting—one that would lead the twelve member nations of the European Parliament to boycott the 1988 Winter Games. More than that, he is willing to introduce Chief Bernard

Ominayak and his representatives to the members of the Human Rights Commission of the European Parliament. Van Tilborg stated very clearly that the Lubicon Lake land matters and the oppression of the people raise fundamental human rights issues which have international implications.

Delegates to the European Support Group meeting became interested in North American Indians through a wide range of personal experiences. Some learned about the unique problems of the people through reading and studying in schools and universities. Others have travelled widely in the United States and Canada, even living for a year or two with the people on their reservations. When the Canadian Indians sent lobbyists to Europe following the Constitution Express episode in 1981, they established contact with Europeans who are now staunch advocates of Indians' rights. Some of the delegates had liaised with Indians at the Geneva, Switzerland forums such as the Human Rights Committee and the Working Group on Indigenous Peoples. Some made first contact at the hearings of the Russell Tribunal.

At present the European Support Groups are engaged in a total of five Indian rights cases, and at the meeting they gave detailed explanations of the nature of their involvement and progress that is being made. They are in support of the Lakotas in South Dakota, who are attempting to retake the Black Hills. In Arizona, where 10,000 Navajos are being pressured by the U.S. Government to vacate their traditional lands, polit-



BERNARD OMINAYAK
...gaining international support

ical, technical and moral support is being provided. In Nevada, where nuclear tests are taking place on traditional western Shoshoni lands, co-operative resistance is being mounted. The Innu - the Naskapi - Montagnais of Labrador, who have been protesting damaging, low-level supersonic flights over their lands and villages, are also receiving support. In the case of the Lubicon Lake Crees, the Support Groups have concluded that genocide of the people is taking place: in the short-term it is cultural, and in the long-run it will lead to physical destruction of a terminal nature.

Considering these circumstances regarding Lubicon Lake's people, the Indian Association of Alberta is committed to strong support for the boycotting of the 1988 Winter Olympics. As a result of the meeting, the Support Groups are contemplating specific political actions in support of Chief Bernard Ominayak. Working committees comprised of government officials, officers of European sports federations and athletes in training will be formed to

bring the Lubicon Lake land claim issue before the public with the aim of avoiding the 1988 participation in the Olympics. Lobbying will also be directed by the committees to international organizations such as the Socialist International and, of course, the European Parliament. They will also facilitate European lobbying tours for leaders from Lubicon Lake so as to secure widespread support for the boycott. At the appropriate time, it is planned to stage demonstrations in front of Canadian embassies throughout Europe. Consideration is also being given to an European-wide action day to generate awareness of the Lubicon Lake Cree's genocide.

At the Support Groups meeting attention was given to the matter of how the 1988 Winter Games will impact the Stoney Indian Nation. The Olympic site that has already been chosen includes lands used traditionally by the Stoney people. The European people are now aware of the unresolved land claims of the Stoney, and the resistance of the government

of Alberta in helping to settle them.

In regard to "Indigenous Survival Internationale," the Support Groups issued a statement that reads: "The Support Groups endorse and support the principles that the protection of subsistence economies is essential to the cultural survival of indigenous peoples as well as being compatible with respect for and conservation of the environment."

Included in the conference was a media workshop. Various materials which could be used for public relations on behalf of Indian people were examined and assessed. Featured was a sixty-minute video-tape that tells the tragic story of the forced relocation of Navajos who live in close proximity to the Hopi Indian reservation in northern Arizona. Visual educational materials such as books, newspapers, reports, posters and photographs were on display so as to facilitate informational exchanges.

On April 11, in an art gallery in the city of Luxembourg, there was a classical display of twenty-four outstanding pieces of painting, photographs and sculpture about Indians. The theme was "The Survival Struggle of the Indigenous Nations." It reflected the people's defences against termination of their rights and almost certain genocide. There were artistic contributions from Indians of North America and European artists from Poland, Federal Republic of Germany and Luxembourg. School children from Luxembourg had their works on display. The renowned Austrian artist, Krzysztof Glass, completed a special commission for the show.

RESOLUTION ON THE LUBICON LAKE BAND

WHEREAS the participants at this second European meeting of North American Indian Support Groups being held at Lultzhausen include delegations from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Luxembourg, Sweden and Switzerland

WHEREAS the participants continue to support strongly the aboriginal rights and claims of the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation

WHEREAS the participants are also aware of the conclusions of the Fulton Report of February 1986, which in effect criticizes the Federal Government's omissions, confirms a substantial reduction in subsistence hunting and trapping of the Lubicons caused by oil development promoted by Alberta and confirms the legitimacy and justness of many of the claims and grievances of the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation

WHEREAS it is appropriate to take even stronger measures in support of the Lubicons to ensure that they receive the just treatment denied to them for so long

RESOLVED:

That the participants at this meeting:

- 1) absolutely condemn the genocidal treatment inflicted upon the Lubicons by the governments of Alberta and Canada
- 2) demand that the governments of Alberta and Canada respect the aboriginal rights and fundamental human rights of the Lubicons
- 3) hereby confirm their support for an international boycott of the 1988 Winter Olympic Games to be held in Alberta
- 4) take all the measures within their power to convince the countries and people of Europe to abstain from participating in the 1988 Winter Olympic Games
- 5) demand that Canada immediately take the measures required in order to provide a just and fair settlement of the aboriginal rights and claims of the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation

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Treaty 6 backs fishing protest

By Terry Lusty

The issue of fishing rights as guaranteed by Treaty 6 is far from over. It is not dead and will not be so in the near future if the Cold Lake First Nations can help it.

The Band is emphatic and resolute in "sticking to our guns" regarding the preservation of what they consider to be their legal right.

In a recent interview with Chief Alec Charland of Cold Lake, "Windspeaker" was informed that "we told the people to go ahead and set their nets."

"We can't give in, the law is there, in the Treaty," said Charland.

In continuing their opposition to an imposed fishing ban on Cold Lake by Fish and Wildlife, band members have continued to set fishing nets. To date, there has still been no response from Premier Getty's office.

Since last week when the band was confronted by gaming officials at English Bay and threatened with confiscation of their nets, the dispute has been rather quiet. "There hasn't been too much happening," Charland told "Windspeaker."

A very recent development, however, has just come to light. The Chief's brother, Noel, had his net removed by officials on the morning of April 22. As yet, no charge has been laid and the band doesn't know if one will be.

When questioned as to how many nets are in the water, the chief could not comment because he has not kept on top of the particulars. It is known that some nets are in the water.

Charland thinks that it may be possible that gaming officials are not pressing the matter too diligently until they see what results

when the pending court date of May 14 rolls along. On that day, Marcel Piche goes to trial for contravention of Section 59(k) which is "fishing in waters set aside for propagation (reproduction)."

Piche's net was seized by Fish and Wildlife on April 4 and he was issued a summons on April 10. Two other nets, one belonging to Alphonse Janvier and one to Alphonse Amable, were also taken on April 10.

On April 11 a summons was also issued to the Cold Lake First Nations chief and council charging them with having a net in the waters of Cold Lake in opposition to Section 59(k). They, too, had a net lifted by wildlife officers.

These four net seizures, coupled with the confiscation of Noel Charland's net, brings the total to five nets confiscated. The chief is considering the possibility

of making a formal request for the return of these nets.

Up until April 22 there has not been any other known seizures (since April 11).

The issue of Treaty fishing rights is one of the concerns which chief and council intend to pursue on May 15 when they meet with Indian Affairs Minister David Crombie. The meeting between Crombie and the Treaty 6 Tribal Chiefs Association was initially arranged to deal with other matters but the chief informs "Windspeaker" that fishing rights will also be an agenda item.

As the conflict continues, the people refuse to abandon their cause. The Treaty is still perceived as being inviolate and any attempt by any person or group to undermine Indian tradi-

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Report urges major tax changes for Indians

By Lesley Crossingham

A task force report aimed at the "overhaul" of the Department of Indian Affairs (DIA) is recommending sweeping changes to tax and financial policies affecting Indian people.

A government task force report on Indian economic development released exclusively to "Windspeaker" this week recommends that government financial assistance be phased over to Indian institutions and banks and that an "action oriented" task force be set up to look into the "confusing and inconsistent tax treatment" of Indian workers and employers.

The report, compiled by DIA Assistant Deputy Minister for Economic

Development Don Allen, was submitted to DIA Minister David Crombie late last year and recommends that "tax policy be taken out of the courts and put back into Parliament to analyse the options, consult interested parties and to prepare an Indian Tax Act to clarify the law" in order to stimulate economic development on reserves.

The report outlines some of the problems facing Indian people when they start a new business and points out that only 12.3 per cent of Indian businesses survive for more than eleven years.

There is also a relatively high proportion of Indian businesses in the resource sector and the size of most Indian businesses by number of full-time employees is

very small with 87 per cent employing one to four people and only six per cent employing more than ten people.

The report points out that many Indian people have difficulty starting a business on reserves because the special status of reserve lands makes it particularly difficult to obtain bank loans. Only four per cent of non-Native businesses require financial assistance from the government compared to 75 per cent for Indian small businesses.

"Therefore," says the report, "it is not surprising job growth for Indian people has rested on government employment, not small business."

"But time has come to at last devolve lending activity

to other organizations such as Indian financial institutions created or expanded under the Native Economic Development Program (NEDP)."

The report further recommends that a "major effort be made to break down chartered banks' aloofness to Indian businesses and participate in an education campaign to bring bankers, banks and Indian entrepreneurs working together."

Many Indian businesses are at times unable to obtain surety bonding and cannot compete on major construction and other service contracts. The report recommends the government collaborate with the NEDP and other agencies to overcome some of the impediments

until consultants finalize a report on this particular problem.

In the meantime, the report recommends the department of the Treasury Board should "review the potential of interim thresholds below which departments can waive bonding on government contracts in the interests of aiding Native contractor participation."

Only 10 per cent of privately owned Indian businesses are incorporated and the report recommends legislation be amended to treat on-reserve Indian-owned corporations as Indians, thereby granting parity of treatment to incorporated and unincorporated businesses.

However, Indian people living on reserves will continue to enjoy tax exemption for earnings received. But the report recommends the government extend the act allowing Indians living off-reserve but working on reserve to also claim tax exemption.

Although Allen was unavailable for comment this week, in a previous interview he expressed optimism for the new report which is estimated to take about five years to fully implement.

Allen is scheduled to meet with resource-rich Alberta bands to discuss more changes in the organization of Indian Minerals West this week at the Convention Centre.

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the reserve with the buildings and materials for homes. It is Tingey's desire to have members of the Band do the building, thus providing employment for members.

"We want the cheapest yet sturdy homes, and Cedar-log homes can provide those. They are beautiful homes and buildings. The people on the reserve will build them and that will also make them proud of their reserve."

Cedar-log Homes have offered to provide instructors to train on the job, which would create employment immediately.

The land is deeded, therefore roads are already in place, power is available and the land is worked and ready to be self-supporting.

This land that Tingey hopes to be a home for many, is almost 5,000 acres in area and has about eight residents on it at present.

Tingey believes with all earnestness that the Twin Rivers Reserve would provide housing, employment and education, and become a model as a self-supporting Indian community for approximately 250 families and 150 homeless children, with a special reverence for the Elders of the Indian nation.

"There would be no welfare on this reserve and also it could become home for children who have been abandoned and others who have no real home to go to. Some of the Treaty (Indians) do not want us because of our Metis children. I think it is felt by some of the Treaty, because of Bill C-31, we will invade the reservations and help government demolish treaties."

Tingey believes that Indian people all over are scared and may think that everything could be lost

"because of women like us. We should help each other. We are human just like our brothers and sisters on the reservations."

"What we don't need is all the criticism that we are out to destroy everything Indian people stand for. There are enough people in the country already doing this," commented Tingey.

Other plans are for the construction of a manufacturing plant for furniture. Imperial Oil at Cold Lake has a stockpile of well dried logs that they would contribute to aid Twin Rivers and its band.

Tingey believes that it is important to realize that this would be a community of hope and progression, with a determination to teach, record, display and live the Indian way. Indian artists and crafts people would be invited to attend Twin Rivers, to enrich the fabric of the reservation and also for the purpose of retail and display.

Regarding other reserves in Alberta, Tingey says in a letter to Crombie that "upon examination, we find that the reservations (their former reservations) are either too small, too poor, too rich, too resigned or too outright hostile for families regaining their rights, to think that their lives have in any way improved. Should they go home again: to remember the days of their childhood, to regain the confidence of the old days; but at what cost: increased welfare, increased addictions, very limited career opportunities, limited recreational and social outlets, confused heritage patterns and almost no artistic contributions."

The letter further stated that Tingey would change this model to one of traditional living, the Indian way, combined with economic feasibility.

"We will be creating jobs,

and therefore I will be asking the department of manpower for funding. Also the provincial department of welfare will be approached for funding because we are planning to take in children. There is funding available for sports, recreation and all kinds of other things, so I will be approaching each and every one of them," said Tingey.

Tingey says that she is not out to "get" treaty Indians, but moreso the opposite.

"After the four-year project is a success, we would be willing to help others establish projects such as Twin Rivers. What I am doing is trying to show that I am not out to get Indian people. I don't envy them, we only want equal rights."

"I don't want to go back where there is nothing offered. There are people on reserves waiting for homes now for a long, long time. Where would they put us?"

Tingey referred to so-called leaders getting money from government and saying that they are helping Native people "when they have done nothing."

"I have been doing this for a year, along with lawyers, Cedar-log representatives and consultants, who have offered

their services for free, right now, because they believe in me. I have considered all the people wandering around homeless and it's sad, it hurts and someone has to do something, so why not now?"

Tingey says that any Indian person who received their rights back would be welcome on the Twin Rivers Reserve and says the new Band would offer them their dignity and pride back, along with a new beginning.

Start up of the Twin Rivers Reservation could begin as early as May 5, with completion tentatively set for May 1990.

Tingey has already met with the Indian Affairs Department, but says she was bounced from department to department, along with her idea.

"I was pushed around and I don't go for that. We want action now, not in one year. I want this started by July of this year."

Asked when she would be visiting Crombie in Ottawa, Tingey answered, "as soon as he (Crombie) sends me a round trip ticket, I will go. I have enough Indian people who want this reserve. They know this project would give their children a better life, one where they would learn to do things themselves...a better life for all of us," Tingey concluded.

Hunting rights extended to 'new Indians'

By Albert Burger

New Indians — those reinstated under recent amendments to the Indian Act — have been extended full hunting rights by the provincial government.

Phillip Campiou, northern vice-president of the Native Council of Canada (Alberta), says "general list Indian people contacted the office to ask: Can we hunt on unoccupied crown land?"

Campiou says NCC (AB) checked with Ottawa who advised that this was a provincial matter, so NCC staff met with Alberta fish and wildlife officials to discuss the issue.

In March, assistant deputy minister Dennis Surrendi informed NCC (AB) that to the provincial department, "the question is relatively straightforward."

Said Surrendi: "The fish and wildlife division recognizes the right of status Indians to hunt and fish for food, at any time of the year, over unoccupied crown lands or any other lands to which they have right of access."

"A person who claims

this right is responsible to provide proof of status to an officer when exercising it. This may be done by producing a letter from either the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada or the band to which the person belongs certifying that the person is an Indian, or a "Certification of Indian Status" card issued by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

"In view of the foregoing, any person who has regained Indian status, through Bill C-31, and has obtained one of the documents described above to provide proof of that, is entitled to exercise their rights to hunt and fish as a status Indian."

"No license is required by a status Indian to hunt as wildlife management is a provincial responsibility. A license to fish, however, is required by federal legislation. Indian domestic fishing licenses are issued at no charge."

