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Aboriginal rights questioned

By Albert Crier

Serious questions about the Aboriginal rights of the Metis and non-status Indians have arisen, from the recent break down in the land claim negotiation talks between the Lubicon Lake Band and the federal negotiator Roger Tasse.

The major difference resulting in Lubicon Lake's decision to cut their participation in the negotiations, is the way the federal negotiator proposes to arrive at the size of the land, the band is entitled to receive.

"The band is not prepared to consider less reserve land than that received by Indians who signed Treaties, as determined by the same kinds of criteria," said Chief Bernard Ominiyak, of the Lubicon Lake Band.

This position by the band was rejected by Roger Tasse in the first negotiation meeting on June 20 in Ottawa, regarding the settlement of the band's Aboriginal land rights.

The Lubicon Lake Band was missed by Treaty Eight negotiators in 1899 and was promised by the government in 1940, to have land set aside for their people.



BERNARD OMINIYAK
...serious about Lubicon concern

The federal government proposed at the second negotiation meeting on July 8, that the number of band members entitled to receive land will be determined by the number of Lubicon Lake Band members that are included at the Indian Affairs general list of registered Indians in Ottawa.

"Those that should be counted are those who are registered as Indians, in Ottawa," said Tasse.

But the Lubicon Lake Band countered that the federal government had recognized the band's right

to determine their own membership list, earlier this year.

"They (federal government) had approved our membership code, but now they want to add other conditions," said Chief Ominiyak.

The Lubicon Lake Band has 457 people on their list and includes who they consider as being a member of their band.

The federal government will not recognize those members included in the band's "updated list," which was determined

according to the Indian Act Amendments of Bill C-31, because land entitlement rights have not been decided for those people being reinstated as Treaty Indians.

"Land entitlement under Bill C-31 has not been resolved," said Tasse, adding that entitlement to land does not flow from the band's new list.

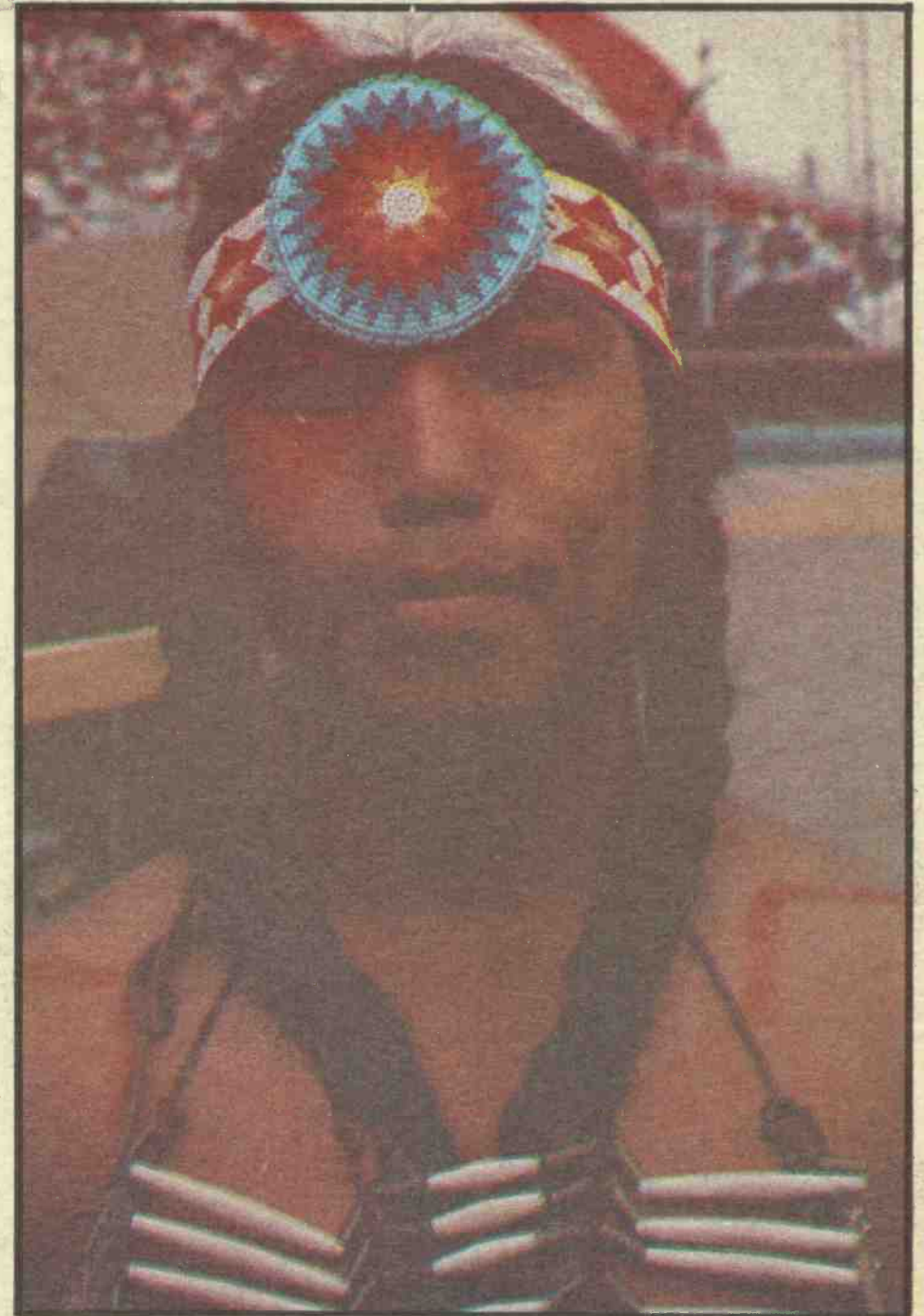
The federal negotiations proposal for determining the amount of land entitlement effectively leaves out about half of the Lubicon Lake Band's present band list.

Tasse said the basis of the size of land will be calculated for the 200 people registered as Indians and members of Lubicon Lake Band.

"All others will not be counted, they will have to go to court," he said, indicating that new members have to have their rights decided by Canadian courts.

"The long-standing position of the governments is that non-status and Metis Natives have no Aboriginal rights," said Tasse.

"We'll keep fighting to try
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CLAYTON BIG PLUME
...champion buffalo rider

Stampede wound up on a high note

By Terry Lusty

It would appear that the Calgary Stampede wound up its "Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth" on a high note. The half-million-dollar rodeo finals are over and done with following some

remarkable performances by cowboys and livestock alike.

There were three events in which Native contestants showed their colors. Shawn Henry of Williams Lake,

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MNC meets in Edmonton

By Terry Lusty

A meeting of the Constitutional Working Committee for the Metis National Council (MNC) was recently conducted at the Edmonton Inn and attended by a dozen representatives from five provinces. The provinces are B.C., Alberta, Sask., Man. and Ont. Of the 12 members on the committee, three are lawyers who serve in a consultative capacity and include Clem Chartier, Paul Chartrand and Rob Hope.

The July 8 and 9 meeting was chaired by the vice-president of the Association of Metis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan (AMNSIS), Wayne Mackenzie. This meeting was billed as a "technical" meeting because it did not involve the political leaders.

Speaking on behalf of the MNC, Ron Rivard, the executive director, stated

that the MNC is "concerned about the constitutional process we and the other national (Native) groups are involved in with the respective governments." That concern revolves around the status of their group in their dialogues at the provincial and federal levels.

MNC has held meetings with various ministers and do not think that a directive resulting from the First Minister's Conference (FMC) in 1985 has progressed satisfactorily. The gist of that directive was "to try tripartite negotiations to work toward agreements with the respective provinces with Aboriginal groups" explained Rivard. The tripartite process has, however, left something of a sour taste for the MNC as only two of the provinces have had any success in their talks with government.

The purpose of the

Edmonton meeting, said Rivard is, "to have this tripartite team address the issues that face the MNC." The primary issue, continued Rivard, "is to get an amendment to the Constitution on Aboriginal self-government and, in particu-

lar, the Metis."

A second but less important concern of the MNC is "the jurisdiction and financial role that will be played in the up-coming, continuing constitutional process."

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Peace Hills celebrates

By Rocky Woodward

Canada's first Native owned federally incorporated trust company celebrated their fifth year of operations in Edmonton, July 15.

An open house with guided tours of the Peace Hills Edmonton Branch, on 10011 - 109 Street, was full with slide tape presentations, balloons, and friendly management and staff members, to show its guests around.

Minister of Municipal Affairs/Native Affairs, Neil Crawford, took time out from his busy schedule to attend the celebration and tour beautifully designed tenth floor, executive offices and banking area.

"It is very elegant. I see you look after the staff very well here," commented Crawford.

