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# Flying Arrows

DEAR EDITOR:

ABOUT THE LETTER FROM VIVIAN PAMBRUN. I'M THE FIELDWORKER SHE IS TALKING ABOUT AND MY NAME IS DWAYNE MOORE. IF THIS PERSON IS A TRUE HALF-BREED LIKE SHE SAID, SHE WOULD NOT HAVE SENT IN HER MEMBERSHIP CARD BECAUSE PEOPLE THAT DO THOSE THINGS ARE NOT TRUE TO THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE PUT SO MUCH EFFORT INTO MAKING THIS LOCAL WHAT IT IS. WHEN I WORK FOR THE PEOPLE I TRY TO DO THE BEST I CAN DO AND AT NO TIME HAVE I EVER TURNED A PERSON AWAY FROM THIS OFFICE. ALL THE METIS AND WHITE THAT I HAVE WORKED WITH HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD AND THAT IS WHAT MAKES THIS JOB A LOT EASIER TO DO. ALSO THE PAY THAT I GET FOR MY WORK I DO IS FOR ME TO DO WHAT I LIKE. I SPEND IT THE WAY I WANT. I BOUGHT A HOUSE TRAILER BECAUSE IT'S THE FIRST TIME THAT I HAVE A PLACE I CAN CALL MY OWN. IF I DO LINE MY POCKETS, IT'S MY OWN THING I'M DOING BY SAVING FOR A RAINY DAY. I DO NOT THINK A PERSON WILL HOLD THAT AGAINST ANOTHER PERSON. I DO NOT HAVE ANYONE IN THIS LOCAL THAT I CAN SAY I FAVOR. ALL PEOPLE ARE EQUAL TO ME. I THINK THAT ALL THE LOCAL PEOPLE HERE ARE WONDERFUL. THEY CO-OPERATE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. THIS IS THE FIRST LOCAL PRESIDENT THAT WE HAVE HAD THAT REALLY GOT THINGS GOING SO GOOD HERE. I ALSO KNOW THAT UNLESS THE LOCAL PEOPLE ARE BEHIND US FIELDWORKERS WE WOULD NOT LAST VERY LONG. I JOINED THE METIS SOCIETY THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO AND TO THIS DAY I CAN NOT SAY THAT I'M SORRY. I LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT. I WAS EMPLOYED BY THE METIS SOCIETY ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, AND IF I WAS NOT A TRUE HALF-BREED I WOULD HAVE BEEN ON THE ROAD A HELL OF A LONG TIME AGO. THERE HAS BEEN TIMES THAT I SAID "IT'S NOT WORTH ALL THIS CRAZY FIGHTING WE ARE DOING, I FEEL LIKE QUITTING" BUT PEOPLE CAME ALONG AND SAID, "KEEP ON, YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB". SO TODAY I CAN THANK ALL THESE PEOPLE THAT HAVE GIVEN ME SO MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT. I'M SO GLAD THAT I GOT A PIECE OF THE ACTION, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WHEN I GO TO FIGHT FOR PEOPLE, I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR. I'M NOT AFRAID TO LOSE MY JOB FOR TELLING SOME WHITE GOVERNMENT PERSON OFF. IF THE METIS SOCIETY IS EVER A LOST CAUSE, IT SURE WILL BE NO FAULT OF THE HONEST METIS PEOPLE BUT WILL LAY IN THE HANDS OF THOSE THAT SAY "I'M A PROUD METIS". THESE KIND OF PEOPLE MAKE A PERSON'S JOB SO HARD TO DO. YOU ALWAYS WONDER WHAT YOU CAN DO TO GET ALONG WITH THEM. WE STILL HAVE PEOPLE THAT WILL NOT ADMIT THAT THEY ARE HALF-BREEDS AND WE ALWAYS WILL. I'LL NEVER QUIT MY JOB OR FIGHTING FOR THE PEOPLE OR WHAT I THINK IS RIGHT.