Native Council of Canada (Alberta) board member Madge McRee said the organization, since its incorporation in 1984, has "done a lot of good things."

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tional rights stands to be refuted.

The Cold Lake band is not alone. They have the "full support" of the Treaty 6 chiefs, who are very concerned with what appears to be another way of whittling away and eroding the

laws of the Treaty. Some people call it a return of the government's attempt to do away with their responsibilities towards Canada's

first people. It is, in their estimation, a recurrence of the federal government's 1969 White Paper. That document was designed to

transfer federal responsibility for Indians to the provinces.

Were that to ever occur, it would be a dark day in Indian history and, as some of the chiefs have said in their recent Treaty Six forums, would spell the doom of the Indian race.

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the 50 bands in the Treaty Six area, which extends over central Alberta and parts of Saskatchewan.

The Cold Lake First Nations dispute with Alberta Fish and Wildlife over a fishing ban imposed on 22 Alberta lakes was of immediate concern to Alberta Treaty Indians present at the meeting.

Cold Lake delegates reported that they stand on the principal that fishing is a Treaty right which has to be recognized by both the provincial and federal governments.

The Alberta Fish and Wildlife department recently imposed a ban on fishing on certain lakes, including Gregoire Lake, Beaver Lake, Kehewin Lake and Buck Lake. The enforcement of this ban resulted in charges being laid against seven Cold Lake Indians, including former chief Marcel Piche, for fishing in waters set aside for propagation of certain species of fish.

This issue opened debate on the whole question of the province of Alberta imposing regulations that restrict Treaty rights of the Indian people of Alberta.

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"This matter affects all Treaty Indians, this is one way the government attempts to erode and whittle away what rights we have left to exercise," said Piche.

The fishing rights issue also prompted questions on hunting and trapping rights of Treaty Indians. It was reported that hunting ducks and other types of hunting have been illegal for the past two years. Confiscation of moose meat, hides, guns and fish nets was also reported.

Beaver Lake representatives reported that their people were blamed for over-fishing in Beaver Lake. "It is not us who fish out our lake; the government is saving the lakes for sport and commercial fishermen," declared Chief Lameman. He pointed out the annual fish derby held in nearby Lac La Biche, as an example.

Wildlife officials had suggested Indians go fish in other lakes and had also offered to supply fish and game to Indian people,

which Piche reported his people rejected as not addressing the real issue of recognizing fishing, hunting and trapping as Treaty rights.

Cold Lake saw the offer of supplied fish as another form of welfare and the suggestion of fishing other lakes as impractical to many of their residents, explained Piche.

At the centre of this issue is that provincial laws and actions are seen by Treaty Indians as encroachment on rights that are recognized by Treaties made with Britain.

The government of Canada transferred federal jurisdiction over natural resources to the provinces with the Natural Resources Transfer Act of 1930.

With that transfer of power, Treaty Indians charge, Alberta has been trying to slowly do away with Treaty rights, and that the federal government has been attempting to transfer Treaty obligations it inherited from Britain, over to the provinces.

Dennis C. Surrendi, assistant deputy minister of Alberta Fish and Wildlife division, came to the meeting to explain the government side of the dispute and to defend the actions of Wildlife officers.

"The fishing ban was purely to protect walleye and trout fish stocks," said Surrendi. He admitted that there was "a lack of understanding of the implications to Treaty Indian people."

"We did not do a good job of consulting with Indian people," said Surrendi. It seems that Wildlife officials thought they were consulting with all Treaty interests through a representative of the Indian Association of Alberta. The Treaty Six Alliance does not recognize any other Native organizations speaking on behalf of their members. Surrendi recognized that this will require a change in the way government communicates

with local Indian communities.

During his talk, Surrendi said that recreation fishing had the greatest impact on fish stocks. He added that he now knows of examples of abuse, such as fish and carcasses of game animals being left wasting in garbage dumps.

"There are a lot of things we should be doing together in the area of fish and wildlife," said Surrendi, as he tried to impress upon the delegates that the Fish and Wildlife department are on the same side with Indians regarding conservation of fish stocks.

Surrendi reminded his audience that there are Alberta laws that do apply to Indians. He also suggested that Indians get involved in the political process, mindful that a provincial election campaign was currently in progress.

This was not accepted as a viable option, since Treaty Indians have a bilateral relationship with the federal government.

"Hunting, fishing and other Treaty rights cannot be negotiated, but we can talk about the management of what resources we have left," said Chief Sam Bull of Goodfish Lake.

Chief Bull proposed that game wardens recognize the Treaty numbers of Indian hunters and fishermen. Chief Eugene Houle of Saddle Lake supported his fellow Chief by adding that "licenses should not apply to Indians; Treaty numbers should be acceptable."

The present fees for licenses are \$10 for fishing and \$25 for hunting.

The proposed Lakeland Resource Plan is aimed at conserving fish and game resources in the area between Lac La Biche and Athabasca, from the impact of development and agricultural expansion. Delegates questioned why there has been so little information or communication to Indian communities in the area regarding the Plan.

Surrendi took note of this concern and again urged Indians to make their views known to the government agencies involved in the Lakeland Resource Plan.

Allan Jacob of the Cold Lake First Nation emphasized that this meeting was for information only and must not be mistaken as negotiation.

The verbal exchange over the fishing dispute ended with Surrendi saying that only the Attorney-General department had the authority to drop charges against the Cold Lake fishermen, and asked for "no further confrontation" from Indians.

The reply from the Indians present was that they will continue to exercise their Treaty rights to fish and hunt.

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Forum discussions taxing of Indian lands

By Albert Crier

BEAVER LAKE RESERVE
— Several presentations at the Treaty Six Forum here focused on Indian government powers and on land claims.

Chief Clarence Jewels of the Kamloops Indian Band reported on his band's recent action to tax non-Indian use of conditionally surrendered Indian land. The Kamloops Band had surrendered some of their land in 1939. About 400 acres is occupied by the city of Kamloops.

"The courts recognize that surrendered lands are

still Indian lands under the Indian Act," said Jewels. He said section 87b of the Indian Act distinguishes between reserve and surrendered lands.

Section 83 of the same Act allows Indians to collect taxes, but does not allow the Band to spend the tax money on services, according to Jewels.

This in no way jeopardizes the Treaty bilateral relationship with the federal government, since B.C. lands are not covered by Treaty, explained Jewels.

The Kamloops band is trying to get the government to amend the Indian Act so

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"The 1969 White Paper is not dead; Bill C-31 is proof of that."

—Chief Melvin Potts

his band can begin collecting taxes this year.
Percy Potts, Treaty Six

vice-president of the Indian Association of Alberta, called for unity to circum-

vent the isolated Band policies and tactics.

"Hugh Faulkner had said that the 1969 White paper is dead; Bill C-31 is proof it is not. The government is trying to extinguish our title to the land," said Potts.

"All those items we identified here are included in the White Paper," said Potts. He asked for Band support to help IAA study the White Paper and other government documents that directly involve Indian governments.

Chief Melvin Potts of the Montana Indian Band delivered a talk on the

study of the Rupertsland Claim he is involved in. He challenged unfulfilled federal obligations resulting from the Rupertsland transfer in 1871.

Potts feels that it is necessary to know what the Rupertsland transfer means to Indians living today.

"We should try to find out more about 'promises' and how we can benefit from them," said Potts.

Potts feels that Treaty Six is a good place to start challenging unfulfilled obligations, "but we also need the support of other Treaty nations."

Twinn reports on lawsuit on membership codes

By Albert Crier

BEAVER LAKE RESERVE
— A report delivered by Chief Walter Twinn of the Sawridge Band to the Treaty Six Forum here was received with intense interest, as delegates heard that the Sawridge and five other Bands are involved in a law suit against the federal government, as a result of the passage of Bill C-31.

This federal law repeals sections of the Indian Act which discriminates against women.

Indian bands have 11 months left to have their membership codes recognized by the federal government, according to a federal deadline. Those bands which do not have membership codes in place by the deadline will have to abide by codes developed by the government.

"Our position is pretty well province-wide, but only six bands are involved in the law suit," said Twinn. The six plaintiffs are the Sarcee, Blackfoot, Ermineskin, Enoch, Sawridge and Sturgeon Lake bands.

Bruce Tom, lawyer and executive director of Sawridge Band, fielded questions regarding the lawsuit. He explained that to shorten the court time it was decided to have six bands named in the suit. It would have prolonged the court process if all 42 Indian bands in Alberta were in court.

Control over membership may be considered as a Treaty right, since Indians has control over their own membership, previous to white arrival Tom said. Also, the Indian Act remains silent on gaining membership. "The Indian Act was largely concerned with how a person could lose or give up their Treaty status," according to Tom.

At present, the matter is a waiting a statement of defense from the federal government.



WALTER TWINN
...lawsuit plaintiff

The Sawridge Band is the first to have its membership code submitted and approved.

Twinn believes that there is nothing wrong with following legislation. He urged other bands to develop and submit their own membership codes. He also offered to help other bands to develop their own codes.

If we are successful in our lawsuit, then the codes do not matter; if we are not successful, then we still have our own codes.

The Kehewin Band also presented a report on the development of their membership laws.

"We don't want the government imposing laws on us. We made our own membership law based on Treaty Six," said Chief Gordon Gadwa.

The Kehewin membership law has an appeal system to go with it, including provisions for persons to appeal their challenged membership application in a general band meeting. It also allows the reinstatement of people who married non-Treaty persons.

"We are not saying no one can join our membership. We are asserting our right to determine our own membership," said Gadwa.

Gadwa also offered copies of the Kehewin membership law to those bands which request it.

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Graduation time for celebration

Editorial

By Clint Buehler

That sound you hear across the land is a sigh of relief.

Once again, it's time for celebration as junior high schools hold their proms, high schools their graduation ceremonies and various training, college and university courses end.

For students, it's time to celebrate arrival at a new level of achievement, and to look forward to the next challenge. For parents, it's a time to be proud of their children's success, and to dust off new hopes and new goals. For teachers, it's time to see rewards in evidence for an often thankless job.

For Native people, there is even greater cause for celebration. This year there will be more Native students successfully completing higher levels of education than ever before. And with their success comes reinforced hope for Native self-determination and independence.

It may not be an overused cliché to say that our young people are our leaders of tomorrow, our hope for the future. But in this case it is certainly a true cliché.

One of the major drawbacks to Native self-determination and self-sufficiency has been the shortage of Native people with the training and qualifications required to deal with the increasingly complex mainstream society.

The result has been a dependence on non-Native advisors and professionals who are sometimes not in tune with the realities of the Native world. Not only has their contribution sometimes been inadequate, the fees paid to them have reduced the funds available for employment of Native people.

More and more, Native people are gaining the training and experience to take over those important jobs, making Native control of all areas of their lives a more and more realistic goal.

That's a major step forward—a step made only in the past 15 or 20 years. In the light of today's situation, it's hard to believe that 20 years ago that there were only a few Native university

graduates; that only a small percentage of Native people attended high school; that most Native people had no formal job training.

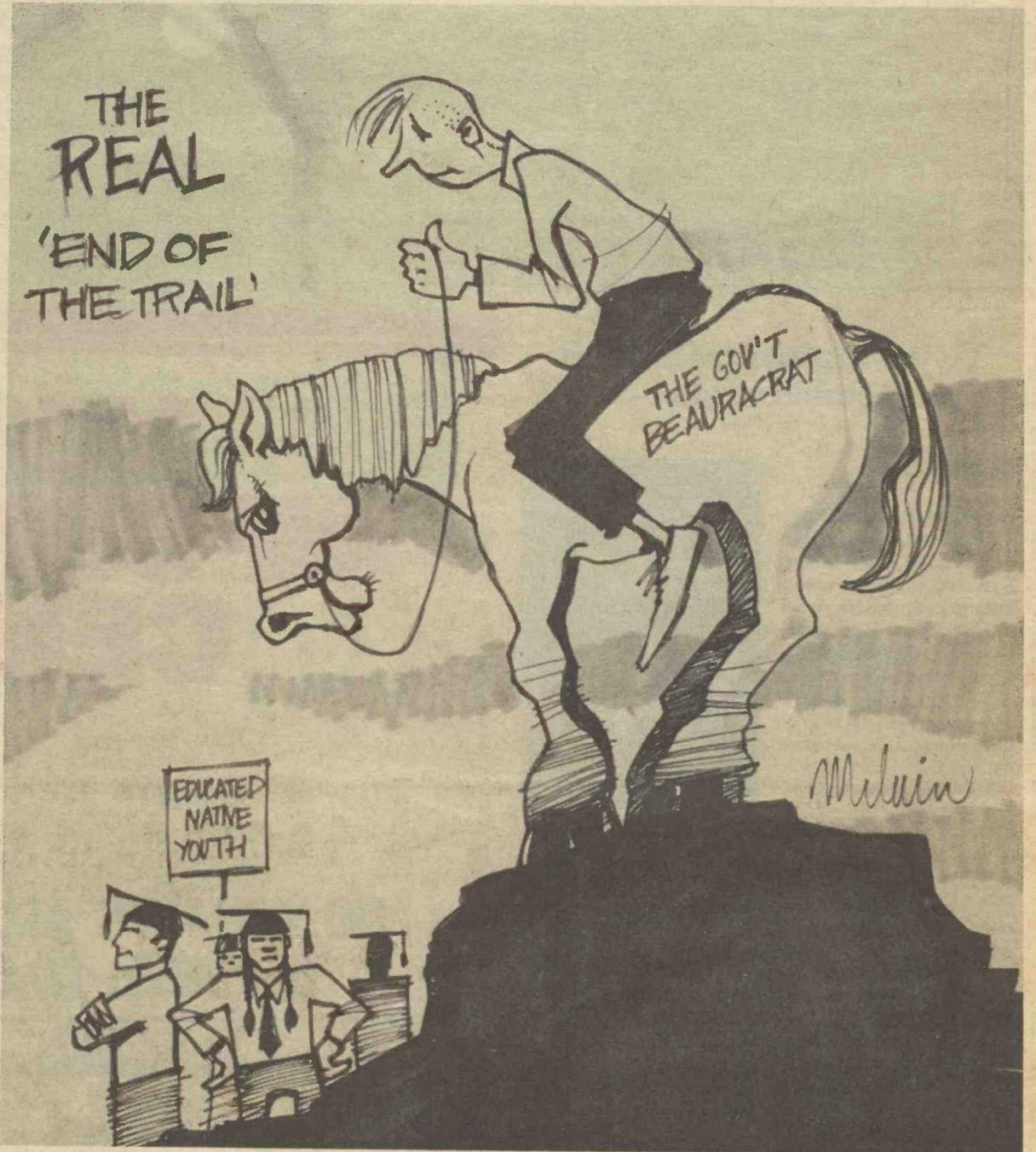
Things are different now, but there is still a long way to go.

In today's world, education and training are vital for every individual who hopes to be successful.

They are especially vital for Native people if they want to regain control of their lives and future in this complex world.

The most important thing we can do is to encourage our children to obtain the education they need to make the most of their lives.

That's my opinion, anyway. What do you think?



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Native youngsters need role models

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on the article by the Edmonton Journal about Cold Lake and Mrs. Janvier.

I have talked to numerous Native people about the incident, and all have agreed that Mrs. Janvier had no right to accept the position in the first place.

What I have noticed lacking in Native communities is the lack of Native role models for our children. How are we to expect our children to excel in positions of power if these positions are always held by white people.

To a child, a white person is a white person, and to them white people are always in a ruling position—a teacher, a storekeeper, a policeman. It's no wonder our children are inferior; they've been conditioned from childhood to look up to white people as authority figures.