Peace Hills is owned by the Samson Indian Band of Hobbema, Alberta, and is

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Winners of the "Friends In Sports" are Karen L. and another. The meeting was held July 2-4 in Lethbridge was hosted by the Lethbridge Friendship Centre. See Page 12.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Fishing for sport not welcomed

The Git Skan Wet Su Wet En Reserve in British Columbia will not be welcoming sports fishermen this year as in the past.

According to the Executive Director for the Band, Don Ryan, non-Native fishermen were allowed to fish on the reserve after purchasing a permit from the Band officers, but because of an order from the Hereditary Chiefs of the reserve, fishermen will not be allowed access on the reserve to the fishing sites.

Ryan says they will be asking other Indian Bands to take the same action.

Pipeline project offers little

The Dene people in the Mackenzie Valley say they would like to see more employment for the Dene stating they have gained very little from the Norman Wells Oilfield expansion and pipeline project in the Northwest Territories.

The Dene feel that the pipeline project also caused a rise in alcohol, drug abuse and family stress.

Costing one billion dollars, the construction of the pipeline to northern Alberta and the expansion of the Norman Wells Oilfield, was completed over one year ago.

The project had the involvement of the Dene during all stages of the study.

Navajo forced to relocate

It was thought this only happened in the past, but hundreds of Navajo Indians are being forced to relocate from their homeland under a congressional order in the United States.

The Navajo have gained support from top entertainers who joined together with Elders from Arizona in a concert to publicize the plight of the Navajo Indians.

The concert, Drums Across America, had the support of Rich Little, Dan Haggerty, Rity Coolidge, and the group, Redbone.

Contribution enables shop to expand

WINNIPEG — A \$60,000 contribution under the Native Economic Development Program (NEDP) to a Native off-set printshop proprietor in New Brunswick was announced by Robert Corbett, Member of Parliament for Fundy-Royal.

Mr. Corbett made the announcement on behalf of the Honourable Andre Bissonnette, Minister of State (Small Businesses), and Minister responsible for the Program.

The contribution to William J. Galloway of Quispamsis, N.B., enables him to expand and modernize the Maritime Printing Preparation printshop in Saint John of which he is sole proprietor.

The contribution is being used for the purchase of new equipment for typesetting, art and camera work, platemaking, and office furniture and equipment.

The enlarged production capability resulting from the modernization and expansion will improve production turn-about time to less than 24 hours in phototypesetting and pre-press services and will result in a better quality product.

Prior to starting his own

business in 1982, Mr. Galloway, a 1965 graduate of the Saint John Vocational Commercial School, worked for 17 years in the printing business as well as having served 4 and 1/2 years apprenticeship in off-set preparation following graduation.

The expansion provides a potential of up to five new jobs for Native people including a 4 and 1/2 year apprenticeship in off-set preparation. The expanded service commences in December, 1986 and will be fully operative by January 31, 1987.

"This is the type of small business enterprise that is proving so successful in combating unemployment," Mr. Corbett said in making the announcement.

Stating that small businesses are responsible for 80 per cent of all new jobs created, Mr. Corbett said it is also gratifying to note an increase in Native-owned enterprises.

"The federal government is committed to assist in the development of Native economic self-reliance and assisting expansion of Native-owned businesses is a significant part of that commitment," he said.

National

MNC meeting "technical"

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Rivard commented. At present, the MNC has limited capital with which to conduct business affairs and future meetings and that is important to the organization because the 1987 sessions are not all that far away.

B.C. delegate, Fred Storey, expressed certain anxiety with the fact that the federal government is dealing with issues such as women's right and so on, while Native issues seem to have been placed on the back burner and do not come to the floor in parliament.

Related to this concern is what Storey claims to be the age-old problem of buck passing by the feds. He says that they are dialoguing on Native issues with the provincial governments rather than the Native groups themselves to whom they have an obligation by virtue of their responsibility to and for Aboriginal people. This affront is not taken lightly and some exploratory work by MNC lawyers, it is felt, should be effected to draw such issues to the attention of government.

When "Windspeaker" questioned whether the April, 1987 FMC would provide sufficient time for

the MNC to achieve its objectives to any measurable degree, Rivard said they will attempt to extend the discussions with government and, "if they find that the tri-partite is not making any headway, we'll have to continue to ensure that we're adequately heard." He further pointed to the fact that while the land base of the Indian and the Inuit have been secured, that of the Metis has not and may require more time than 1987 to be properly addressed.

A major focus of the delegates meeting in Edmonton was to evaluate where each provincial member of the MNC is at in

the Constitutional process. A work-plan to deal with the issues that face them was discussed. They will then be brought to the floor in Winnipeg on July 18 and 19 when the MNC is scheduled to meet with provincial and federal officials.

The group intends to study their current status, assess it and, if necessary, question the sincerity of the government to enter tri-partite negotiations with a view to amending the constitution as it relates to the self-government of Aboriginal people. Rivard enunciated the sentiments of the MNC as being "optimistic that things will change for the better."

Chartier now consultant for MNC

By Terry Lusty

A recent addition to the Constitutional Working Committee of the MNC is Clem Chartier, former president of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples.

Chartier is now consulting on Aboriginal affairs with his efforts being directed mainly in the area of land rights for the Metis. He says, "the MNC has always had the responsibility of seeking a land base for the Metis," and that is one of the positive things for which he credits the organization.

In his capacity as one of the legal consultants for the MNC, "I will have to talk on behalf of the working group to develop a policy which will accommodate all five provinces," Chartier stated. In the meantime, he will continue the chase for a

Metis land base and the associated protections to ensure that any acquired lands will remain in the hands of the people and not be subject to speculators such as the scrip buyers in the late 1800's.

The end result, explained Chartier, "will be how we'll attack that position at the First Ministers Conference (FMC), That's to transpire in the spring 1987.

"What we'll be looking at is reviewing the consultations at the provincial levels. Once we form that policy, we'll be consulting the groups in each province," he informed "Windspeaker."

The pursuit of a Metis land base and meetings with the FMC representatives is not new to Chartier. He has had a great deal of past experience in such matters and should prove to be a significant force in the organization.



CLEM CHARTIER
...on Aboriginal affairs

Project creates employment

OTTAWA - A \$50,000 contribution under the Native Economic Development Program to a Native-owned woodworking business in Nova Scotia was announced by Gerald Comeau, Member of Parliament for South West Nova Scotia, June 5.

The contribution represents 91 per cent of the costs of an expansion by Digby Woodworkers Limited of Smith's Cove, near Digby. The business is co-owned by Andrew and Clara Brooks, both status Indians.

The expansion includes construction of an addition to an existing building, a smaller building to house a moulding machine and a bailer. The small building

costs includes purchase of heating and electrical equipment for this building.

The company employs six Native people, including the owners.

"This project further confirms the commitment of the federal government in three vital areas important to national economic renewal: expansion in small business, job creation and maintenance, and Native entrepreneurship," Mr. Comeau said.

"I applaud the enterprise and initiative being shown by Andrew and Clara Brooks in developing their business and I wish them continuing and increasing success," Mr. Comeau said.

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Provincial

Calgary Friendship Centres' new board member resigns

By Lesley Crossingham

CALGARY — A lawsuit slapped on the Calgary Native Friendship Centre for an alleged "illegally" held election has led to the resignation of new board member, Ed Yorke.

The lawsuit was filed in Calgary last week by former board member George Chatsis. Chatsis claims the centre permitted proxy votes during its board election May 24.

"This is totally against the constitution," he said in an interview last week. "There are several other mal-practices, which will be brought up in court."

Chatsis wants the courts to order a new election with an impartial third party to oversee the voting.

Yorke, who was elected to the board at the May 24 election, announced he quit last week because the executive didn't inform the

board of the impending lawsuit over the controversial election.

"I feel we should have been told right away," he said.

A lawyer acting for Chatsis warned the society in writing in mid-June that a lawsuit would be filed over the issuing of proxies for the election.

However, Yorke says the board only heard about the complaint July 3, the same day the lawsuit was filed.

Dennis Francis, co-ordinator of the Centre says he has been advised not to issue a statement regarding the controversy.

"We have handed the matter over to the Centre's lawyers and I feel sure the Centre will be vindicated in court," he added.

Friendship Centre President Aurele Dumont, who is also Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) Calgary vice-president and MAA treasurer could not be contacted for comment.

Bonnyville MAA Zone 2 moves

By Albert Crier

The Metis Association of Alberta Zone 2, moved the Zone office, last weekend to 4917 - 50 Avenue, Bonnyville, Alberta, from its previous location at the Mannawanis Friendship Centre in St. Paul.

"It is a more centralized location for the area's seven Metis Local, and the Friendship Centre at St. Paul could no longer accommodate us," explained Johnny Erasmus of Metis Local 99, of Bonnyville.

The Zone 2 office had been located in St. Paul since the Zones were organized, said Erasmus.

Eric Ward, Zone 2 vice-president will also move to Bonnyville, as will Angel Maroux of the Zone 2 Metis housing division.