I KNOW ONE TIME I WAS AT A MEETING IN PRINCE ALBERT AND I TALKED TO GOVERNMENT PEOPLE (MR. THATCHER) I WAS SO DARN SCARED I COULD HARDLY STAND STILL. I STUTTERED AND GOT ALL MIXED UP. I WAS REALLY CHICKEN SHIT THAT TIME. IF ONE OF THOSE GOVERNMENT GUYS WOULD HAVE YELLED AT ME I'D HAVE FALLEN UNDER THE TABLE. THEY USE LANGUAGE I DO NOT UNDERSTAND SOME TIMES, BUT WHEN I USE ROUGH STUFF THEY SURE UNDERSTAND IN A HELL OF A HURRY. THEY GET ME MAD AND SAY I'M UNRULY AND I ALWAYS SAY THAT THAT'S MY CULTURE. I MUST SAY THANKS TO PEOPLE LIKE NAP LAFONTAINE, JIM SINCLAIR, JULES MORIN, LORETTE QUINTAL, EMILE AUBICHON, ROSE CARON, TOM FIDDLER, ANDY BOUVIER, LOUIS LALIBERTE AND THERESA TOURAND. I COULD GO ON TO A LOT MORE BUT THAT WOULD TAKE ME FOREVER. I THANK YOU ALL FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO KEEP ON STRUGGLING.

YOURS IN BROTHERHOOD,  
DWAYNE MOORE

DEAR EDITOR

I'M NOT A MEMBER OF THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN BUT I HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS OF INDIAN AND METIS ANCESTRY. I HAVE BEEN KEEPING CONTACT WITH THE "NEW BREED" AND ALSO ANY OTHER PAPER THAT HAS STORIES CONCERNING INDIAN AND METIS.

I READ AN ARTICLE IN THE MEADOW LAKE PROGRESS CONCERNING A PROBLEM THAT HAD HAPPENED WITH METIS PEOPLE. THE PERSON WHO PUT THIS LETTER IN THE PROGRESS KNEW WHAT SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT.

ARE THE METIS SOCIETY GOING TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT?

I UNDERSTAND THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN IS ONLY FOR PEOPLE OF INDIAN ANCESTRY. I HAVE HEARD A LOT OF STORIES

CONCERNING THE METIS OFFICE IN MEADOW LAKE, WHEREAS JUST A FEW PEOPLE ARE BENEFITTING BY IT, AS THEY ARE OPERATING LIKE A SMALL 'MAFIA', THEY PICK AND CHOOSE WHO THEY WANT TO TAKE ACTIVITY IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT. I BELIEVE THAT THE SOCIETY SHOULD INVESTIGATE A LOT OF THESE PEOPLE.

I'M SENDING A COPY OF THE PROGRESS PAPER FROM MEADOW LAKE WITH PICTURES OF PEOPLE WHO ARE OF COMPLETE WHITE ANCESTRY AND WHO ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF METIS ACTIVITIES AS THEY ARE CHOSEN OVER THE TRUE INDIAN AND METIS PEOPLE. BECAUSE OF RUMOURS I HAVE HEARD IN AND AROUND MEADOW LAKE AREA,

I FEEL THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE METIS SOCIETY ARE FAILING TO DO THEIR JOB AS ELECTED LEADERS TO GIVE EQUAL RECOGNITION TO THEIR PEOPLE. WHEN LEADERS ARE LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE CORRUPTING THE METIS SOCIETY RATHER THAN LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE WHO COUNT AS TRUE METIS BY DOING THIS THE METIS SOCIETY IS NOT DOING THEIR JOB FAIR AND SQUARE.

ALSO, THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE UNDERLINED IN THESE PICTURES ARE OF COMPLETE WHITE ANCESTRY.

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS LETTER AND PICTURE FROM THE MEADOW LAKE PROGRESS PRINTED IN THE NEW BREED AS ANOTHER COPY IS SENT TO THE STAR PHOENIX IF IT ISN'T PUT IN THE NEW BREED.

A CANADIAN CITIZEN WHO BELIEVES IN JUSTICE FOR ALL TRUE METIS.



CUTTING - Left to right, Instructor Yvonne Morin, Marg Morin, Alice Tourand, Paulette Malheur, Cecile King, Nettie Lavallee and Irene Alberta.