The issue here is not racial discrimination, rather it's a matter of providing our Native children with incentive to excel to become chiefs and people with authoritative positions.

Garry Laboucan
Edmonton

Support appreciated

Dear Editor:

The Edmonton Eagles Junior Forest Wardens would like to thank all of the people who supported them on their Walk-A-Thon, Saturday, April 19th.

So, special thanks to all of you from all of the Eagles: Billy, James, Mark, Rebecca, Kate, Gary, Allan, Garnett, Farron, Geraldine, Benny, Guy, Marcie, Wally, Brent, Kyle, Brian, Ernie, Candida and Joanne.

Dwayne Desjarlais
Supervisor

EDITOR'S NOTE: Recently we have been receiving letters to the Editor which we would like to print but can't because they are unsigned.

Please note that it is our policy to print only those letters which are signed. We will consider using letters signed with a pen name only if we know the identity of the writer, and if a acceptable justification for using a pen name is offered.

"Windspeaker" reserves the right to edit letters for length, spelling, grammar and potentially libellous content.

One hot and seemingly endless summer day, a young raven sat high up in a pine looking as bored as could be. He watched rabbit, deer and fox do those things they do, day in, day out, their whole lives through.

"There has got to be more to living than this," he said to himself. "That's it. I'm going to leave this place and go out into the world to see for myself what more life has to offer."

So for years after he travelled. His search took him across wide oceans that nearly drowned him, over mountaintops that nearly froze him, by deserts that almost fried him and through jungles where just about everything tried to eat him. In each country he spoke to the wisest animals who all took an interest in his journey. Finally he returned to where he had started from to settle down and raise a family of his own.

One day he found his own son yawning in the afternoon of a listless summer day. "Father," said the son, "there has got to be more to life than this." The old raven then told of his wanderings in search of life's meanings.

"And what did you discover?" the younger raven asked.

"Only this," replied the father. "Life is neither here nor there. Life is life everywhere. By living each day with open eyes, an open heart and an open mind, a person will find all its hidden pleasures and mysteries exactly where and as they live them."

Of course the young raven wasn't satisfied by his father's words and undertook a journey of his own, but then that is another of life's lessons as well.

So how does this story fit in with what we set out talking about last week, you ask? And how come back then I called kids aliens and this time around birdies?

Well in a way, youngsters between age 10 and 16 are in various stages of leaving the nest. As parents, it starts to get very important what our flapping around is teaching those very nervous but very anxious to learn to fly offspring of ours.

I guess what we are trying to do is help them to understand themselves and the world we are all

From One
Raven's Eye
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surrounded by. This is not an easy thing at all.

For example, why did my kid — his name is Nathan, by the way — get into more fights over his long hair and braids at the Indian school he went to than at the public school he goes to now?

Now in coming up with possible answers, remember it's a kid you'll be telling this to. Long winded, and, but, if, then sentences can cost you his attention pretty quick.

What I just said isn't meant to say kids can't understand. They often know much more than about what is really going on than what they are given credit for. One thing they can see for sure is the distance between how you are and what you say you are and how you say they should try to be.

I remember many times being told to never drink or smoke, and to get the best education I could. This advice was given me by a person holding a cigarette in one hand and a beer bottle in the other. When I got into Grade 12 he would bug me about being over-educated and brag about all he had done with just Grade 8 schooling.

Maybe that's a bad example because at that point there was no love lost between that paid-by-the-month parent and myself. If you have that natural love and the respect that goes with it happening for you on your side then you are way ahead already.

The fact remains, though, kids know whether you are living up to your words or not. Now unless we're perfect we might as well admit that to them. They

Opinion

Bureaucrats under attack

Dear Editor:

The miracle of democracy is that ordinary people, when given the facts, produce good judgement.

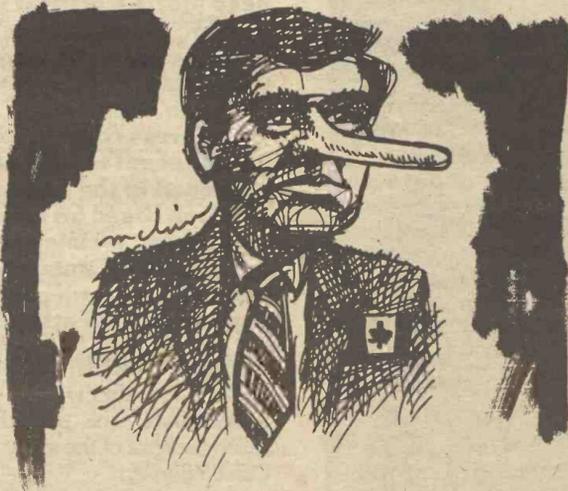
In recent weeks, I have been sorting the papers and letters collected from 20 years of association with bureaucratic or civil servant activities in Wabasca/Desmarais.

The number of examples where the bureaucrats have supplied twisted and often false information to government ministers is appalling. It's much beyond stenographic errors. It's what makes countries end up like the Philippines with Marcos, or United States with Richard Nixon. It's like cancer. It's painful and soon gets out of control.

With the provincial election coming in Alberta, we might well seek a better way to collect the facts. We need to elect someone strong enough and experienced enough to recognize what's happening and move to improve the situation.

What's more important is whoever is elected must feel a fair number of the voters are prepared to face the facts and want democracy to survive.

In recent weeks, I have



received letters and threats from civil servants in two Alberta government departments telling me to stop writing letters about bad situations which happened in Wabasca.

One situation was to get Advisory Council minutes out complete and on time. The other was to pay a store for housing materials a government project picked up two years ago. The storekeeper had sent the bill three times. Each time, the bureaucracy lost it, then tried to degrade the storekeeper by claiming he was not a good manager.

After many months of ridicule and abuse in both cases, this week the

bureaucracy admitted my facts had been correct and they moved to correct the situations.

But why did it take so long and the shadow of an election to make them wake up? Why should anyone be put through hell just for government to protect a few incompetents who managed to weasel into the bureaucracy?

Surely Mr. Shaben and Mr. Dube can give us some assurance that our next MLA will wake up. However, I get nervous when I find both of them relying on the Regional Metis Director for their guidance.

When the Metis Local

gets only 2 people out for its annual meeting, there's something wrong.

When over 60 local Metis went to a whiteman and asked him to send their annual membership fee direct to the provincial association to avoid the local officials, it's getting serious.

And when the provincial association and Native Secretariat responds to letters by sending the Local's mail to Desmarais for a rejected official who never joined the group and lived at Wabasca, there's really something wrong.

But how do we correct such situations when senior bureaucrats come to clobber anyone who speaks up? And letters from our MLA are full of proven false information supplied by his advisors?

Floyd Griesbach

P.S. Why did I get a phone call this morning telling me they had organized a new Metis Local at Desmarais and wanted to know how to get the membership fees to Edmonton without going through the regional office. The silent majority must soon speak up. Clean out the rejects others keep returning to office.

are going to find out pretty fast anyway, but they are also real good at forgiving.

Maybe the real raising part starts when we try to make them aware of what it would take to make the world and all the people in it as strong and right on as they can be. And that by trying for that as hard as we can maybe we will all get there one day.

Another very encouraging thing we have going for us besides that natural love for us by them is the fact that there really isn't that much of what's called a generation gap amongst us.

All of us, my wife Lori, Nathan and I, look forward to our visits back home with my mom and Joe. We talk, joke around, eat big meals, and generally have lots of good times together.

My parents are in many ways a connection to the past that helps us to better understand and deal with the present. Having that vital thing in common keeps our relationship an important and growing one.

Many non-Native people my age aren't that crazy about their parents anymore. Their new way of living caused them to lose touch with whatever value there was in their parents' life experiences.

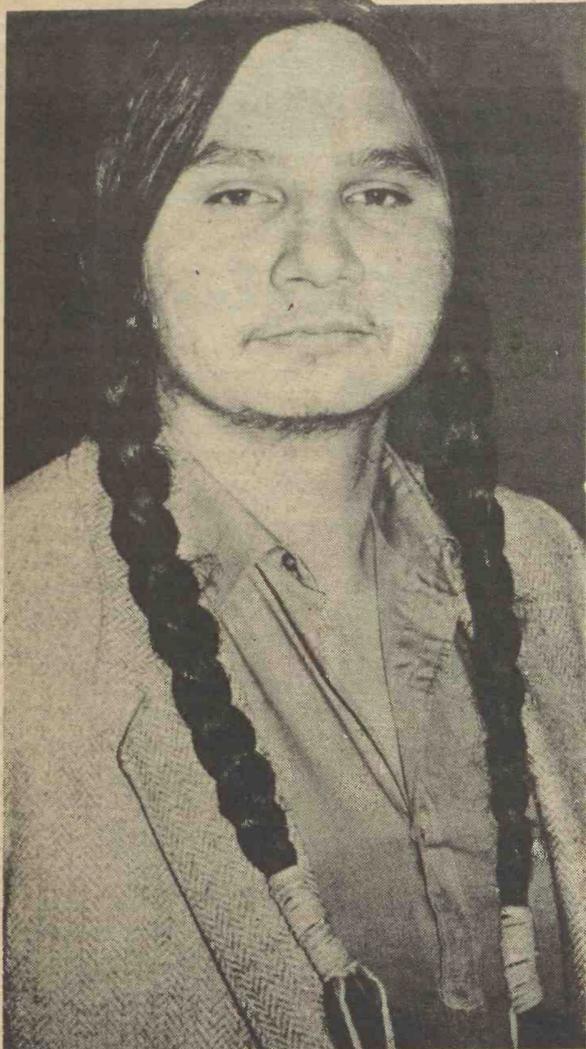
I just hope that when Nathan sets out on his own he'll feel the same way about visiting home and his parents as I do in my time.

A few weekends ago, I suggested to the kid we go to a movie downtown. He said, nah, he'd rather go bike riding with his friends. It occurred to me right there that a natural separation was occurring between us.

In three years he will be a teenager. Three to five years after that he will more than likely leave our house for good. Six years. Is that all that's left? Eight years isn't long enough either.

I guess how it goes is that kids not only grow up but they at the same time grow away, too. That part of the deal is hard on the old parenting heart. Shucks, I miss him already. All I can do, I guess, is get busy and enjoy having him with me today.

Well, that's it for this week. Until next time, then, get out there and soak up some wind and sun. You have an aboriginal right to get as brown as you can.



CLIFFORD FREEMAN
...challenges provincial government

INTERVIEW: Clifford Freeman

By Rocky Woodward

After a press conference held at the Chinese Multi-Cultural Centre in Edmonton April 9, "Windspeaker" had the opportunity to talk with the vice-president for Treaty 8 of the Indian Association of Alberta, Clifford Freeman.

The press conference was called in regard to the recent results of Project Can 85, also published in the Edmonton Journal. Project Can was based on a survey by University of Lethbridge sociologist Dr. Reginald Bidy, taken across Canada, which pinpointed certain minority groups on a percentage basis regarding racist attitudes towards them.

WINDSPEAKER: WHY WAS THIS PRESS CONFERENCE CALLED?

FREEMAN: This particular press conference was called because of the study that was completed called Can 85 Survey.

The survey basically points out that the prairie provinces have the highest percentage of racist problems. But I viewed it as the prairie provinces admitting more openly that there is a racist problem as opposed to the project saying that the biggest problem is a racist problem.

Out of this particular press conference I have challenged the provincial government to start taking some action in terms of trying to alleviate these kinds of problems.

WINDSPEAKER: SUCH AS?

FREEMAN: I have suggested that funding should go to cultural groups that are being affected by the racist attitude so they can plan their own media campaign.

Attitudes towards Indian people in terms of self-determination; the fact that we now have protection in the Canadian Constitution and are still being taking to court.

We feel that even in the government itself there are racism problems in how they look at a group of people, people who are the first people and who have rights in terms of governing themselves. Yet those rights are not being recognized and we are now being constantly harassed in court, moreso by the provincial government.

Such things as hunting, fishing and trapping rights. They are constantly pushing Indian people into the welfare system, which seems to be the only area that they allow us to go to.

If we try to exercise our rights that are in the Constitution and guaranteed, then they still take us to court, it becomes a bigger problem. Our own governments have to recognize their own constitution regarding Indian people so they can move ahead and towards their own self-determination.

WINDSPEAKER: IN WHAT WAY IS THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE?

FREEMAN: Most of the policies that the federal government put in place such as fisheries, are developed in Alberta, by the Alberta government. In turn, these policies are taken to the federal government and passed by them.

In essence the policies we face now are created by the Alberta government and the transfer agreement which gives jurisdiction to the provincial government, strengthens their agreement against us.

Although we have a Treaty agreement with the federal government, they tend to ignore those policies that the federal government has put in place, in terms of fishery.

They have now restricted us to a domestic license and I strongly feel Indian people understood the treaty to mean that they would be allowed to barter and carry on bartering as a treaty right.

Now they have put together policies in place that try to take away that particular right. So now we are constantly fighting court cases because a lot of our elderly people who are raising 10 and 15 children have to go out and fish, and then barter the fish and then end up in court because of that. It is a big problem that we have to continue fighting in court.

I do not like taking these particular cases to court but we are in a situation now where we are at a disadvantage. We are the ones being taken to court. We would just as soon it be a political solution because then it would be a lot less expensive for the public as well as for the Indian people who have to fight these cases. To top it all off, many of our people are now on welfare.

WINDSPEAKER: YOU MADE MENTION THAT THE MEDIA MUST TAKE A MORE RESPONSIBLE POSITION WHEN ADDRESSING ISSUES BOTH NATIVE AND IN GENERAL, REGARDING ETHNIC MINORITIES. CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THIS?

FREEMAN: We are looking for fair play in terms of the coverage that Indian people are receiving from the media. Many stories that come out are usually not very well researched. They just paint a picture up on whatever disaster it may be at the time. What is left out is the actual reasons why an accident happens. There is no real solution from the stories that come out such as trying to avoid these types of disasters.

We would like the media to pay more attention as to why a particular situation happened or came about, and why the Indians are struggling in these situations as opposed to simply saying, well there are the Indians, getting in trouble again.

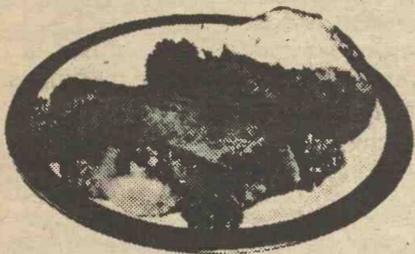
It seems to be an easy way of putting a story together, but we would like to see the media do a lot more research, follow up on issues that come up, such as Peerless Lake.

There is a prime example. The media painted a picture that said, there is the Indian again, drinking solvents and having alcohol problems. I think it is very important for the media to do good follow-up articles on why the problem is there and show some of the solutions.

They should pressure government more to provide preventive programs instead of waiting for disasters to happen.

WINDSPEAKER: IN THIS DO YOU MEAN THE NATIVE MEDIA ALSO?

FREEMAN: Yes.