An open house and official opening is expected to take place within two weeks, reported Erasmus.

The new phone number of Zone 2 office is 826-7483, anyone wanting more information is welcome to call.

MAA moves

The Metis Association of Alberta have moved their office July 21, to a new location.

According to Donna Woodward, the MAA will now be located at 12520 St. Albert Trail.

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Aboriginal rights questioned

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and get the issue resolved for the whole group. It's very discouraging for all Native people, when Tasse says, that non-status and Metis people have no rights at all," said Chief Ominayak.

"The band has claimed 91.4 square miles as their land claim, the federal government has cut that down to 40 square miles of land based on their figure of 200 band members," said James O'Reilly, lawyer for the Lubicon Lake Band.

"The band did not believe that the provincial government would have seriously gone ahead with the transfer of 25 square miles of land that was promised in 1940," O'Reilly commented.

The federal proposals give the Alberta government what it has always wanted and that is for Treaty Indians to be treated one way and for the Metis and non-status to be treated another," said O'Reilly.

The federal negotiator's position has national implications, says O'Reilly. "The federal government reiterated, that notwithstanding section 35 of the Canadian Constitution regarding Aboriginal rights, the government considers that Metis and non-status Indians have no rights, whatsoever."

"I respect their position," said Tasse, "but they

should not be using negotiations to try and resolve legal difficulties, such as Bill C-31."

The federal negotiating offer is still on the table, and, "I'm still willing and eager to talk of the offer that was not fully discussed. It is a reasonable and just offer and I hope they will reconsider," said Tasse.

For the Lubicon Lake Band the new developments on their long standing land claim has given the band more determination to make their case heard in Canadian courts, and in the international community.

The Lubicon Lake Band have several law suits against both levels of government and against 10 oil and gas companies, that the federal negotiator wanted dropped as part of any negotiated agreement.

The band's action for international support to its cause is another item that the federal negotiator wanted stopped as part of the settlement.

The band has been pushing to have their complaint against Canada heard by the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

"Now is the time for all Native people to get together, we are organizing a boycott of the Calgary 1988 Olympics and we welcome all the Native support we can get, especially from Native people in Alberta," said Ominayak.



GEORGE CHATSIS
...lawsuit filed

Accusation worries chief

By Albert Crier

The government is accusing Indian parents of not being capable of managing their children's money, charged Chief Houle of Saddle Lake, after the department of Indian Affairs moved to look at placing minors distribution payments into trust funds.

Chief Houle said that the Tribal Chiefs Association (TCA), of northeastern Alberta were recently refused funds to study the legal implications of the way the government proposes to handle the per-capita payments of minors under 18-years-old.

Placing children's treaty and oil money into trust funds which come under the jurisdiction of provincial trust laws raises the ques-

tion of how Indian parents are regarded by Indian Affairs, said Chief Houle.

Under the provincial trust laws, there are four categories of persons in need of having their money protected by the government.

These four category are: if the person is dead, missing, sick or mentally incompetent.

Under which category does the government see Indian parents falling under, asked Chief Houle.

"The government is scared of law suits and want to dump their treaty responsibilities to the province or the band, anyone who will take it," said Chief Houle.

Senior officials of Indian Affairs, confirmed that the department could not pro-

vide the research funds to the TCA, because there are no funds set aside for the specific purpose.

Ron Hodgkinson, with the Reserves and Trust division at the Indian Affairs headquarters in Ottawa said, "We don't usually provide funds for that purpose."

Hodgkinson revealed that there are funds for research on other matters but not specifically for legal research into the handling of minors per-capita distribution.

Recent protests on the Indian Affairs action on the issue, expressed renewed concern that the federal government wants to transfer its treaty responsibilities over to the provincial government.

The government only

wants to protect the assets (or property) of children and provincial trust laws are laws of general application, said Hodgkinson.

Another concern expressed by Chief Houle is the refusal by the Department to provide a copy of the legal opinion paper on the minors per-capita payments.

The legal opinion is not the property of the Indian Affairs department, but of the federal Attorney General's office, according to Dennis Wallace, Director General of the Indian Affairs Alberta Region.

Indian Affairs will not reimpose the suspension of per-capita payments to minors, until a legal study is done on the issue, which expected to be finished in early August, said Hodgkinson.



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By Diane Parenteau

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The class of nine were Stephan Gladue, Sheldon Gladue, Terry Parenteau,

Shawn Anderson, Shawn Aulotte, Christopher Calliou, Ronnie Cardinal, Samantha Gladue and Terry Lajimadier.

All six in attendance wore the traditional black cape and tassel hat with their ear to ear smiles.

Proud parents and guests looked on as school principal, Ken Klein, opened the ceremonies welcoming those in attendance.

The nervous grads lined up and in turn were presented with their preschool diplomas by ECS instructor Mrs. Faye Louiston.

One parent put it nicely when she noted that the children had learned they will get rewards for their efforts. This was evident when the scrolls were accepted with proud giggles

and a handshake.

Other presentations went to, Mrs. Antionette Lobo, for doing such a good job sewing the capes. Lorraine Parenteau recieved a card of appreciation for her many donations of birthday cakes and effort throughout the year as well as the preparation of the graduation lunch.

Mrs. Louiston presented a gift to each grad, which turned out to be a hand puppet in remembrance of the puppetry class children studied and enjoyed.

Entertainment was provided by the "Class of 86" as they preformed the popular "Bird Dance" and the old favorites "Ten Little Indians," "The Army Song" and "Itsy Bitsy Spider."

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 ...joined by Municipal Affairs Neil Crawford and Manager Harold Baram

Peace Hills celebrates fifth anniversary

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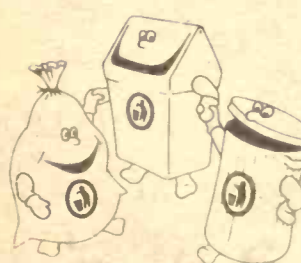
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and employees of Peace Hills Trust for their contributions to the successful completion of our fifth year of operations," said Jim Omeasoo, Chief of the Samson Band in a message to its members.

President of the Trust Company, Thomas LaPointe, stated that he was pleased with the progress they have made after three years of losses. LaPointe added the company survived the worst recession in western Canada's history.

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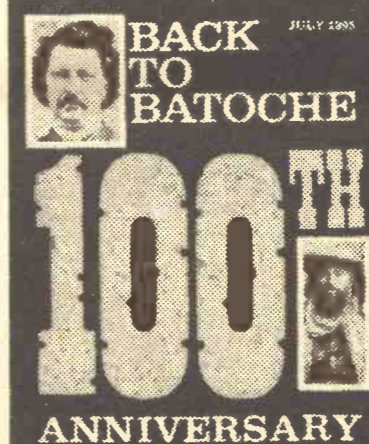
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Editorial

Sports and politics don't mix

Taking pride in our Native athletes is something Native families have always done. Listening to the radio or reading a newspaper as in the case of the 10 Native athletes who recently won 45 medals at the "Friends In Sports" summer games in Lethbridge, Alberta, is something we as Native people can "smile" about.

But the boycotting of sports is another story.

How it began, or what Nation telling another Nation it will be boycotting its Olympics, is news, but not as important as how it affects the athletes training for these games.

Athletes across our nation train vigorously to compete in sports. It is their dream to some day represent their town, city and/or country in the Olympics. It is their dream to wear an Olympic medal, but how can they, when our leaders, sometimes, without notice, suddenly say they are boycotting a track and field event, summer games or the Olympics, because its decided to be a very good political strategic move?

It is an unnecessary move that definitely hurts our athletes. Athletes who train year after year to prepare themselves for their big week at the Olympics, representing their country, and all for naught.

"Now is the time for all Native people to get together, we are organizing a boycott of the Calgary 1988 Olympics and we welcome all the Native support we can get, especially from Native people in Alberta," commented Chief Bernard Ominayak in a news article.

Malaysia joins five other Black nations in boycotting of the Commonwealth Games.

Why can't leaders or groups keep sports out of their political arenas?

They act like children as if to say my son is not going to play with your son because we don't like your family or the house you live in.

It hurts our athletes who cannot show off their talents to the world because of a boycott. It hurts our growth as a nation. But most of all it destroys the spirit of our youth, being used as a pawn in the game of selfish politics.



Husband of award recipient says wife deserved more

By Rocky Woodward

"I felt my wife deserved a little more than what she received for her achievement," said husband of Rosemarie Beaver, who recently won the Edmonton Journal's Native Student Award along with three other individuals.

"My wife achieved this award after dropping out of school for ten years and that in itself is an accomplishment," commented Larry Beaver.

Larry is a counsellor on the Driftpile Reserve, near High Prairie, Alberta. The Beavers have two children, Sean 7 and Reni 9, and although he jokingly says that he was the last to hear about his wife Rosemarie, winning the award, he is very happy for her.

Rosemarie took one year off from school just recently, but according to proud husband, Larry, when she did, he marks in all the sub-

jects she was taken were above the 90 per cent average.

"This is damn good if you ask me," states Larry.

Four students were awarded with cheques and plaques at the Edmonton Native Students Awards presentations on June 27, in Edmonton.

According to the Edmonton Journal, the reason behind the annual awards presentation is to encourage Indian, Metis and Inuit students in pursuit of their community goals and to help foster a better understanding between the Native and non-Native communities.

Rosemarie Beaver is attending the Faust Community Vocational Centre and is currently working towards her school diploma.

"The one thing she wants to do in life is teach. She loves children and is working towards her teachers

degree," said Larry.

Beaver was not suggesting that the Edmonton Journal did not live up to its standards at a community

level.

"I just felt she should of been recognized by the community for her achievement."



ROSEMARIE BEAVER ...in traditional dress

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IAA supports per capita distribution

NEWS — For Release by the Indian Association of Alberta at 5:00 p.m., July 2, 1986

Indian Association of Alberta Supports Treaty Indian Government On Per Capita Distribution to Minors Issue

Treaty Indians governments in the province of Alberta have a long history of struggling to maintain

their inherent right to conduct all their own essential business. Ever since the signing of the treaties of 1876, 1877 and 1899 with Commissioners of the British Crown, Chiefs and Councils have striven to maintain this jurisdiction over the lives of their citizens, including minor children.

The Indian Act and its many dictatorial, restrictive provisions was imposed

upon Treaty Indian governments almost immediately after signing of the sacred treaties. The regulations which flow from that legislation have served to impede Treaty Indian Nations' right to autonomy and self-determination. The Indian Association of Alberta, in concert with Chiefs and Councils, have been trying to break the shackles of legislation and bureaucracy that limit the prerogatives of the elected and hereditary leaders.

The latest confused violation of the inherent rights of Chiefs and Councils has to do with the manner in which the Department of Indian Affairs & Northern Development makes per capita distributions to minors from Treaty Indians' revenue accounts. Bruce Rawson, Deputy Minister of the department in Ottawa, recently sent a directive to the Regional Office in Edmonton, giving them the latest administrative directions. Subse-

quently, the Regional Director-General, Dennis Wallace, sent a letter to the Chiefs and Councils, saying that the department would discontinue making such payments to minors. Then, very unexpectedly, Mr. Wallace sent a second letter in which the policy was reversed. He said in that correspondence that the old policy of making such per capita distributions would still be followed until the end of July, pending the completion of a legal review

of the matter. Much of the dissatisfaction of Treaty Indian governments, the per capita distributions to minors are continuing under a cloud of uncertainty.

The Indian Association of Alberta takes the firm position that revenue monies held in trust by the Government of Canada are without any qualification whatsoever the financial assets of Chiefs and Councils and their people, and they must be treated as such.

Elder wants to share her skills

Dear Editor:

I have heard of organizations such as yours looking for senior citizens who could do some volunteer work.

I am sixty-two (62) years-of-age, retired and in good health. I would be willing to go wherever it was safe for a woman of my age to go alone, and do whatever work I could do for you. I am especially interested in the North like Baffin or Victoria Island.

My background is office work such as bookkeeping, payroll, tax collections, etc. However, I would not necessarily need to do any of these things.

I would be interested to hear from you or any other organizations that could make use of my services.

I thank you for your attention to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Katherine Wall

Friendship centre president thankful

Dear Editor:

Hello once again! To each and every one of you members, board and staff. The weather has been nice and I'm sure that everyone is in a good mood. Everything has been running fairly smooth at our Centre. Once again I would like to thank each and every one of you who have voted in me to be your President of our organization.

I have had the opportunity to attend the Friendship Centres National Conference held at Victoria, B.C.,

I was very fortunate to have met 104 delegates from across Canada from the different Friendship Centres. I have learned many things from this conference that will help us on the long and short range planning of our Centre.

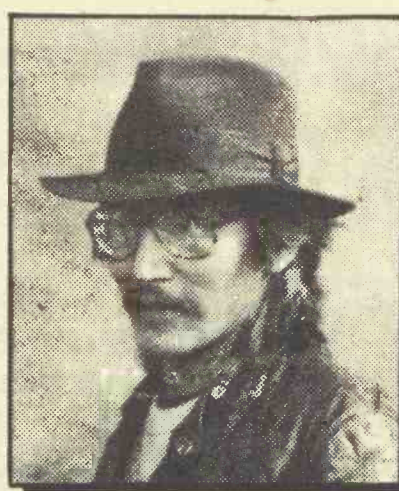
Until next time! Have a safe and fulfilled summer holiday!

Yours in Friendship,

**William Castor
Nistawoyou Assoc.
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Opinion

From One
Raven's Eye
wagamese....



Ahneen. Hello, and how are you now? What should we talk about this week? Maybe we should have a vote on it? Maybe we should get a meeting going to decide what our choices are? No, that wouldn't work either. My living room isn't big enough to hold enough delegates to truly represent our northern Alberta readership. We should think about setting up a committee to study the feasibility of the possibility of offering choices at all. Why then we'll have to appoint somebody to head that committee wouldn't we?

Hmmmm... it sure doesn't take very long for a simple thing to get complicated once you add a little politics to it. Soon after that you run into the problems of leadership as well. Of course once you mention the word leadership you often get some people into a running frame of mind, some after it, some as far away as they can get.

One time, not so long ago, in my more long haired days we went for a visit out in the suburbs of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Suburbs, that's the neighbourhood places you find by driving a long ways from the downtown area of the city. Out there people are buying their houses they live in, not just renting. They live in crescents, not streets. They have some stake in the typical American, two cars in the garage, dream or at least the Canadian version of it.

Anyway, since we were just visiting, I went smiling innocently into that very un-reserve looking house. Well those people took one look at my braids, another at the hole in my denim jeans and slam, their little minds went shut real quick. No job, troublemaker, went the warning lights that lit up in their eyes and tightened up their lips.

Now, these kind of incidents don't bug me that much anymore but this time it sure did. Why? because the people judging me so quickly were short haired Indians. They had just come back from a round of golf. Before that they'd spent the day in a conference at the downtown hotel.

To tell you the truth unless I try real hard everytime, my mind gets kinda small and loaded up with assumptions about people like that as well. Anybody who dresses up in a suit all the time has more than one tie around their neck as far as I'm concerned. Pretty unfair, huh?

What ended up in that room was two very different types of leadership type thinking. Two different answers to the problem we all have. The problem? What to do about all these other people living on our land and denying us a fair opportunity to live the kind of life we want to live as well.

Those Native organizations types tend to believe that a just claim must someday be justly settled. All you have

to do is convince enough judges, prime ministers, businessmen, farmers, game wardens, housewives and hockeyplayers that they should get around to doing the right thing. All it takes is time, negotiating, lobbying, consulting, conferencing, office space and feasibility studies to bring it all about.

The younger, more aggressive and angrier ones believe that those people who haven't lived up to a hundred year old promise, for even a single day, have to be made to live up to the terms of the deal or else. Waiting around for them to decide to or playing by their rules gives us little or no chance to get what we deserve. So which of the two is closest to being right? There is probably no way to ever know for sure except maybe a hundred years from now but in the meantime, maybe this will give us some idea anyway.

Go up to six houses on any reserve and ask the people inside what the word constitution means. Then ask them whether they figure the Haida's and Lubicon should use other ways than lawyers and meetings to save themselves and their way of life from further ruin.

My, I'd be willing to bet my twenty years treaty money that all you would get is raised eyebrows, maybe a shrug and probably a polite listen as an answer. Sure there are always people who would rather mostly mind their own business and go about their lives uninvolved with the larger issues that affect them but the part of their response is also comment on the effectiveness of the present day Native leaderships.

The national treaty Indian organization is split into two groups these days. The Assembly of First Nations representing mostly the east, the Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance, the west. There are probably political enough reasons to cause this but it's pretty hard to say you'll held others manage their affairs when you are having big problems taking care of your own first.

The militants who were never much of a large presence on our reserve have almost completely disappeared. Too bad. Their fierce independence, their conviction that we could run things our own way and run them better too, never did translate into long range action to help turn things around.

This is not to say that these people are absolutely mistaken in their thinking or in the way they are going about things. In a struggle this long, sometimes you look like you're almost winning while other times you're stuck in one spot just spinning. As long as they have interests of the people in their hearts and do honest hard work to help out then surely some good will come of it somehow someday.

There is another group of people out there who are dealing with this who's leading who business on a daily basis. They've known for a long time that we are sometimes the most difficult people in the world to lead yet they are still trying to do difficult people in the world to lead yet they are still trying to do just after all these years. Next week we'll turn our beady brown eyes towards them for awhile.