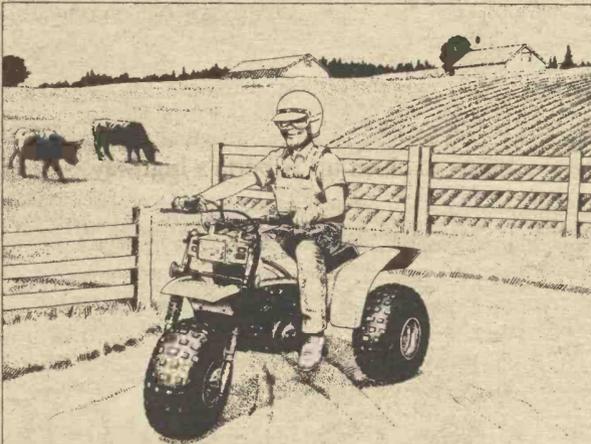
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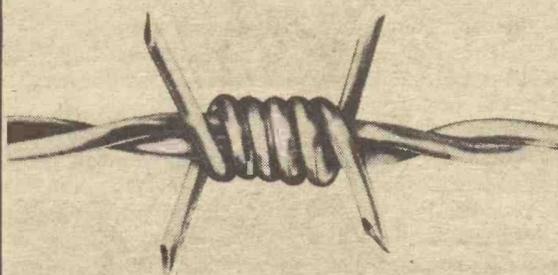
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Dropping In Rocky Woodward

Hi! I was talking with Harry Rusk the other day, and after awhile Harry said he would like to show me two pictures that he brought back from a recent visit to Manitoba.

On photo one is written: "this man went in the water first, to be baptised by 69-year-old Native Minister of the Gospel, Pastor John Sinclair, at Fairford, Manitoba Indian Reserve."

The second photo has inscribed on it: "This lady went in the water, very next." Now look at the way and who Pastor Sinclair looks like?

Harry said a lady standing on the shoreline with him said, "that's Jesus!"

A lady standing on the shore snapped those pictures below.



EDMONTON: On May 6, at 7 p.m., a meeting will be held at the "OUR PLACE," building at 10502 - 98 Street.

Ron Keewatin says the reason for the meeting is to try and start a Prison Support Group. Anyone interested is asked to attend.

Keewatin further mentioned that the meeting will be videotaped and it is his hope that the video will be allowed into the prisons, in order for inmates to get a first hand look at what is being accomplished on the outside.

"At least they will know what we are talking about that way," commented Keewatin.

ELIZABETH: Hi! You beautiful Lady! Lydia Cardinal just called to say the Junior Travellers have cancelled an engagement to be videotaped for the public...but only until May 31. The videotaping will most likely take place right at Elizabeth.

Stay in touch and let us know here at "Wind-speaker" if it is a go.

MEANDER RIVER: Welcome to Edmonton, Wilfred Hooka Nooka and Florence Chambaud. Wilfred is in the city for training in social development and Florence for a seminar.

The contractors have just completed the new nursing station at Meander River and only clean-up is left, which is being handled by Northern Services.

When I was at Meander over a year ago I don't even recall if there was a nursing location...if this is true, it is sure nice to know that people of the community will now have a new building to go to.

Alex Courtorielle said he will let us know the date

for the opening of the nursing station.

Also from Meander, the Adult Education Group from the community went on a field trip to Fort Smith, April 13 to 15. They toured the Thebacha College and various interesting places and, "had a great time."

For all you bush protectors, the Alberta Forestry Services held a spring firefighting meeting on April 23, at the Meander School Gymnasium.

Can you believe it! Meander always watching out for their beautiful country. Nature lovers all of them, and why not?

We will have more from Meander, next week.

CALGARY: A Native Talent Show and Dance will be held in Calgary at the ODDFELLOWS HALL at 9 Avenue and 14 Street S.E. on May 31.

Presented by Metis Local 18, people wishing to enter categories, are asked to register by May 24 by phoning Chuck Anderson at 233-7303 or writing to him at 517 - 9A Street N.E. Calgary. The Postal Code is T2E 4L3.

CADOTTE LAKE: Darlene Courtorielle, can you please phone me regarding the track meet scheduled for sometime at the end of May.

I really have been busy and can't remember our conversation that I didn't take down, lost and just plumb forgot!

HINTON: WINSTON WUTTUNEE was there this weekend, which is two days from the time I am writing this, so I will let you know all about it next week!

Have a nice weekend everyone.

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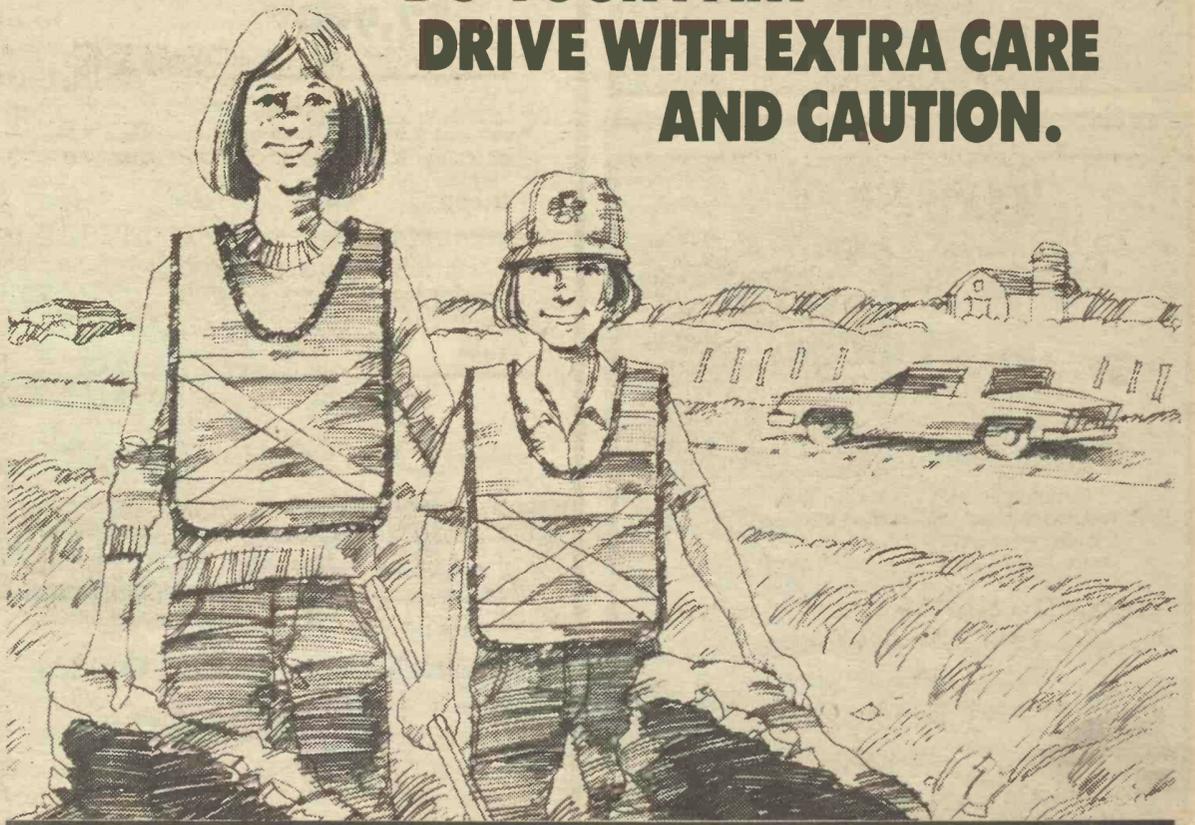
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Groups tries to help at Max

By Ivan Morin

A small group, which included mothers, girlfriends, Native Elders and friends gathered to discuss ways to help the Native Brotherhood People's Society, of Edmonton Institution.

Since a disturbance at the institution in January, the participation of volunteers has dropped somewhat, and the Brotherhood executive is looking for ways to attract volunteers to come to their Thursday night meetings. Various committees were set up to co-ordinate such fund raising activities as tee shirt sales, of which the Native Brotherhood will supply the

funds to buy.

The volunteer support group hopes to look at the needs of the Native Brotherhood members, as expressed by them, and find ways to meet their needs. One of the major concerns at the meeting was the lack of volunteers attending Native Brotherhood meetings, and the need for the members to have some outside contacts. It was stated that the majority of the Native population at Edmonton Institution were from other provinces and therefore, had no visitors and very little contact with the outside world. During a recent trip through Edmonton to visit the

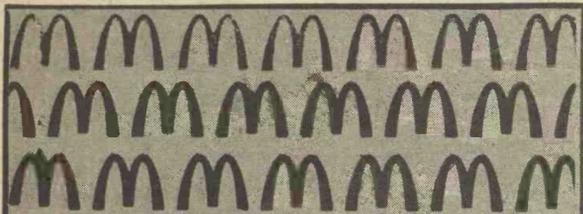
prisoners at Edmonton Institution, respected Ontario Elder, Art Solomon, stated, "one of the most important things a prisoner needs is that of companionship of the opposite sex, and someone to share the burden of pain that a prisoner experiences inside."

Some of the activities volunteers are needed for include: volleyball, softball, slow pitch, floor hockey, and other sporting activities. It was also expressed that the Native Brotherhood needs a hide to make crafts. The hide would have to be donated as they don't have much money in the Native Brotherhood account. There is also a need to find

an outlet at which the arts and crafts that the Brotherhood members make can be sold.

The Native Brotherhood is planning to host a powwow in the future, and hopes to garner outside support for the events, (ie. dancers, material for dance costumes, etc.).

Another meeting for the Brotherhood volunteer support group is set for May 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Our House, 10502-98 Street, Edmonton. If you need more information on the Support group, or Native Brotherhood activities you may call me, at 455-2700, or Ron at 421-4726 during the day, or you may call Alicia in the evening at 433-3561.



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Financial aid sought for health conference

By Rocky Woodward

A national Community Health Representative (CHR) conference scheduled for June 22 to 26 in Calgary will be the first national meeting of approximately 500 Band-employed and Medical Services Branch community health representatives.

The main object of the conference is to produce an event designed to strengthen and reinforce continuing importance of the CHR program and the role of the CHR in improving health care delivery to Indian and Inuit communities.

On April 16, Community Health Representatives from across Alberta met at the Alberta Indian Health Care Commission office in Edmonton to discuss fundraising projects to help finance the four-day event, among other topics.

The funding allocated to the national CHR conference by the Medical Services Branch "is not enough.

"All the CHRs are going fundraising in their communities and we are also looking at setting up more projects in the communities to raise the necessary funding to hold the conference," said co-ordinator Sharon Johnstone.

The conference is being co-ordinated by Alberta because it is centralized. Another added touch regarding the conference, is that the CHR will be celebrating 25 years of health services.

The CHR role was conceived in the early 60s as a means of Indian and Inuit communities becoming more involved in providing primary health care. The program operated to train and support the employment of individuals from Indian and northern communities to improve health care and instruction within their communities and to improve



BETTY SMITH
...CHR president

communications and understanding between community members and health care professionals.

The program was implemented under the mandate of the Medical Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare.

Today, some 565 CHRs are employed in 660 communities serving about 200,000 persons.

It was mentioned at the April 16 meeting that the CHR Association has a charitable number they can use for tax purposes and that it was very necessary to obtain all the support they could from the public to "make this important conference work."

The National CHR Coordinating Committee has already worked out an agenda that focuses on Community Development and the role of the CHR, Advanced Training Needs, the National CHR Communication Network,

informational workshops, panel discussions, and workshop sessions with the keynote speaker, Jack Sinclair.

"It will be the first of its kind in Alberta and will give CHRs from across Canada a chance to meet at a national conference. We are depending on the women to go out in their communities and dig for funds and hopefully, the Bands will also contribute towards travel and accommodations. It would help out budget a lot," said Audrey Parke, Alberta representative for National CHR Co-ordinator Committee.

Anyone interested in offering donations and or contributions towards the CHRs national conference can call the National Coordinating Committee at (403) 426-1213, or write to: 1390 First Edmonton Place, 10665 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta.

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25% unemployment faced by Natives in cities

Community

By Ivan Morin

The unemployment rate for Natives in the city is never under 25% even at the best times, says Hart Cantelon, a Public Relations Consultant with Native Outreach.

Responding to recently released statistics on the unemployment rates in Edmonton, Cantelon said that the 12% rate in Edmonton is a much larger problem for Natives in the city. He added that the unemployment rates on reserves at times reach a 90 per cent level. Cantelon also added that when the unemployment rate in the community or province increases it only excentuates the problem for Natives and it tends to push the Native employment into the casual labor level, which lacks pertinence and continuity.

Cantelon says that while the unemployment rate of Edmonton is at 12%, the Native unemployment rate is probably around the 30-35% level. He adds that he has no concrete statistics for this figure, but that statistics from Calgary show that Native unemployment in that city are at that level, and he can't guess that the Edmonton Native unemployment rate would be too far ahead or behind a Calgary figure.

Cantelon says that the unemployment among Natives can be attributed to the social and economic conditions of the times. He contends that if university students are having a tough time finding themselves a job after school, then the problem is much greater for the Native people coming in from the isolated communities to join the work force in the city. Particularly so, if

the Native coming into the city lacks a total education.

Cantelon says that statistics show that Natives are generally employed in the service area of the work force, securing jobs as councillors, clerical work, teachers, and all the other social and community help areas. He says that most of the Native kids in university are taking courses which are directly related to these fields.

Cantelon feels that this problem cannot be resolved in the immediate future, but adds that we will probably need to attack the problem with a 10-25 year program in which Natives will find their place in society, and yet maintain their culture.

He adds that in the long term it means we have to have better upgrading for Natives, and we have to institute some form of career planning, and that we have to start looking at giving the Native people an economic base to work from, in the general society.

Cantelon says that some Native people might have a base to work from, but it is often away from their homes and reserves, because there aren't a lot of reserves that have an economic base for employment.

Cantelon says that if we are going to upgrade the educational level, we have to do in areas that would give the person some marketable skills, and those skills are in tune with what society needs. He adds that if we are to better the Native unemployment picture, the non-Native society has to be willing to employ the qualified Natives and let them fit in.

In a final statement Cantelon says, "Peerless Lake is really a reflection of what the non-Native society has not done for the Native people."



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Program offers alternative to street-wise youth

Education

By Rocky Woodward

For approximately two years, an automotive training program operating under the name K and D Associates, and located at the Vega Hotel in Edmonton has been offering street-wise youth, young offenders and youth involved with alcohol and drug abuse the hope of facing life in a more positive manner than what they are accustomed to.

The training program is unique in that it not only offers individuals experience in how to fix cars, but offers them a choice to help themselves, along with support to help them do it.

The 32-week program is funded by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and is designed to assist youth having difficulty entering the labour force.

According to Don Hiron, co-ordinator for the program, they look for alcoholics and "druggies" and guys from jail. "They have a lot of character and ability and they are not deadbeats."

Hiron says that of the 40 youth involved with the program, all of them lacked self esteem at one time. Thus the philosophy of K and D Associates is "your responsibility is to help you to accomplish that."

"These people are worthwhile people and just need to have their spirits lifted up," Hiron says.

Out of the 40 youth involved, 15 are Native. All of them—including non-Natives participate in the Medicine Wheel. Hiron believes it is much better than the, "I'm Okay, You're Okay," philosophy.

"All of them look at the world the Native way, and after three weeks, they see that all they've got is each other. We work on trust. Through the medicine wheel, they learn to work together and talk to each other," Hiron says.

The youth Hiron works with could be called "troublemakers," with too much free time on their hands, much of it created by the lack of jobs in the work force.

Many of them have come from foster homes, broken homes and detention centres...all of them learned to survive on the streets through their wits and because of bitterness, mainly due to rejection, have gone through suicide attempts, drugs and alcohol problems and encounters with the law.

It is all a part of being street-wise, and Hiron knows this.

"I can guarantee that

none of them steal...now!" Hiron comments, while giving an example for his belief in them.

"Recently, one of the guys came in and said "look at these sun glasses." I asked him why they were so special and he said they were the very first pair he ever paid for. It just goes to prove you don't have to steal when you believe in yourself."

Many Edmonton businesses view the program as positive and have gone so far as to hire individuals, while offering them the opportunity for on-the-job training upon completion of the automotive program.

"It is unique. One of the guys has just been hired by the Don Wheaton dealership. It's after work that they get into trouble," Hiron laughingly admits.

To work with troublesome youth, one would think you would need a sense of humor and it is very probable that you do. In a big sense this unique program saves lives.

Hiron would probably not admit this, and because of over 20 years of experience working in situations such as this, would come up with a less dramatic answer. Still the presence of saving lives, or rather supporting youth to ultimately stand on their own by offering them responsibility, is in the rooms of the Vega Hotel that also offers hope and security for these youth.

The day this reporter visited Hiron and his "street-wise" staff, a young Native boy was sleeping on a couch in a hotel room used for an office.

The night before my interview with Hiron, this same Native youth had phoned and awoken him.

"He was drunk and scared. When I picked him up, there was nothing in this house but a small television set, a couch and a million beer cans." I told him that there was no way he would ever be coming back there."

Hiron will be taking him home with him for a month.

"We have to show these youth that somebody cares. Some of the Native boys believe they are useless," comments Hiron.

"It's just not true. They have been tossed around from foster home to foster home, put into schools and classed as having learning disabilities, which they never had. They have self esteem problems."

This is one reason why Hiron has incorporated Native organization support into his program.

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a part as does the Poundmaker/Nechi Centre and the Canadian Native Friendship Centre.

The youth have experienced sweats with Native architect Doug Cardinal that "blows their minds," said Hiron.

The program is working. Offering positive skills without, according to Hiron, destroying their rebellious spirits "because that is what is going to hold the world together. If these kids didn't turn around I wouldn't have good statistics. I need them."

Hiron adds that he is a firm believer that the Aboriginal approach will save the world.

"I'd been going down and down and decided to get it together," said trainee Mike Villebrun, originally from Fort Smith on the Northwest Territories/Alberta border.

Villebrun recalls his earlier days being sent from foster home to foster home and eventually to a detention centre where at 16 years of age he was told to leave, "you're on your own."

Small wonder Villebrun feels his aggressive nature stems from rejection.

He does not know who or where his father is. He

finally met his mother who told him the reason she gave him up was because of an alcohol program she was facing.

Since then, Mike has forgiven his mother, who has been sober for 15 years...how sad he could not comprehend to forgive himself.

Villebrun lived on the streets from Yellowknife to Edmonton to Vancouver. He drank, took drugs and eventually wound up in the "slammer" for impaired driving and narcotics charges.

He was a street fighter like all street-wise kids are. There was no room for feelings, especially when taught rejection was the best policy.

Since Villebrun came into contact with Hiron, he has nothing but good words for his mentor and the program.

"This program has given me a new outlook on life. There was always a lot of doors open but I was too busy drinking. I wanted to quit (give up) many times but Don (Hiron) has helped me through that."

Today Villebrun has a dream. The first is to learn more about his Native roots, and he states that

Hiron was the one who put him in touch with it. Secondly, he wants to become a helicopter pilot. All of it is now in reach.

Just recently, Villebrun was asked to leave Poundmakers, along with another individual for creating a disturbance. He had completed 29 days.

He made the best of his stay at Poundmakers and remembers an incident where a fellow client helped him to where he eventually got up to talk in front of others.

"Mike is a tough, hostile Indian and when I asked him what he had learned at Poundmakers, he said he

learned to cry. These kids know it's a difficult change, but the rewards are great," said Hiron.

Hiron and his staff teach the youth how to cope with supervisors, and basically how to hold down a good job.

The youth also participate in other functions related to the program. Kung Fu classes, guitar and singing lessons, everything from driver education classes to vocational upgrading.

Edmonton psychologist Dr. James Battle, asked by Hiron to measure participants' self worth earlier in the program and then three months later, describe the K and D program as having a very positive influence on the trainees.

He went on to say that the program is needed badly and that many young people do not get a chance to develop their potential, but at K and D they are given a second, third and even fourth chance to succeed.

"They are worthwhile. You know, you see these guys pick up a baby and you can see the love in their eyes."

"I was told by a Cheyenne person from North Dakota that if you showed no compassion, you were not allowed to become a warrior. He said if I had learned anything from him he hoped it was that you don't give up on anybody. It's a difficult charge, but the rewards are great," finished Hiron.

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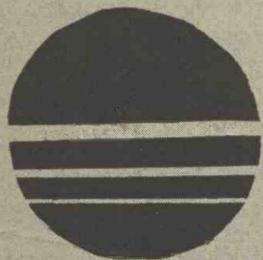
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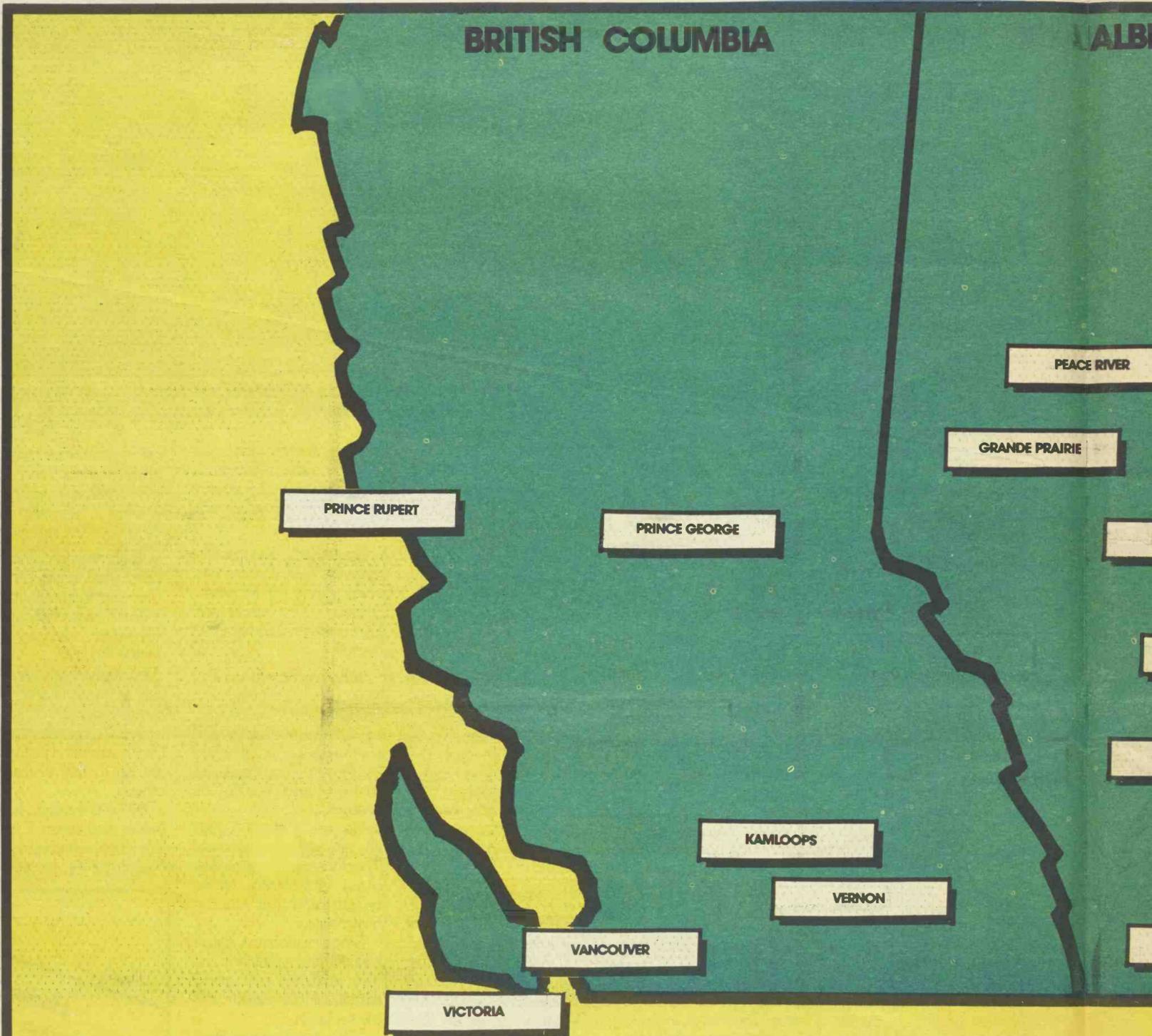


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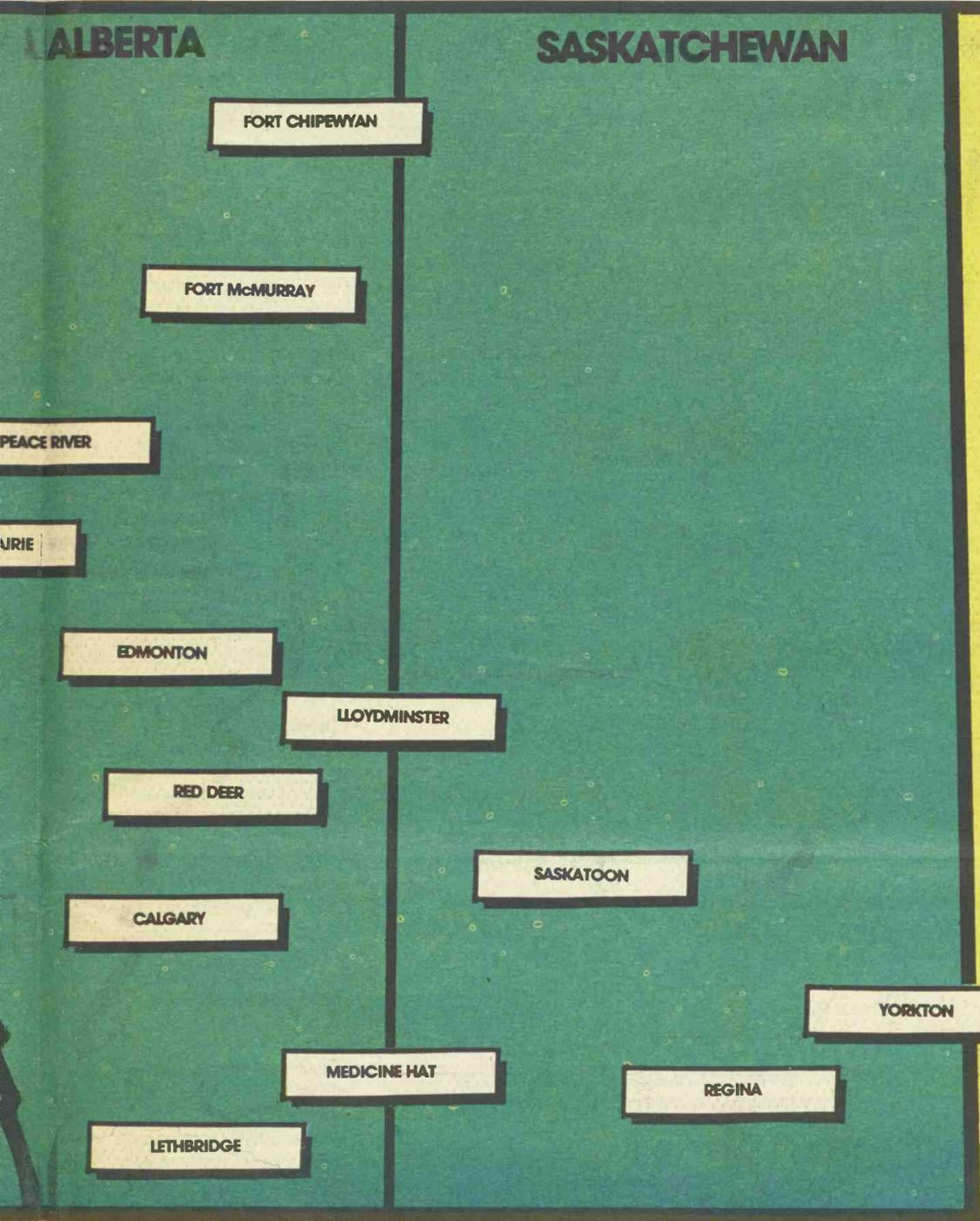
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BANAC promoting Native arts, crafts at Expo

By Terry Lusty

With the commencement of Expo '86 in Vancouver just around the corner, BANAC (Business Assistance to Native Albertans Corporation) is getting into high gear to fulfill a vital component there in the field of Native arts and crafts.

Mavis Liddell, the arts and crafts business advisor for BANAC, expresses enthusiasm regarding its up-coming role at Expo. For Liddell and for some select Native artisans, it is an opportunity to promote, market, and advance the works of Alberta Natives.

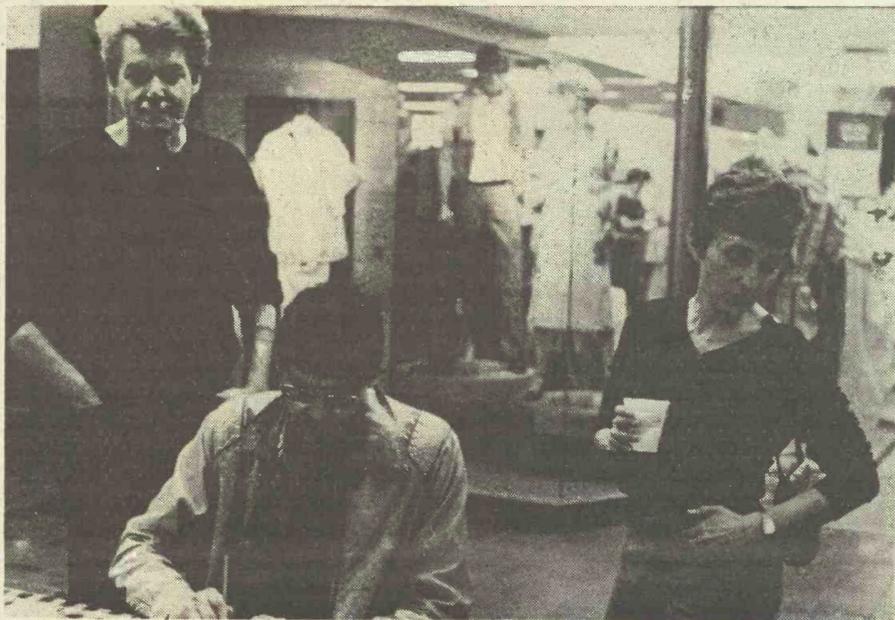
Because Expo exhibitors must share 50 per cent of their profits with Expo, Liddell negotiated and managed to obtain retail space through their free enterprise show "at a really good (flat) rate," rather than having to pay a large percentage of the profits. One reason for this, says Liddell, is because "I said I would bring out a group of Alberta artists and that is what they want; they don't have one."

Expo's interest in Alberta artists was sparked as a direct result of the quality products of Cree-Ations, a rug factory from the Kehewin Reserve which enters a juried crafts show twice a year in Vancouver. Cree-Ations was invited on the basis of its quality work and was asked if they could find other craftsmen to participate at Expo. This was when BANAC entered the picture.

Expo, says Liddell, "would like people to be there, not just sitting behind their tables; they want them working because it makes the show more original." And that's where the artists come in.

Accordingly, Liddell plans to market three different forms of Native art at Expo from May 28 until June 2. The products of Cree-Ations is one of them. Another is that of caribou tufting by Kainai Crafts of

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the Blood Indian Reserve, which is making such items as book marks, earrings, necklaces, silver spoons, and stick pins. The third line of crafts is the illustrated works of Native artists Ray Baptiste, Morris Cardinal, and Henry Letendre. A full compliment of traditional Native crafts are to also be included.

KAINAI CRAFTS

Kainai Crafts is operated by a group of Blood Indian women who work at their own pace, Liddell says.