Well I don't know about you but after listening to talk for this long the words start buzzing in my ears like flies. At first they tickle, then they just bug. How about we vote to take the rest of the day off to do other things. Anybody opposed? Good enough. Hope the rest of your week goes along as agreeably. Until that time then thank you all for reading this far once again.

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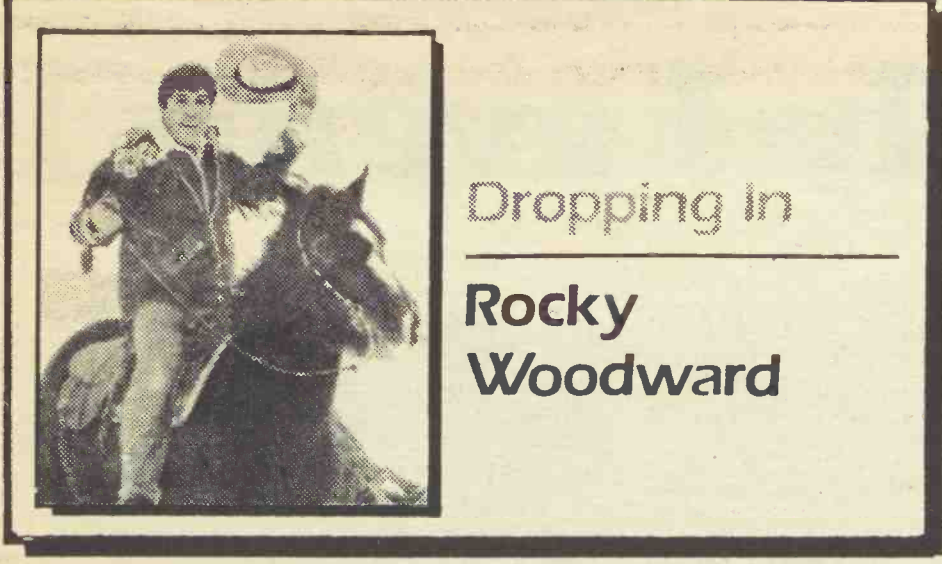
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Dropping In
Rocky Woodward

Hi! Dropping In's complaint of the week is... a lot of news with very little room to operate with.

KIKINO: "Why don't I see news from Kikino in Dropping In," complained my friend Delphine Erasmus.

Delphine reports the Kikino Spartans have yet to lose a baseball game this summer, in the Lac La Biche B Division. Just recently they won the playoff championship games and one other team from the community took second place. The Kikino Blues, who Delphine use to coach.

On a lighter side, Delphine says, "The other day I went hunting for Moose and got my 4X4 stuck tighter than a bulls rear end..."

Delphine! This is a family newspaper!

"Anyway, I had to use an Indian Jack to get myself un-stuck."

What's an Indian Jack?

"Don't you know? We use logs and pryed the truck out. If you ever get stuck, I'll show you how to use the Indian Jack," said Delphine.

In Edmonton, Delphine wanted it to be known that the Evansdale Blues baseball team won the Northwest Zone Championship, July, 5 and 6.

"My grandson Christopher Sanderson plays for them." Now I see why Evansdale was so important. I love our conversations, it jumps all over the place. :

WABASCA: In order to build up donations for Santa's Anonymous for the Wabasca-Demarais area, a plan to hold a "Backwoods Native Festival" sometime in September, maybe in the making, according to Chuckie Beaver.

"It would be open for anyone and I would hope people would donate their time and effort towards the festival, if held," said Chuckie.

Chuckie is a councillor in Wabasca, with his portfolio being education.

Chuckie added that he is looking for volunteer musicians and singers and you can call him at (403) 891-3836.

Chuckie, as long as the Native Nashville North series is not in the way (it runs in September), I for one would gladly donate my time. It's too good an idea to fail.

EDMONTON: Dropping In and of course Windspeaker staff and management would like to take this opportunity to thank the late Adrian Hope's daughters, Charlotte, Dorothy and Margaret for the wonderful card wishing us every success, and flowers, for our grand opening of the WINDSPEAKER MEDIA BUILDING. I thank you.

EDSON: The first Metis Days Celebration for Edson will take place on August 2 and 3.

According to Walter Tobias, the Edson Metis Local have pulled it off, which will also feature an IRCA approved rodeo.

"We will have the Northern Pony and Chuckwagon and Chariot races, which means that Saddle Lake is involved also," said Tobias.

A Welcome Dance and barbecue is on the agenda with music supplied by "Chief Joseph and the Music Maker's." It looks like a lot of fun, so remember those dates Alberta.

"There are a lot of stories here if you care to make the trip," said Walter.

"We'll consider it," said Dropping In.

For anyone wanting more information on the Metis Days Celebration, call 723-3855.

BIG JOHN FLETCHER: Is looking for athletes who have excelled in various track and field events, between the ages of 16 and 20, to please CALL HIM AT THE Canadian Native Friendship Centre 482-7632. Leave a message if John is not in.

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Youth group organizes July 1 events

By Albert Crier

SADDLE LAKE — The Eagles Youth Group organized and hosted a community festival which included a talent show, baseball games, races and contests, for the fun and enjoyment by everyone in the Saddle Lake community on July 1st Canada Day festivities.

This second annual event, which had as its theme "You Can," offered a chance for the youth of Saddle Lake to show what they can contribute to their community, according to Irene Cardinal, who is in charge of the Saddle Lake

youth program. The Eagles Youth Group which has been in existence for a year and half, organized the whole event with a little funding help from Alberta's Canada Day Committee, said Cardinal.

The talent show brought out Native singing, dancing and musical talent from the surrounding area, and had a number of categories opened for competition.

The men's senior vocals trophy was won by Wilfred Collins of Elizabeth Settlement. Buck Littlewolf of Onion Lake placed second in this event.

Jackie Large of Saddle

Lake won the senior female vocal category. Ashley Lessard of Bonnyville won the Junior male vocals trophy and Shannon Sou-ray of Edmonton won the Junior female trophy.

In the Red River Jig competitions, the superb dancing style of the Youngchief family attracted favorable eyes, of the judges.

The senior male dancing trophy was won by Garth Youngchief of Kehewin. His sister Janet Youngchief, took home the senior female dancing trophy.

There were no entries by dance groups, but there

was some enthusiastic and fast stepping done on the floor by young and old dancers in the competitions.

Honourary awards went to 9-year-old Ashley Lessard for being the youngest competitor and to Norman Crane, 67, of Saddle Lake for being the oldest dance competitor.

The old-time fiddling category provided some toe tapping entertainment in the show. Moses Cardinal, the well-known Saddle Lake musician, took the top honours in this category. Wilfred Collins won second place.

Other events and activities that were run throughout the day included the slow-pitch ball tournament, which had senior and junior mixed teams competing.

The Bannock Masters were victorious as the top senior mix team, the Saddle Lake Warriors, placed second.

The Junior Bannock Masters beat out the Orioles and the Bad News Bears in the Junior mix teams division (14 and under).

The Orioles team came in second.

The pie-eating and the Kobassa-eating contests brought in a lot of competitors, hungry to win the top titles.

Following is the names of the winners and their respective age categories: Louis Cardinal (10 and under), Allan Steinhauer (11 - 13), Richard Gladue (14 - 17), Perry Large (18



SADDLE LAKE YOUTH
...celebrate July 1

-over) and Wilfred Large (30 - over).

Winning in the female category of the pie-eating contest was Shelley Cardinal (11 - 13), Jackie Cardinal (18 - over) and Christine Cardinal (30 - over).

In the Kobassa - eating contest, the winners who gulped their way to victory are: in the male category, Jeff Cardinal (11 - 13), Wilfred Cardinal Jr. (14 - 17) and Wilfred Cardinal Sr. (18 - over), in the female category, Shawna Steinhauer (11 - 15), Rose Steinhauer (14 - 17) and Christine Cardinal (18 - over).

The tug-of-war contest was a loud, but fun event as spectators cheered on their favorite teams. Team names were chosen out of fun and each team had 5 members.

The Wilfred Cardinal Sr.

team pulled off a winning tug over the Listerine Gang. The Hip Huggers beat the Boopers in the female senior division.

Calvin Cardinal Jr. won over the Wilfred Cardinal Jr. team in the teen males pull.

The Bulldozers, a heavyweight teen girls team won in their division and went on to beat the winning teen males in an exhibition pull.

The Louis Cardinal team won in the 10 and under boys final pull.

Other fun action which was enjoyed by all age groups were the sack races, the foot races and a bingo in the community festival and sports day.

A dance was held in the community hall to conclude the day's activities. The Fourth Generation band of Edmonton, provided the music for the dance.