They are paid for piece work and some of the ladies are "making good money. The commitment of these women is just amazing; they work hard and they don't do it on grants," she says.

Liddell is proud of the products produced. "It is not a piece of something that has been pressed out of a mold; it is a handmade piece of art...not something made in Japan," she boasts. Some articles like the spoons have very good potential, she feels, because they are a "tremendous col-

lector's item."

The commitment of the three artists who BANAC works with has been very gratifying to Liddell. Words like "potential, commitment, quality, talent" are recurring ones as she talks about artists Ray Baptiste, Morris Cardinal, and Henry Letendre. Liddell is impressed with their work and maintains "their potential will carry them."

If there is any one stumbling block in the mind of Liddell, it is the age-old question of funding. "There is no seed capital to get

them into production," she explains. "Under-financing and poor accounting" have always been the major hurdles of Native businesses, she says. The accounting aspect is being taken care of by BANAC, but the area of funding remains problematic. "Any way that the government could help would be good," Liddell says, but they're Metis and financial support for them is more difficult to come by as compared to Status Indians.

RAY BAPTISTE

To her way of thinking, the quality of the artists is beyond question. They are good, and as for Baptiste, "there is a person who's got all the potential in the world," beams Liddell.

Liddell compares Baptiste's style to that of Eddy Cobiness, but she prefers Baptiste's because of its simplicity—"It doesn't have too many dots or colors; it's soft, it's free, it's not cluttered," she explains.

MORRIS CARDINAL

It was through Janet Sinclair, who used to work for Eagle Down Gallery and BANAC, that Liddell first came into contact with Morris Cardinal, who has already established something of a name and reputation for himself. Sinclair once told her, "if there's anyone who can succeed, it's Morris." Liddell took her word for it and hasn't regretted it since. In fact, she has found Morris to be the most stable of four artists whose work she has been promoting.

HENRY LETENDRE

Letendre, another artist, caught Liddell's attention by accident. "I saw Henry's work in your book (Back To Batoche) and wanted it," she says. "Henry's work is exceptional in that it's abstract and people who aren't abstract appreciative like it." In addition, the spiritual and religious equality of much of Letendre's work attracts customers.

PROPER MARKETING

In a bid for success, Liddell is out to aid these artists in any manner possible. One thing she is steering Baptiste and Letendre away from is mass production. She doesn't want them burning themselves out, nor does she want them over-marketing at low prices. Marketing, Liddell claims, can be crucial. "You can't saturate the Edmonton market and expect to make a living. (Now) they realize that the way to make money in art is by limited editions or unlimited editions in stationery or things like that," she says.

Liddell spent 15 years in marketing. She is of the

conviction that limited edition prints and cards will help them achieve wider exposure, not just in Alberta, but abroad. The prints will hopefully retail at about \$100 or \$120 each, and the exposure will put a better price tag on their originals which could eventually sell for 10, 20, and even 100 times the amount they now receive for the same work. The emphasis is on quality rather than quantity. This is where knowledge of marketing is so important, says Liddell. She is endeavoring to get them going "in the right direction" and to then be able to take on some new prospects.

RELATED ISSUES

There are a few other strengths the artists require in order to manage themselves and become self-sufficient, Liddell points out. "Every two weeks we do payables and receivables. I'm going to teach them an accounting system," she says. She also recommends the use of a lawyer for business transactions, especially ones that are very involved.

When questioned about a possible artists colony or a similar structure, Liddell admitted "I would like to see them do that. I've seen tremendous sharing of ideas between the three (artists) I'm working with." Their work, she says, is "totally different; they don't threaten each other and they contribute to each other."

At times like this, when they sit down together and talk art, it simply amazes her to no end. They have so much to offer, not just to one another and to themselves, but of themselves and to the world.

STRIKING OUT

In a few years, they may decide to establish themselves in a business venture of their own. Hopefully if and when the time comes, BANAC will be there to help them if need be. By then they would have a fair idea of what they would need, how to do it, and what it would cost. BANAC will sit down and help them draft a proposal to finance their business through the traditional institutions, Liddell says.

The upshot of all this is for BANAC to do themselves out of business—at least with these artists—so that BANAC's efforts could then be directed to helping new clients, new artists.

"Our commitment, of course, is to get the absolute best for the entrepreneur and help them on their way to being totally independent," Liddell sums up.

Expo '86 just may prove the turning point for the three artists, for Cree-Ations and for Kainai Crafts.

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Citizenship court at CNFC is historic first

By Terry Lusty

For the first time in the history of any Native friendship centre, the Canadian Native Friendship Centre (CNFC) in Edmonton hosted the induction of new Canadian citizens -- 21 of them to be exact.

Although citizenship courts are generally conducted in the offices of the Secretary of State (SOS) where they are located, or in a few schools, "we felt it was the most sensible and appropriate thing" to hold it at a centre because the Native people are "the first citizens" of the country, said Marilyn Wilson, the manager for Citizen Registration.

Wilson was most impressed with the outcome of the ceremony and the response from the new citizens. "It's the first time that a friendship centre has been used anywhere in Canada," she said, and it has had spin-offs already. "As a result," she continued, "the centre in Grande Prairie is going to do the same thing in May."

Special dignitaries attending and participating in the ceremony included Mayor Laurence Decore, SOS area director Denis Lorieau, CNFC President Vic L'Hirondelle, and Elder



COURT JUDGE
...presides ceremony

Norbert Jebeaux. Officiating was citizenship Court Judge Margaret Osbaldeston.

Decore and Lorieau extended greetings and a warm welcome to the new Canadians, making special mention of the freedom and democracy so prevalent in Canada.

Elder Norbert Jebeaux, who has been practising the pipe now for the past 18 years, conducted a pipe and sweetgrass ceremony. In his prayer, he made reference to "freedom and everything that the Creator has provided for us" as well as "the right to practise our cultures."

Following the swearing-in ceremony, the new citizens and guests were treated to a performance of traditional Indian dances performed by the White Braid Society, which has

been doing a lot of touring of late. At one point, the dancers went among the new citizens to have them participate in a welcome dance.

Of those who took the oath of citizenship, some had been Canadian residents for as little as the three-year minimum requirement while others, like Susan Schurek, have been in Canada for as much as 20 years.

Originally from England, Schurek has lived in Edmonton for seven years and claimed she "doesn't feel any different" but admitted "it might when I go to vote." She specifically took out citizenship "to be able to vote." This was the first time that Schurek had the opportunity to view Indian dancing and she described it as "fascinating."

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Ragousis moved to Canada from Greece four years ago. "We're very proud to become Canadians," said Mr. Ragousis. As for his home country, he maintained "we can visit it anytime."

Yet another new citizen was Iranian Bahereh Sistani, who has lived in Sherwood Park for seven years. She remarked on how nice it was to have an Elder speak to them.

"You feel like now you

Culture



DECORE, JEBAUX, L'HIRONDELLE AND LORIEAU
...among special dignitaries participating in ceremonies

belong somewhere," Sistani informed "Windspeaker." She also said she felt "privileged."

In 1980, Jose Isidoro moved to Canada from Portugal via France where he'd lived for 15 years. He likes the way "the government works with the youth." He said "they're interested in the youth."

Isidoro also expressed enthusiasm for the educational system. "The inter-

relationship between students and teachers is closer and very different than in Europe," he confessed. How does Isidoro feel about being a citizen? "It is just like being born again, a new life" he commented.

Citizenship manager Wilson was extremely delighted with the feedback from the citizens, of whom she said "it will be a lasting experience in their memory; they felt so welcome," and

she credits the friendship centre for that.

Wilson also praised "Windspeaker" for making an appearance. She criticized the regular daily media which, she said, "isn't giving the ceremony the coverage it deserves; they just don't take the time." She fully hopes that the centre will invite them back sometime in the future, perhaps next year.

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Junior Wardens receive donation from war vets

By Rocky Woodward

The Junior Forest Wardens under Instructor Dwayne Desjarlais, were surprised when the president of the Native Veterans Society, Vic L'Hirondelle, presented them with a \$100 cheque during one of their regular meetings at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, April 21.

Although L'Hirondelle

wished that the cheque could have been more, he hoped the amount would be put to good use and was assured by Desjarlais that it would be.

L'Hirondelle further mentioned that he was aware of Desjarlais' support to a worthwhile cause, that of the Junior Forest Wardens and the involvement of Native youth.

A nice gesture on Desjar-

lais' part was when he mentioned to his wardens that L'Hirondelle was a war veteran and president of the CNFC.

One little boy asked L'Hirondelle if it was scary during the war.

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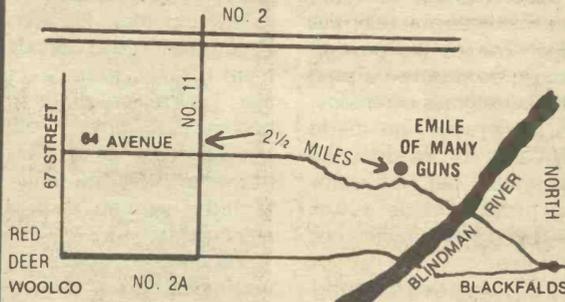
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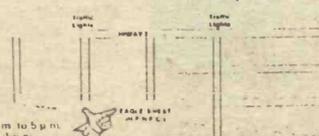


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Lusty at Fishing Lake

By Diane Parenteau

FISHING LAKE — This past week, students, teachers and interested parents were treated to a history lesson of a different kind.

Terry Lusty was at the J.F. Dion School speaking

on Metis people and their past.

Entitled "Concept of Identity," the presentation touched on many aspects of Metis history. Lusty played guitar and sang a few personally-written songs about Louis Riel, Gabe Dumont and Batoche.

The slide presentation that followed showed many historic sites and events as well as current pictures.

The afternoon was entertaining and informative. If only all lessons were as much fun.



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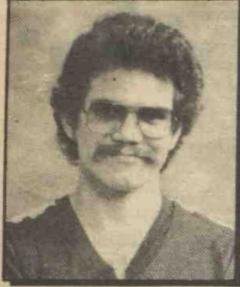
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Sports Roundup

By Ivan Morin

Hi there! I've had a pretty quick week here, so the column won't be all that long.

I think we've finally got on to spring weather, so we can all relax and figure exactly what baseball position we're going to play, and what team might want us.

I've been trying to sell Bert (our boss) on the fact that I think I'm a good shortstop. Like I'm short and I can stop the ball every now and again.

Hey, what about that Oiler - Flames series? What a match-up that's been. And everybody expected the Oilers just to run over the Flames. There hasn't been near as much fighting as everyone thought there'd be, either. For a minute there in the second game the Flames had the Oilers on the ropes, as they were leading 4-2 going into the third period, then the Oilers being their smooth selves came back not only to tie the game, but to beat the Flames in overtime.

I was out at the hockey awards sponsored by the Paul Band over the weekend, and I had a pretty good time, not to mention a good meal. Thanks to Alex Belcourt and the Paul Band.

Well I should get on with the community sports.

Gift Lake — Leonard Flett phoned me last week to tell me that he and the CVC hockey team were going to Wabasca-Desmarais to play in a CVC tournament there. Then he phoned me back on Monday with the results. (I need more people like this.) Gift Lake came in second behind a team from Calling Lake. The Wabasca-Desmarais Team 2 came in third.

Leonard says they also had a banquet for the tournament participants. The students of the Gift Lake CVC would like to thank their coach, Dave Cox, for all he's done for them.

Ball will be starting up in Gift Lake soon. Leonard says he's getting up there in age, but he also tells me that you're never too old to play ball. He says that

Gift Lake will have two teams that will join a league up there, the Sabres and the Sluggers. Leonard says that Gift Lake is a real ball town and that every year they have about 10 ball teams and lots of players to choose from. Gift Lake will be hosting the CVC ball tournament on June 7 and 8 this year. There will also be a beefest and dance. Sounds like something good. Oh, yeah, if some of you don't know Leonard Flett was the winner of Rocky Woodward's Dropping In contribution award at AMMSA's annual dinner in December of 1985.

Billings, Montana, USA — They held the National Indian Basketball Championships in Billings last week, and five Alberta teams went down there to defend our basketball honor. Although we didn't win anything, we did manage to do something in the men's division that had never been done before, which is place in the top eight.

No Canadian team has ever been recognized in the National Indian Championships. They only recognize the top eight teams at the tournament. Eighth isn't bad in a 32-team field, which is how many men's teams there were competing in the tournament.

The final standings in the men's went like this: the four-time winning North Dakota team made itself a five-time winner, as they beat the Rockyboy Crowhaws with only three seconds on the clock. The rest looked like this: Chico, California; Oklahoma; Oregon Travellers; Rockyboy Rockets; Cluny, Alberta.

On the ladies side of things, 21 teams were vying for the right to become national champions, and two teams from Oklahoma took home the 1 and 2 spots. The Tulsa Royals defeated the Oklahoma Reds for the championship. The rest of the field looked like this: Rose Bud, S.D.; Warm Springs, Oregon; Lame Deer, (defending champions), Pine Ridge, S.D., and Alaska.

Glenda Cardinal of the Sarcee team made the ladies all-star team, which made her the only Canadian to make either the men's or the ladies all-star teams.

John Fletcher and Willie Littlechild were in Billings for a meeting with the Native Indian Activities Association of which Willie is the vice-president, and John is the sergeant-at-arms. At that meeting it was decided that next year's National Indian Basketball Championships will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Oklahoma City will also host the

National All Indian Softball Tournament to be held this year on September 5, 6, and 7.

Edmonton — I had a chance to talk to the manager of Canadian Heavyweight Champion Ken Lakusta, Gary Stevenson, and he tells me that he will have Frankie Pruden, the Edmonton featherweight who is coached and managed by the Friendship Centre's Gordon Russell, on the next card. I still haven't got Frankie tracked down for an interview. We seem to just miss each other all the time, but we promise to get together soon. Right Frankie?

Edmonton Max — Warren just phoned again to remind me about needing some volunteer ball teams or volleyball teams to go out to the Max to play the Brotherhood team. So, if you know of a team that might be willing to go out there, give me a call from wherever you are.

Paul Band — If you read the article I wrote on the Paul Band hockey awards, you'll notice where I mention that all of Walter Rain's family act as volunteers for the recreation programs out there. Well I managed to get a picture of them while I was there and I thought that we'd show it to you, so here it is.

Well that about does it for another week so we'll catch you next week, and until then, remember to KEEP SMILING. It's raining today but it may not rain tomorrow.



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**Best buckers biggest attraction,
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By Ivan Morin

This is about as close as we may come to the old cowboy rodeo, where the horses come right off the range and into the bucking arena, and it becomes just the horse and the rider.

It's not billed as a rodeo, but a bucking horse sale. The sale, which will take place at the Panee Memorial Agriplex on May 10, will give rodeo contractors and cowboys a first hand look at a new crop of bucking horses.

The sale is held in the regular auction sale style, except that the worth of the horse is determined by the bucking action it shows when ridden. The horses will come from all over and not just rodeo contractors, as some might think.

A number of horse owners will be there hoping that they have the horse that can buck the best. Alec Piche of the Panee Memorial Agriplex says that the bucking horse sale is a large event and attracted some 70 horses last year and he expects the same number of horses, if not more, this year.

Piche also says that the cowboys enjoy the event, too, as they try to ride as many bucking horses as they can. The cowboys must qualify in both the saddle and bare bronc events. A trophy saddle will be awarded to the best cowboy, or the cowboy who rides the most horses.

A buckle will also be given to the best bucking horse's owner.

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Team plays 8 hours to win tourney

By Albert Burger

HIGH PRAIRIE — The local Buchanan Lumber hockey team did the improbable by winning the Metis rec hockey tournament on Easter weekend. Improbable, because the thirteen players were not out of uniform for eight hours straight.

The lumbermen took the tourney Sunday at midnight at High Prairie's Sports Palace by defeating High Prairie Thunderbirds in a shootout after playing to a 6-6 tie in the final game. Coming out of the B-pool, Buchanan Lumber had to beat the Thunderbirds twice in a row to take the title -- taking the first contest by a score of 4-2.

T-birds advanced to the finals by winning over Loon Lake Jets on Friday, Grouard Capitals on Saturday, and Peavine Flyers early Sunday afternoon.

Buchanan Lumber, meanwhile, made it the hard way. On Friday they beat Tall Cree Toros, then dropped a close one to Slave Lake Turbo Jets. Knocked to the B-side, they defeated Grouard on Saturday. On Sunday, the lumbermen continued their

winning ways by overcoming Gift Lake Islanders and Peavine Flyers, in the first two games of what was to become a four-game back-to-back marathon for them.

In the first game between the T-birds and Buchanan, some early penalties by the birds helped the tired lumbermen keep the opening period scoreless, and early in the second Dave Barodi potted a powerplay goal to give Buchanan the lead. Bobby Callahoos unassisted score for the T-birds tied the score just a few minutes later, but in the final seconds of the middle frame, Ron Lariviere scored on the powerplay to restore the lumbermen's lead.

In the third period, Buchanan took two early penalties but the T-birds were unable to sustain much in the way of pressure though best goalie Ron Chalifoux had to make several good stops. Buchanan went ahead 3-1 on Mike Basarab's goal in the 15th minute, but T-bird Vern Gauthier scored one minute later to cut the lead to one. Seconds after, Gerald Cunningham put the puck into the T-bird net for a final score of 4-2.

The rec hockey tourna-



HIGH PRAIRIE'S BUCHANAN LUMBER HOCKEY TEAM
...stamina pays off

ment (no body contact) was organized by High Prairie Metis local #159. President Harry Laboucan was at the rink til 2 a.m. Friday and back the next morning at 7:30.

But that's part of the job, said Laboucan: "Everybody is having fun -- well, except the ones that lose out."

The modified double-knockout tournament had 14 teams. Laboucan said he had to turn six or eight teams away.

With the Thunderbirds and Buchanan Lumber set

to return to the ice for their second contest, there was some speculation in the stands on the chances of either team. With Buchanan Lumber having been on the ice for three games already that day, and Harry Laboucan coaching the birds, a pithy comment overheard was: "It's Harry's tournament, and he usually wins them."

It seemed prophetic when T-bird Terry Gauthier scored first to put his team ahead for the first time, but the game continued with surprising speed considering

the number of hours on the ice by the teams, and in the tenth minute of the opening period Buchanan tied the score on Lee Hophner's first of four goals.

Shortly into the second period, Hophner scored again on a nice feed from Lyle Field with a two-on-one break. T-bird Lyle Gauthier tied the game briefly, but Vern Cunningham gave Buchanan the lead back shortly and the score was 3-2 at the end of two.

In the final period, Thunderbird Bobby Callahoo tied the score at two in the second minute, and two minutes later Calvin Gauthier scored from a scramble in front of Buchanan's net to make it

4-3. Lee Hophner tied the score on a powerplay in the eighth minute. Several minutes of sustained pressure by the birds resulted in a Peter Stattler goal in the eleventh minute, but five minutes later Lloyd Cunningham scored on a rebound off a Gerald Cunningham shot to tie the game at five.

In the 18th minute, Kelly Schram put the T-birds in front again and it seemed as if the lumbermen might finally succumb. But after a time-out, and with the goalie pulled, Lee Hophner scored with only 36 seconds remaining.

This set up the shootout during which Buchanan managed to outscore the Thunderbirds for the tournament title.

Best left-wing was Ron Lariviere of Buchanan; right wing, Terry Cunningham of the Peavine Flyers; left defense, Rondy Gauthier of the Thunderbirds; right defense, Bobby Callahoo of the T-birds; center, Kelly Schram of the T-birds; high scorer was Terry Cunningham of the Flyers; most valuable player Dave Barodi of Buchanan, while Buchanan coach Don Carter carried off the coaching award.

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Paul Band honors hockey involvement

By Ivan Morin

The Paul Band honored their hockey players, coaches and volunteers over the weekend by holding an awards banquet at the Spruce Inn in Spruce Grove.

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and other awards.

The Band also recognized their volunteers by giving them silver trays.

Alex Belcourt, recreation director of the Paul Band, says that the banquet was a success, and that all those who received awards were well deserving of them.

He said overall that the hockey program on the Paul Band was a success,

and that the banquet was a special time to honor the young athletes and their accomplishments.

The handing out of trophies began with the little guys, as all the Atom hockey players were given team trophies, for having such a good season. The Atoms team battled all season for first place with Wabamun and Evansburg after missing the playoffs last year. In playoff action this year the Atoms beat Enoch in the quarter finals and lost to Wabamun in the semi-finals. This was the first year the Paul Band Atoms were entered into Alberta Amateur Hockey Association play, and coaches Tony Giselbrecht and Jim Bellhouse felt they did very well. The Atoms also attended a few tournaments as they did well in tournament play, twice winning the "B" side of tournaments.

Paul Band's Peewee didn't fair as well as the Atom's did, though, as they had what is described as a tough year. A shortage of players, among other reasons, was cited for the poor showing of the Peewees, although not all was lost during the season as the Peewees had a good showing in the provincials, losing two close games to Devon. Supporters of the Peewees say they played very well at

the tournament and fulfilled their commitment to be competitive. Charlie Adams was the highlight of the tournament, as well as one of the forces to keep the team going through the year.

The defending league champion Paul Band Warrior Bantams, found it tough to defend their title, but still managed to come up with a second place finish, losing in the final to Evansburg. The Warriors needed to win four of their last five games to make it to the playoffs, and they overcame adversity again to the credit of their coaches, Reg Henkel and Gary Schiedeman, and their manager, Marvin Bearhead. The league was much stronger this year with new teams entering the league. The Warriors also had a good showing at the Provincials where they finished second, losing two close games to Lineria.

Four members of the Warriors joined a team

from Hobbema to go to Coquitlam, B.C. to play in a tournament there. Recognized for this were Jason Saulteaux, Kim Schiedeman, Tony Cross and Todd Henkel.

The senior hockey program took a new approach this past year by forming two teams via a player draft. They also had two new coaches in Walter Rain and Irvin Adams, who did a good job. Both the Chiefs and the Junior Eagles played in newly formed leagues, and both did well in league play.

The Chiefs lost to Howard's Hot Shots 2 games to 1 in the semi-final of their league. While the Junior Eagles were in a much more competitive league, they seemed to struggle early in the year but they bounced back and improved as the year went on. John Paul of the Junior Eagles led the league in assists with 54, and finished third in the league scoring race with 72 points in only 27 games.

The Junior Eagles made a trip to Saddle Lake for a tournament and returned home with a second place showing. The Juniors had four senior players helping them this year, Billy Adams, Steve Shuchuk, Kurt Rain and Wayne Checkosis. The league is revising it's rules so that no senior players will be allowed to play next year.

The award winners this year included Adrian Bull and Billy Adams, winners of the minor and senior Athlete of the Year awards.

A new memorial trophy was awarded this year in memory of Francis Rain, a former recreation director of the Paul Band, known as a sports inovator. The first winner of the Francis Rain Memorial Award was Walter Rain, a ten-year volunteer with the hockey program. Walter and his whole family have been volunteer workers for the Band this year.

The banquet ended with a cocktail hour and dinner.



BILLY ADAMS

...Senior Hockey Athlete of the Year recipient

Sports

Small size not an obstacle for goal scoring champion

By Ivan Morin

He's only 11 years old, and the third smallest player on the Paul Band Falcons Atom team, but he's scored more goals than Wayne Gretzky has this year.

Adrian Bull, a Grade 7 student at the Stony Plain Elementary School, was named the minor hockey Athlete of the Year for the Paul Band.

Bull, a centre for his team, although he's at times required to play defense, has been skating since he was four years old and playing hockey since he was five.

Bull says he likes playing centre more than defense because he likes to chase the puck and he has more opportunity to do that at centre than defense. Asked how he got to his hockey games, he says he sometimes walks to them, or his coaches will drive him, and if he can't get there one of these ways, he has a Mrs. Martin drive him there.

His coaches, Tony Giselbrecht and Jim Bellhouse, say that Adrian is a hard worker on the ice. They also say that he is a real team player, which is a lot of credit to a youngster



ADRIAN BULL

...some see NHLer

wait until Bull is older. One thinks that Bull may be an NHLer some day.

Another young man who has been playing hockey since he's been just a tot is Billy Adams, who plays left wing for the Paul Band Chiefs and has been playing hockey since he was four years old, was awarded the senior hockey Athlete of the Year Award for the Paul Band.

Adams, who says he had a good season, didn't expect the award because he says that there are a lot of good hockey players on the Paul Band. He is happy that he received the award. Adams was also named the MVP for the Paul Band Chiefs.

The 25-year-old unemployed labourer says he has a few years left in him. He reasons that he isn't any older than Wayne Gretzky, and he's still playing good hockey and there is no reason that he can't play as good as he has in the past for a few more years. Adams thinks that his consistency may have got him the Athlete of the Year award, and that may be what made him stand out above the other players.

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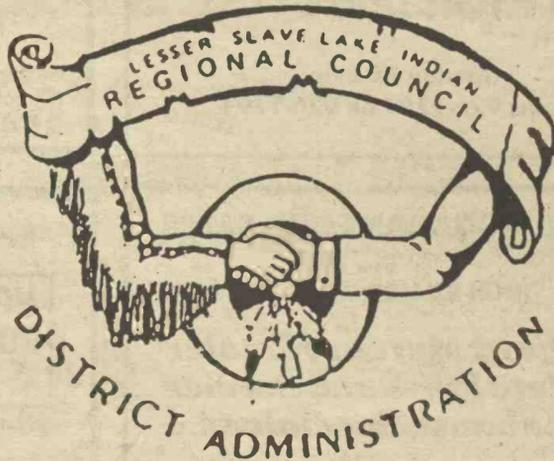
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Local initiative said key to economic power

By Gary Elaschuk

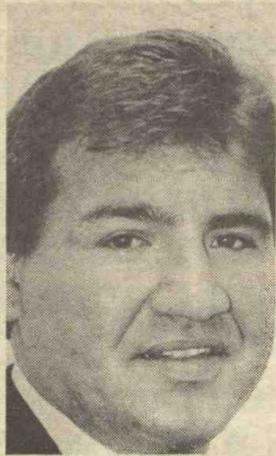
LAC LA BICHE — The key to social and economic development in Native communities in Northeastern Alberta is local initiative, says Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) Vice-President (Zone I) Richard (Sonny) Bourque.

Speaking at a social and economic development seminar held April 5 and 6 in Lac La Biche, Bourque told Native community leaders from throughout the zone that their ideas, and their work, is the key to the economic future of the people they represent.

The weekend seminar was a follow-up to a seminar held in Lac La Biche in January, and Bourque used results from that seminar to stress the importance of local participation in economic development.

"There were only two concrete proposals brought forward" at the January seminar, Bourque said. "Both will come to realization within a short time."

But Bourque's request for "specific ideas" for development at any of the dozen Native communities



SONNY BOURQUE
...economic ideas

represented at the seminar was met with some hesitation. An Elinor Lake resident stated that his community "tends to get leery of letting too much of an idea out of the bag." He stated that Elinor Lake has "come up with ideas in the past, and they've been stolen."

The panel of resource people at the seminar did not think there was much danger of ideas for economic development being stolen if they were discussed in a public setting. "The best way to take

Community

advantage of a good idea is to take it and do something with it," said management consultant Ron Hikel. "The process to putting the idea into action is the key step," he said, and suggested that if you sit on an idea long enough, someone else will come up with the same idea, put it into action, and it look like it was "stolen."

"Local efforts, initiative, and action are the key to making things happen," said Hikel.

Three major areas offering economic development opportunities for Native communities were identified at the seminar: Tourism, oil, and forestry.

Bourque identified forestry as the most immediately promising area. "The money's there," he said. "The opportunities are there. But no one is taking advantage of it."

An Elinor Lake resident responded that Native communities are not taking advantage of opportunities

in that area "because we've all been stung by forestry. We fight the fires to save the timber," he said, "but when it comes to scarification or timber permits, the buddy buddy system takes over."

Bourque denied that the so-called "buddy buddy system" was a barrier to Native people taking advantage of economic opportunities in the forestry industry. And even if it was, he said, "there are ways around every problem—and that doesn't include brown nosing."

Several Native communities in Zone I see great potential in development of tourist facilities. Representatives from Fort Chipewyan said that the Native community there is constructing a fishing lodge. But they were concerned about "having better control over how much fish is going out" through sports fishing. If action is not taken, they said, "30 or 40

years down the road all the lakes are going to be fished out."

Conklin representatives also saw tourism as a key to their future, particularly when the Conklin road opens up lakes to Fort McMurray tourists.

The major social concern to surface at the seminar was education. Conklin residents voiced a need to have Grade 9 schooling in their community, rather than having to send their children out of the area at an early age. The Janvier representatives stated that children are "leaving from Janvier to Fort McMurray as early as twelve years old."

The representative from Fort Chipewyan noted that children moving from isolated communities to further their education in larger centers often encounter difficulties adjusting to a new lifestyle and wind up dropping out of school. A possible solution, he suggested, would be centralizing high school education for Natives from isolated areas in a place like Fort Chipewyan. "We have a brand new seven million dollar school there," he

said. "Why not put it to use."

Students would still encounter difficulties with leaving home at an early age, but Fort Chipewyan "is a lot more like home than Fort McMurray" for young people from isolated communities.

Bourque ended the Saturday session by re-emphasizing the need for local initiative. "Most programs (for economic development) have resource people who will come into the community," he said. "But you have to show the initiative."

Marshall Howse, a member of the Metis Association's board of directors, agreed that the lack of local initiative is a problem. But he noted, the idea of "local initiative is a new one. In the past most programs were developed from the top and dumped into the local communities. Howse is confident the new concept of communities developing their own projects with assistance from the top will work, but it will take some time for people to adjust to the new order and start coming up with ideas and plans of action.

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School encounters difficulty fitting in new program

By Diane Parenteau

FISHING LAKE — "If you bang hard enough, you can fit a square peg into a round hole."

This is how one teacher described the situation when the principal and staff at J.F. Dion School tried to fit the newly-introduced junior high school program into their present timetable. The program set up by Alberta Education outlines a minimum number of instructional hours for each core subject such as Math and English, as well as the complimentary subjects such as industrial arts and home ec at the junior high level.

In a school the size of J.F. Dion that has Grades 1 thru 7, it is necessary to put some grades together. In one case, the elementary Grade 6s are combined with the junior high Grade 7s. Trying to offer both the new program and the existing elementary program in one classroom proved difficult. The result was confusing and not very beneficial for students involved.

The school also lacks adequate facilities to provide the junior high students with some subject opportunities outlined in the program.

At this time it was suggested that Grade 7s might be better off if they were bussed to Heinsburg

School along with the other junior and senior high grades.

The immediate confused reaction to this suggestion, from the parents, prompted a community meeting aimed at clearing the air of any misconception and arriving at an eventual decision.

Frank Blonke, superintendent of Northland School Division, and Lavern Wilson, principal of Heinsburg School, attended the meeting held April 15.

It was the concern of some parents that bussing more students out of the community would mean eventually closing down the school altogether. Blonke reminded parents of the construction of the school starting later this spring.