Exposition — LOUIS RIEL AND THE METIS — Exhibit

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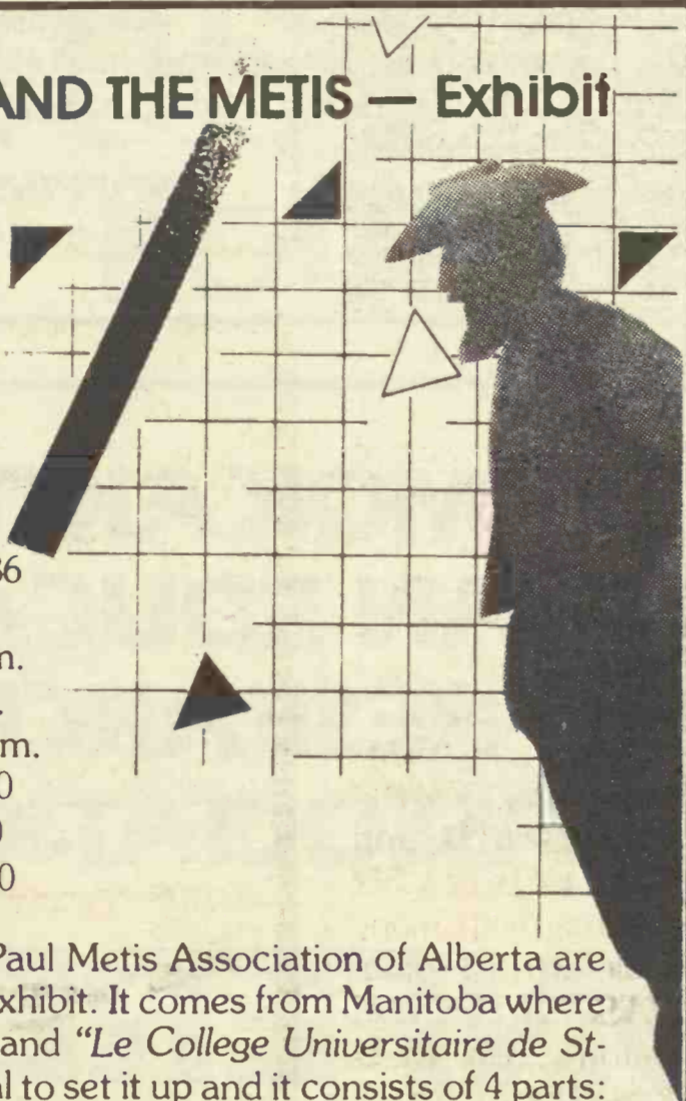
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The St. Paul Art Gallery and the St. Paul Metis Association of Alberta are working in collaboration to present this exhibit. It comes from Manitoba where "La Societe Historique de St-Boniface" and "Le College Universitaire de St-Boniface" have assembled all the material to set it up and it consists of 4 parts:

- Introduction, International Contexte
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Entertainers on the go

By Rocky Woodward

Watch for next weeks edition when Terry Lusty reports on the big **CRAVENSASKATCHEWAN** Country weekend they recently held there.

Is it true that **WINSTON WUTTUNEE** tied the knot at Craven and had **WILLIE NELSON** sing the wedding song? We'll find out next week.

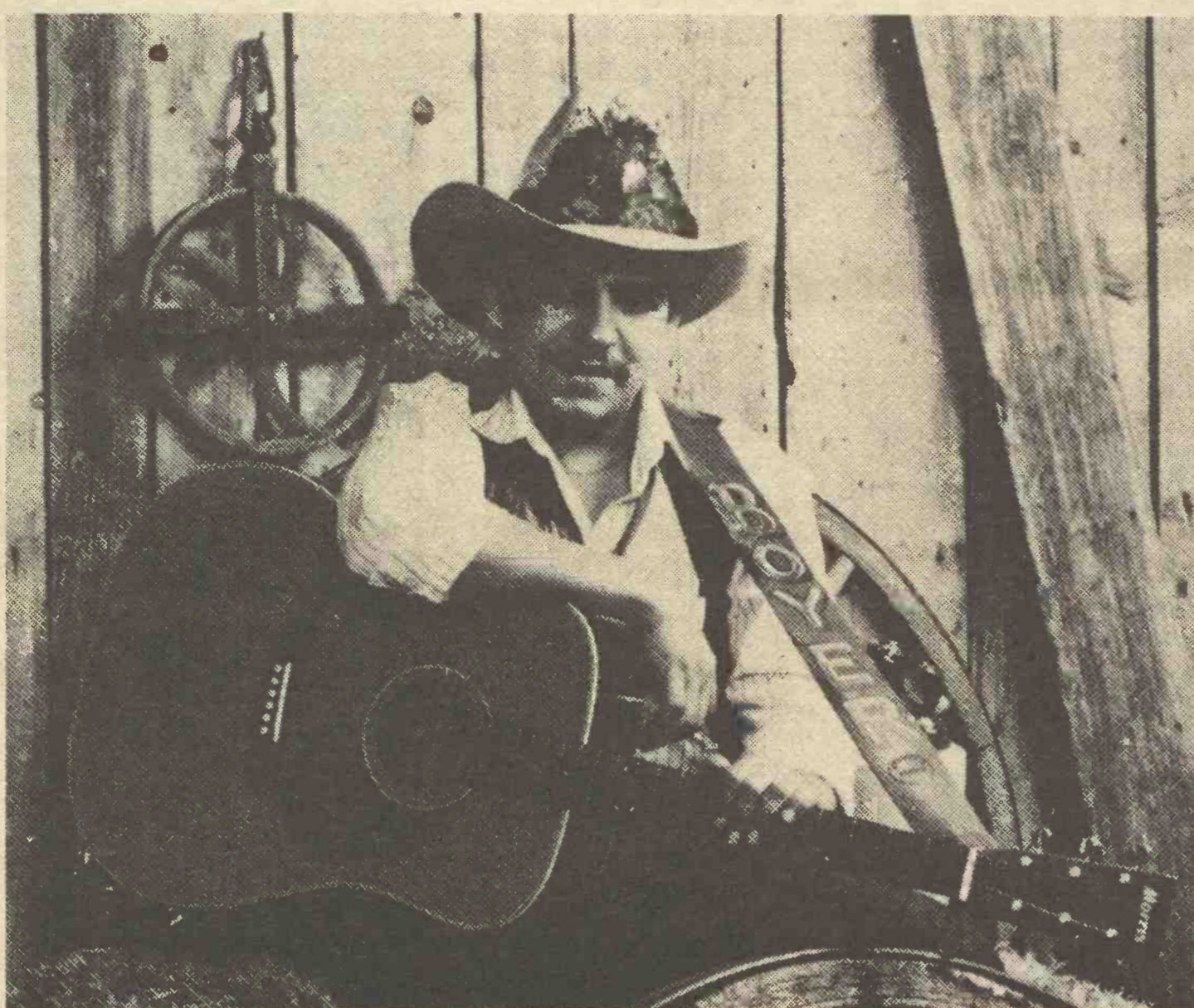
Back in Edmonton **ART BURD, KELLY BURD AND DON SAUVE**, played some great old time music on July 12, at the **CANADIAN NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE (CNFC)** in Edmonton, for the Native Veterans Society annual Banquet and dance.

Art and Lov'n Country played for a full week at the Beverly Crest recently and Art tells me between his regular job and doing evening gigs, it's starting to take its toll.

"Sometimes I don't get any sleep before it is off to work. It's hard to come down from playing in a tavern to try and sleep," said Art.

Talking with Don Sauve, he says that a "Taste of Nashville," Don's country rock band, are still doing gigs, even though the Sauve family have moved to the town of Wetaskiwin.

I listened to a tape he recorded while doing a gig and they sound very good. But then again with guys like Clarence Pateneau,



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playing lead, how can you miss.

I understand our brothers at the Max, are still going ahead with the plan for an **INDIAN FESTIVAL** scheduled for July 25-27.

Last week **SCOTT STONECHILD** put a lot of hard work together for a benefit dance and steak dinner held at the CNFC, in support of the prisoners in the Max. Although the turnout was small, credit must be given to Scott for organizing and supporting the

festival event.

Thanks should also be forwarded to **GORDON RUSSELL** for donating his time to sizzle the steaks.

Now here is a guy that is going places.

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45 medals won at games

By Rocky Woodward

The Canadian Native Friendship Centre (CNFC) Track and Field Team practiced at Scona High School, at the University of Alberta, ran the hills at the Victoria Golf Course, in Edmonton, and it paid off at the "Friends in Sports" Summer Games, held in Lethbridge, Alberta.

The Team of Ten, won an astounding 45 medals, 32 of them gold (seven

silver, six bronze) at the July 2-4 games hosted by the Sik Ooh Kotoh Lethbridge Friendship Centre.

The coach of the team, John Fletcher, said one reason for their achievements at the games was because the team worked hard and believed in themselves.

"They practiced very hard but I have to give a lot of credit to the project coordinator, Gordie Russell. He is one reason why the team did so well."

Individual efforts by team members saw Denna Monson win a total of nine gold in the 200, 400, 800, 1500, 5000-metre races and the high jump and triple jump.

Gold was also awarded to Monson, an Edmonton resident in the 4X100 and 4X400.

Darrell McKay, also of Edmonton picked up five gold for the team with outstanding wins in the 400, 800, 1500 and 5000-metre races.

McKay went on to help the team in the 4X100 and 4X400.

On July 13, McKay entered in the Poundmaker/Nechi 12 km road race and came in first, winning a trophy and jacket for his

effort.

Individual awards were handed out to Karen Lepine, originally from Fort Chipewyan, Alberta, who was crowned "Miss Friends In Sports."

"Karen was outstanding in the middle distance and relays," commented Fletcher.

Karen's team-mate, Tracy Ford, went all the way in her age group, winning six golds in the 100, 200, 4X100, 4X400, triple jump and high jump.

According to Fletcher, Ford proved to be the most popular amongst the team and "it was her humor that kept the team loose."

Crowned "Mr. Friends In Sports," Leo Kootenay captured golds in the 100, 200, shot put, high jump, triple jump, long jump, 4X100 and 4X400.

"Leo proved to be a very popular person off the track and it earned him the title of Friends In Sports," said Fletcher.

Doug Callingbull could have placed well in the 200-metre run but because of a shin splint, Callingbull took himself out of the running.

Callingbull did well in the 100, 400, 4X100, 4X400 and shot put, winning golds in

those events.

Fletcher is proud of the team and says they proved to be the "elite" of the youth games.

The team was honored July 10, at the CNFC for their achievements that saw Edmonton Journal sports writer Marty Knack in attendance as a special guest.

"The team will stay together and we will add more athlete's as we continue on. We will also be competing more and more in competitions during the season," Fletcher said.

The teams' main objective will be to compete in the Indian Olympics that will be held in Oklahoma in August, 1987.

At present the CNFC team consists of Leo Kootenay, Darrell and Derick McKay, Doug Callingbull, Tracy Ford, Deanna Monson, Karen Lepine, Cheyenne Fletcher, Claudette Cardinal and Roxanne Kootenay.

Fletcher added as a point of interest it was also nice to know that the two winners of the Friends in Sports awards were a Metis and Treaty Indian, Karen Lepine and Leo Kootenay, respectively

Native cowboys prove great

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B.C. overcame his fourth place standing to win the Novice Saddle Bronc and he certainly felt "good" about his win.

In Boys Steer Riding, young Bobby Gottfriendson of Calgary finished up in third place. Two other Indian lads had been in the hunt but will have to wait another year.

In the World Championship Buffalo Riding which is only open to Natives, 16 year old Clayton Big Plume from Sarcee outdid everyone including himself as he scored an unprecedented 99 points!! That's near-perfect!

When questioned by "Windspeaker" after his ride as to whether he felt he had performed well enough, Big Plume replied with an abrupt, "nope." He said he "freaked out" when he heard his score.

For his efforts, the youngster pocketed a cool \$1000 plus a bronze statue. Stampede officials have indicated that the prize

money will be even greater in 1987.

Chuck Simonin from Naramata, B.C., captured the Wild Horse Race and Bruce Flewelling of Calgary won in Wild Cow Milking. In the Novice Bareback, Wade Galloway of Rocky Mountain House came out on top adding yet another Canadian name to the list of winners.

The All Around Champion was Lewis Field from Elk Ridge, Utah, while Tom Eirikson was awarded the Guy Weadick Award.

In the chuckwagon races, Kelly Sutherland of Grande Prairie took home his fifth winning trophy along with \$50,000. A lot of pressure is being placed on this event as numerous complaints are being received by the SPCA over the deaths of nine horses all of which were connected with the chucks.

In the final analysis, one could say that the Canadians sure turned the tables this year as they captured first place in all events with the exception of the Saddle Bronc.



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Powwow set records

By Lesley Crossingham

CALGARY — This year's Stampede, wrapped up with the usual pomp and ceremony as the Alberta, Canadian and Treaty 7 band flags were gently lowered from the tipi village poles and folded for next year's show.

Although most of the participants were very tired after the grueling 10-day event, everyone said it had been one of the best Stampede's ever this year, with the tipi village being one of the biggest attractions.

"We've sold a lot of beadwork," said Julia Wright from the Blackfoot band east of Calgary. Wright looked after the crafts tipi and said she was "run off her feet," keeping up with the crowds of tourists.

But the biggest attraction was definitely the powwow which saw people from all parts of Canada compete for prize money of up to \$500 for each category. However, the Treaty 7 bands swept up all the prizes this year.

The only dark spot in this year's event was the cancellation of the Stampede Indian Princess award due to ill health on the part of one of the judges.

"We felt that if we

couldn't choose a princess properly, we should cancel the event until next year," said organizer Leigh Olson.

"But we'll definitely hold the event next year, all being well," she added.

The final day of the powwow saw dark rainy clouds hover over the powwow stage, but despite the gloomy weather the crowds continued to huddle around the stage to watch the tense finals as competitors gave their all in an effort to win a coveted Stampede Trophy.

Tourists, some from as far away as Arizona, snapped photos of the dancers as they swung and swirled in time to the drum beat. Many dancers commented after, that because of the chilly weather they were able to dance faster and with more energy than in other years.

This year's Stampede saw record crowds and recorded the highest attendance since 1977 with more than a million people walking through the gates of the park. However, many people commented that the event was marred by the death of nine horses during two chuckwagon accidents during the last few days of the Stampede.

Winners of powwow events are: Mens Buckskin War Dance, 50 and over,

Eddie Bad Eagle - Peigan; Mens Grassdance, 17 and over, Winston Wadsworth Jr. - Blood; Ladies Buckskin, 50 and over, Jean Heally - Blood; Ladies Fancy Dance, 17 and over, Rachael Snow - Stoney; Mens Traditional, 14 to 16, Allery Starlight - Sarcee; Mens Grassdance 9 to 16, Oliver Hunter - Stoney; Ladies Fancy Dance, 14 to 16, Pearl Good Eagle - Blackfoot; Boys Fancy Dance, 14 to 16, Joey White Bear - Sarcee; Mens Fancy Dance, 17 and over, Scotty Manyguns - Blackfoot; Ladies Traditional Buckskin, 14 to 16, Gloria Snow - Stoney; Mens Traditional, 17 and over, Earl Heally - Blood; Ladies Traditional Buckskin, 17 and over, Mary Weaselfat - Blood; Mens Prairie Chicken Dance, Bruce Starlight - Sarcee; Mens Traditional, 9 to 13, Francis Littlelight - Blackfoot; Ladies Traditional Buckskin, 9 to 13, Vada Hoof - Blackfoot; Mens Fancy Dance, 9 to 13, Craig Manyguns - Blackfoot; Ladies Fancy Dance, 9 to 13, Teresa Snow - Stoney.

Prize money varied from \$500 for adult categories down to \$100 from childrens categories. Children under 9 participated in a general dance category and were awarded \$10 each plus a rosette.

Tipi village popular

By Lesley Crossingham

CALGARY — Hundreds of people packed the grounds of the Calgary Stampede's teepee village to watch the first Indian ceremony that marked the beginning of Stampede week, July 4.

Blackfoot chief Leo Pretty Youngman introduced the dignitaries which included Calgary mayor Ralph Klein and Olympic Organizing Committee (OCO) chairman Bill Pratt along with the Stampede Princess and Indian Princess including Robbi La France, recent winner of the Miss Alberta princess award.

Members of the Teepee Owners Association carried in the Canadian and Alberta flags for the flag ceremony.

Chief Youngman explained to the mainly non-Native audience, estimated at close to a thousand, the various traditional dances of the pow-wow.

Tourists clustered around the main stage area snapping photos of the dancers

and asking questions of the Elders

Youngman introduced Blackfoot band member Gerald Sitting Eagle who danced an impressive hoop dance. Youngman explained that Sitting Eagle has recently returned from Expo '86 where he performed with more than 36 hoops.

After the dancing, Mayor Klein took the microphone and in halting Blackfoot, thanked the dancers. He also jokingly referred to the OCO officials as Napi. Klein is an adopted member of the Blackfoot band and has studied the Blackfoot language for many years.

After the opening ceremony, the audience swarmed toward the teepees. There was a long line-up to get into both the Indian crafts teepee and the authentic bannock teepee.

The night before the opening ceremony the Teepee Village Association held an owners banquet to thank members for their hard work. Sarcee band member, Bruce Starlight, won the prize for the best kept teepee of Stampede '85. Starlight received 1500

as first prize. A purse of \$300 was also awarded to best kept teepee in each tribe.