"If we're going ahead with this project, there has to be a commitment from the community that you want this school," said Blonke. "The decision to close down the school would not come from Northland School Board, but from the community."

How beneficial will it be for the Grade 7s to travel the 45-minute to one-hour bus trip and attend school in Heinsburg?

Wilson spoke on the program at Heinsburg and invited all parents to visit the school and see for themselves what is offered. He noted the more than minimum instructional

hours for core subjects and the special education classes. There is a new lab for industrial arts and with the addition to the school next year, there will be a new lab for home economics as well.

Heinsburg School houses a community library and operates an extensive sports program. The condensed school day begins at 8:55 with half an hour for lunch. The 3:00 p.m. dismissal time allows students from outlying communities to arrive home at a decent hour.

One parent was pleased with the idea of his children associating with other children from a different community such as Heinsburg. Another felt her child would benefit from starting junior high in Heinsburg right from the Grade 7 level instead of making the transition in Grade 8.

When all of the grey areas had been colored in and comments voiced, it was decided not to decide, that is until more input was received from parents of the community.

A questionnaire was suggested with another meeting to be held in the very near future. Although the fate of junior high in Fishing Lake is still up in the air, a decision will have to be made before the start of the new school year in September.

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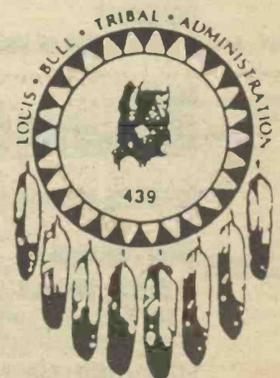
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Catholic Church attitude to Natives changing

By Gunnar Lindabury

The attitude of the Catholic church towards Natives is changing, says Father Paul Hernou, the "Bear" of Trout Lake, a village some 50 km south of Peerless Lake. Hernou has been in the northern Alberta community for twenty years now and has a lot to say about approaching Native people and asking their own Elders for answers to their problems.

Yet, he doesn't think he is the first Catholic father to accept Native ceremony and ritual as an important part of Native religion. He recalls being invited to an Easter dinner in Calling Lake and talking to one of the Elders there. The Elder spoke of a dance of the ancestors, a Wihkuhtowin that he had gone to as a 12 year old.

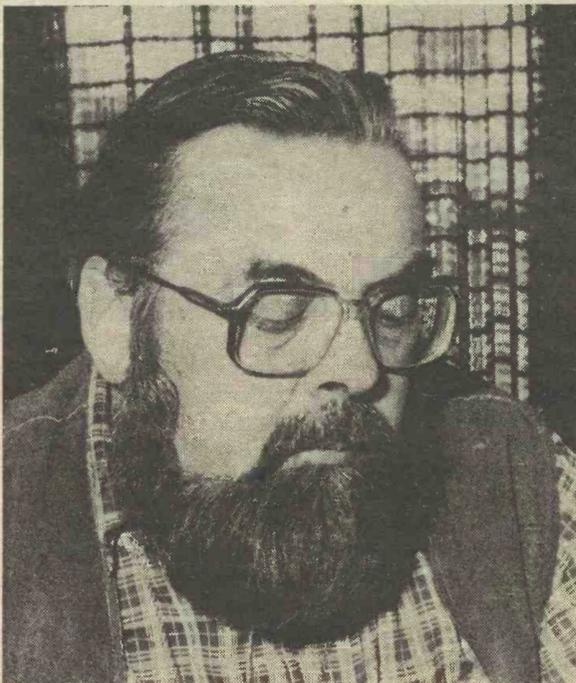
"He told me that Bishop Grouard, when he was old, attended a Wihkuhtowin like that," says Hernou. "In fact, the Elder that was the leader of the dance asked Bishop Grouard to do the burnt (food) offering.

"During the leading

dance, Bishop Grouard was dancing around the fire succeeded by the old man, and the old chief was dancing too. This news was something that I never heard before because I was told that Bishop Grouard didn't go for those things. That was at least 70 years ago."

Hernou himself arrived in Canada in the mid 1960s from Belgium. He is Flemish, a minority in the French-dominated western European country. Since arriving in Alberta, he has learned English, French and Cree, and performs mass fluently in any one of the three languages. Yet, when he does mass for himself, he uses his native Flemish. Like his grandmother, he is fiercely proud of his heritage.

"My grandmother told me never to throw my language away. It's a gift from God," says Hernou. It is the same way for the Native Elders. Perhaps this is why Hernou was able so easily to identify with and learn about Native culture and religion. He feels that every-



FATHER PAUL HERNOU
...respect for the elders

thing he is, the way he thinks and feels is because of the Elders; not because of the way he was, or what he was taught before.

"Whatever I am teaching (the Native youths), it comes from their teachers," he insists.

"The way I see it, for a situation up north, for any problem that the government wants to help—child protection, welfare, education, etcetera, they have to go to the Elders and it will take time for the Elders to open up because they have been ignored for so long.

"One problem with this is that they need an interpreter. This can be bothersome for the government.

"Another thing about the teaching of the Elders. You don't just go in and ask the Elder questions. You go in and ask the Elder if he has time to think on such and such a subject. He will think for two weeks and then you will go back."

In Trout Lake, for instance, Hernou once asked an Elder why Natives did so much more drinking now than in the past. The Elder thought on it a long time before he came back with an answer.

"If you want to know the

Community

difference between now and 100 years ago, you have to take a walk back in the past," said the Elder. Before the white man came, there was no drinking. Then when alcohol was brought, people drank rarely, when they got together for Christmas. After a while, they would drink when they got together in the spring to sell their furs. People drank when the treaty was signed, and then began to drink every time they got together in groups.

When the trapping became eliminated, people would gather in groups and began to get welfare cheques. Their children were put in schools, sometimes near their communities, and the Native lifestyle changed from nomadic to low grade grouped housing around a store or church. With welfare money and time on their hands, people drank.

Approaching Native Elders takes more than time and patience, explains Hernou. Before you ask any one of them a question, you must learn who all the Elders in a community are and be ready to talk to all of them. Then, before you say anything about your question, you must let them know you want to ask.

Hernou reaches for his package of cigarettes, removes one, takes it between his lips and lights it. Then he takes it out and offers it. This, he explains, is how you begin to ask a question. If the Elder takes the cigarette, he is ready to listen to you. If he does not,

then he does not want to answer, or he believes you have the answer in yourself.

Sometimes Hernou's approach has confused the Elders; they ask him if he knows what he is doing. Yet, he feels his sensitivity to Native culture has made it easier for Natives to accept him. He was asked to speak at the graduation of a local school, but turned to one of the Elders for guidance in this.

Hernou felt then, and feels now, that the Native's problems began when people—young Natives and whites—stopped listening to the Elders. Because of this, he thought an Elder, and a grandfather to some of the graduating children, should be the one to talk to them. The Elder did not agree, but the children were astonished; "wow, our priest thinks our Elder is better qualified to talk than he is," they said.

Hernou keeps this attitude about the Native people when it comes to his religion. He is accustomed to leading mass in Cree, pausing only for a few words in English if there are whites in the church. As well, he is pleased to see the Natives keep their own ceremonies.

"The person of Christ and his message is brought into their way of praying, into the dance of the Elders, into the burning offer," says Hernou. His own pipe—a Native artifact—has been blessed in a number of ways, including the pope at the Vatican and one of the Native Elders in Canada. Slowly, Catholicism and Native religion are blending together in the new traditions.

This blending, similar to the blending of Christian and Celtic religion which led to the presents, mistletoe and feasting of Christmas, is called inculturation. The Catholic church is beginning to move towards this sort of change in Canada. "Pope John Paul II came in and asked the forgiveness of the church for not understanding the Native people. This is very important.

"The Bishop is starting to get involved. What the church doesn't realize is that inculturation was done already," says Hernou. "When the Dogrib people do the burning offer, it's not the same as 200 years ago. The traditional Elders won't agree with that. The church won't agree with that.

"In Trout Lake, when I say mass, it's completely in Cree from beginning to end. We have sweetgrass in mass; changes like that. If some people feel comfortable with that, that's okay," insists Hernou.



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The Alberta Indian Health Care Commission requires an Office Manager for its Edmonton Office

QUALIFICATIONS

ESSENTIAL

1. Completion of secondary school or the equivalent
2. Knowledge of Alberta Indian communities
3. Experience in working with Alberta Indian communities
4. Formal training in bookkeeping and/or accounting
5. Maturity of judgement, tact, assertiveness, ability to listen and adaptability
6. Experience in office management including general and financial administration
7. Good written communication skills

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Indian contributions lauded by judge

By Terry Lusty

Citizenship Court Judge Margaret Osbaldeston lauded the special contribution of Canada's Indians in her speech to new Canadians at the friendship centre in Edmonton on April 18. She also spoke of the appreciation that new Canadians have for Native values.

"As I talk and listen to our new citizens," said Osbaldeston, "they genuinely appreciate the contribution made by the Native people in the

fundamental attitude towards the preservation and value of our land, our natural resources, and our wildlife.

"We have not yet realized that the Indian and his culture were fundamental to the growth of Canada and our values," she continued. "We must acknowledge that Indian heritage and Indian society have greatness in them, a unique sense of values."

The judge mentioned that "traditional Native teaching has always been that every creature, including people is important. Is that teaching not the very basis

of our Canadian values?" she asked. "The rich diversity of our Native people must be respected and encouraged. Native people likewise, do appreciate the variety of the multi-cultural mosaic of Canada."

Osbaldeston concluded by saying that "our new citizens also have wonderful and meaningful traditions that they are very proud of. "What a unique opportunity for us to acculumate a world of knowledge right here within Canada?" she said.

Only 35 voters for settlement board election

By Diane Parenteau

FISHING LAKE — Although the sun was shining, the recent snowfall could have deterred residents from venturing out to vote at the school board election held on April 11th. Only 35 voters cast ballots at the J.F. Dion School.

Three candidates were vying for the one vacant board committee member position. Names on the ballot slip were Rose Desjarlais, Max Desjarlais and Charlotte Gladue.

When the polls closed and votes were counted, Max Desjarlais showed as the favored candidate.

The election of Desjarlais fills position number four

on the school board, vacated by the resignation of Alex Cardinal Sr.

School board members are required to attend all regular monthly meetings, and receive a small bursary for their time and efforts.

The appointed school board chairperson is also required to attend Northland School Division meetings in Peace River on a monthly basis.

Another resignation on April 8th, the last school board meeting, means another nomination meeting will have to be called to fill the five member board. Elections must take place 30 days later.

This election is not expected until early in the next year.

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The Kickapoo Nation School is now recruiting for the following positions for the 1986-87 school year with the Title VII Bilingual Program scheduled to begin July 1, 1986:

Project Director:

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Kickapoo Nation School Board
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Powhattan, Kansas 66527

For additional info., Call: (913)474-3550

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- * Dental
- * Pharmaceutical
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- * Physiotherapeutic
- * Medical Records
- * Administrative

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Assume such other duties as may from time to time be required to appropriately and satisfactorily carry out the duties of this office.

QUALIFICATIONS

Master Degree in Hospital or Clinical Administration.

Minimum three years successful administrative experience.

Experience with Native health care is preferred.

SALARY

Subject to negotiation.

RESUMES MAY BE SENT IN CONFIDENCE BEFORE MAY 24, 1986 TO:

THE BLOOD TRIBE BOARD OF HEALTH
Blood Tribe Community Health Centre
ATTENTION: Warren W. Means
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QUALIFICATIONS:

Degree weighted in program planning and evaluation, or 5 years of related experience in a senior position; training and/or experience in research techniques; extensive experience in program and staff management; excellent oral and written communication skills, thorough understanding of Native peoples. Must work evening and weekends.

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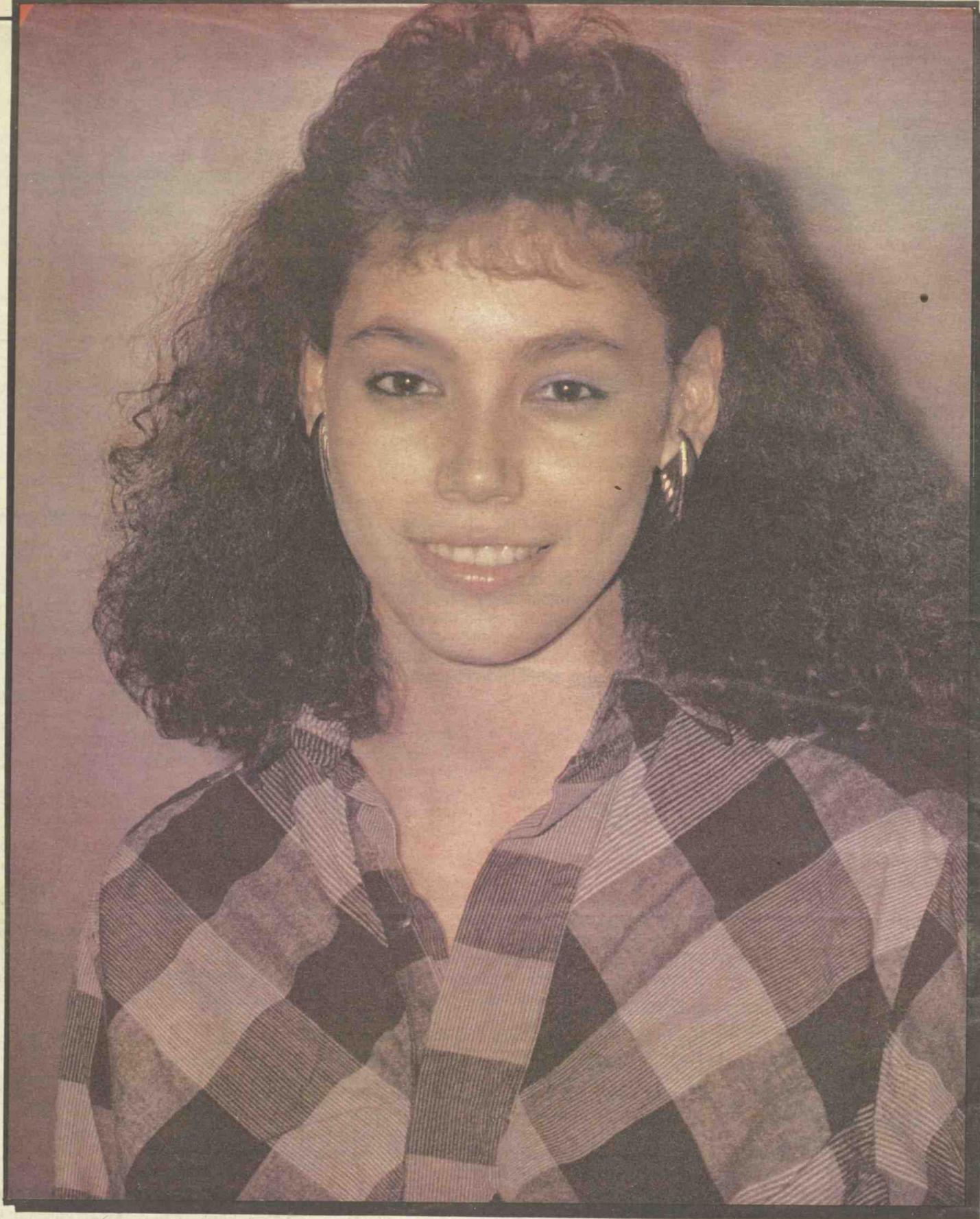
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Please reply in confidence with full resume including 3 references to:

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Student Chrissy Collins is a 16-year-old of Cree descent attending high school in Great Falls, Montana. She was photographed at the Samson Easter Powwow at Hobbema.
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