Eddie Bad Eagle won the Peigan prize. Harley Crowchild won the Sarcee prize. Harold Heally won the Blood prize. John Lefthand won the Stoney prize and Chief Leo Youngman won the Blackfoot prize.

Three judges picked the winners who were evaluated on the neatness of the inside of the teepee and the general design of the teepee.

The Ben Calf Robe scholarship, which is awarded to a Native person who has excelled in art school was awarded to Beatrice First Rider.

Some of the events that took place this week include buffalo ride competitions, powwows, hand game competitions and a Native fashion show. This will also be the first year a Stampede Indian princess will be chosen to represent the teepee owners in other powwows across the country. The teepee village closed on Sunday, July 13, with a traditional flag ceremony.

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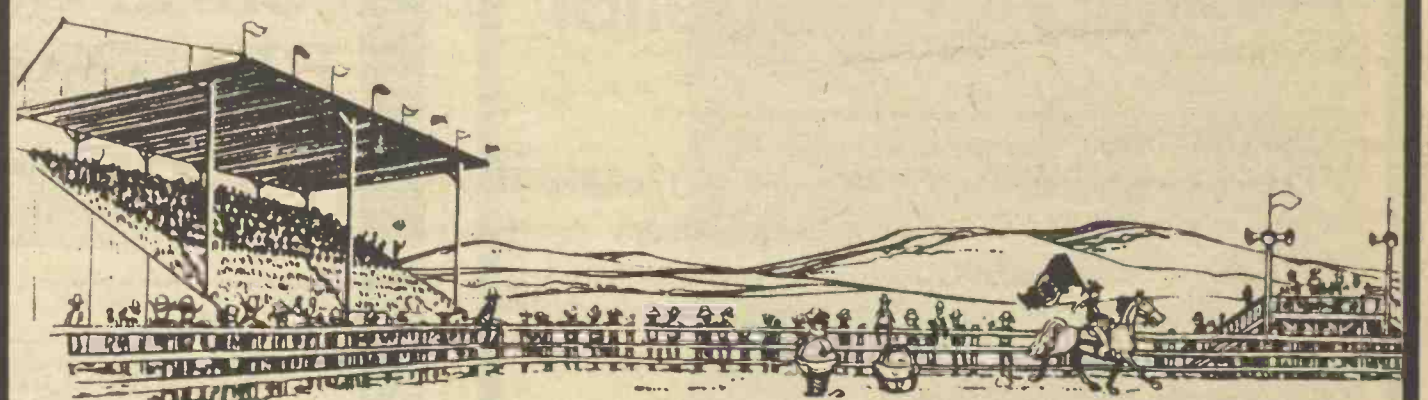
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Metis invents boat

By Terry Lusty

For a brief span of 50 years, a major form of transportation in the Canadian west was by York Boat, Red River cart, or the stern-wheel riverboat. All became widely used in the constant transference of goods over land or over water.

Once the Hudson's Bay Company and the Northwest Company merged in 1821, reliance on the canoe got to be less and less. They were largely replaced by the larger York Boats which could carry heavier and bulkier loads.

The inventor of the slow-moving but sturdy York Boat was a Metis by the name of William Sinclair from what is today Manit-

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oba. His sturdy craft was first built in 1835 and was widely used until the 1880s.

Compared to the lighter and smaller canoe, the York Boat, though heavier, was sufficiently light enough to portage by pulling it through white water by rope.

The weight and bulk of this boat was great enough to weather storms, storms which ordinarily upset even the largest of canoes. This vessel could carry as much as several canoes as well as other items considered far too heavy or

bulky for canoe travel.

From the 1860s onward, the steamboat and the Red River cart began to gradually displace the York Boat. Operated by nine men of whom eight were rowers and one a steersman, these "inland boats," or "man killers" as they were called, carried up to three and one half tons of goods.

York Boats, like car brigades, travelled in groups. Four to eight boats were grouped and travelled together to form a "brigade."

The boat operators were, by far, usually Metis

or Indian people. Customarily, these workers were a stocky sort — broad shoulders, sturdy build, long arms, and able to carry up to 200 pounds. Height-wise, they were somewhat on the short side only ranging around 5 foot-six to 5 foot-eight. They were, however, exceptionally instrumental in the opening of the Canadian west and were the virtual backbone of western economy.

The remains of an actual York Boat is on display at the Natural Museum of Man in Winnipeg.

Prayer for peace at Little Big Horn

By Rocky Woodward

Indian people gathered on the hills of the Little Big Horn and prayed for peace on the anniversary of "Custer's Last Stand," a battle fought over a century ago that ended in the deaths of General Custer and his troops and a victory for the Cheyennes and Sioux.

The day also saw a coffin full of bones, supposedly those of 36 men under Custer's command buried near Last Stand Hill.

Northern Cheyenne Chief Austin Two Moons led a sunrise ceremony in the second annual "Day of Prayer for World Peace" that takes place on the hills overlooking the Little Big Horn.

The prayer gathering began last year under Chief

Two Moons. Chief Two Moon's great-grandfather and grandfather both fought in the battle of the Little Big Horn.

Indian tribes from all over America were invited by the Cheyenne to the international peace festival.

During an archaeological investigation of the battlefield the bones of the troopers were found. It was at Little Big Horn that Custer and all of the troops under his personal command on that day, which numbered approximately 290, lost their lives to, near 2,000 Cheyenne and Sioux, June 25, 1876.

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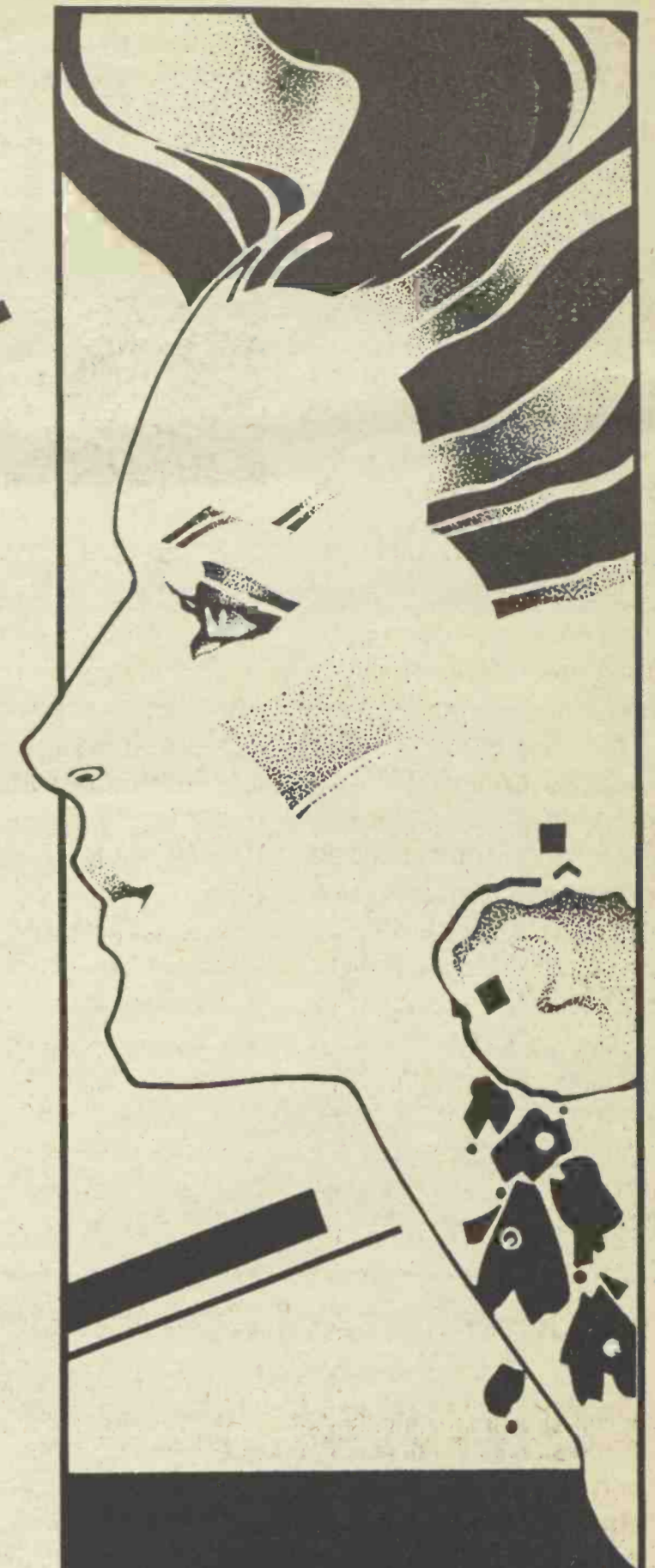
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On June 28, 1985, parliament passed a bill, Bill C-31, to act as an amendment to the Indian Act.

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