SEWING - Left to right, Diane Beaton, Violet Dancy, Joan Stupa, Berna Ouellette and Diane Wajjij.



KNITTING - Left to right, back, Rose Murray, Elsie Michel, Doreen Carmichael, Agnes Chantard and Elizabeth Morin. Front, Thelma Chantard, Allison Galphard, waitress instructor Jean Hasty, Shiliev, Diane and King Stora.

DEAR EDITOR:

IN REGARDS TO MY LETTER TO THE NEW BREED, FEBRUARY EDITION, MANY PEOPLE MAY THINK OF ME AS BEING CRAZY FOR SAYING WHAT I SAID, SINCE, WHEN IS A PERSON CRAZY FOR EXPRESSING WHAT IS ON THEIR MIND,

IT IS ONLY THE TRUTH THAT HURTS, OTHERWISE, THEY WOULD TELL ME TO MY FACE WHETHER I AM CRAZY OR NOT, RATHER THAN TELLING OTHER PEOPLE, THEY SHOULD TALK TO ME.

I MEANT WHAT I SAID, I'LL NEVER CHANGE MY OPINION.

IT'S ABOUT TIME THE METIS PEOPLE OPEN THEIR EYES AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THEIR METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN.

THANK YOU  
YOURS TRULY,  
VIVIAN PAMBRUN

DEAR EDITOR:

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MY OPINION ON WHAT I THINK OF THE METIS SOCIETY, FOR ONE THING I LIKE TO KNOW IS WHERE THE MONEY GOES THAT THEY GET FROM THE GOVERNMENT? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING DONE, ALL I SEE IS MEETINGS AFTER MEETINGS AND HIRING FIELD WORKERS THAT DON'T DO A DAMN THING AND TAKING AIRPLANE RIDES TO THE MEETINGS AND FILLING THE HALF BREED WITH ONE GOOD MEAL AND MAKING PROMISES, THE METIS SOCIETY IS GOING DOWN THE DRAIN INSTEAD OF UP, AND ANOTHER THING I DON'T THINK IS RIGHT IS THAT VOCATIONAL CENTRE IN MEADOW LAKE, THEY ARE HIRING WOMEN WITH NO EDUCATION AND PAYING THEM \$15.00 A DAY, HOW CAN ONE DUMB HALF-BREED TEACH ANOTHER? THERE IS ALSO WHITE WOMEN IN THERE, IF THIS IS FOR THE METIS SOCIETY WHAT ARE THOSE PALE FACES DOING THERE? AND ANOTHER THING I'D LIKE TO COMMENT ON IS THE WINTER WARMTH PROGRAM, THEY HIRED A MAN TO TAKE APPLICATIONS FROM DOOR TO DOOR TO SEE WHAT THE HALF-BREED FAMILIES NEEDED, AND WHEN THIS SHIPMENT CAME IN THEY DIDN'T USE THE APPLICATIONS, SO, I DON'T SEE WHY THEY HIRED A MAN IF THEY DIDN'T USE THE APPLICATIONS, MORE MONEY SPENT, I FEEL IF THEY PUT A MAN WHO WOULD FULFILL THEIR PROMISES THE METIS SOCIETY WOULD BE A GOOD ORGANIZATION.

YOURS TRULY,

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO TRY TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ALL OF MY ORIGINAL AMERICAN NATIVE BROTHERS AND SISTERS INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE OF MIXED RACES.

I CAME VERY CLOSE TO BE OF THE METIS PEOPLE, MY GRANDFATHER OF THE MOHAWK NATION WAS MY GRANDMOTHER'S SECOND HUSBAND, HER FIRST HUSBAND WAS METIS, SHE WAS OF THE BLACKFOOT NATION BUT WAS A FOSTER CHILD OF A METIS FAMILY, I FIND IT VERY HARD TO FIND OUT MORE OF THAT FAMILY EVEN THOUGH I HAVE HALF COUSINS STILL LIVING, ALL OF MY FATHER'S HALF-SISTERS FOR SOME REASON PREFERRED TO PASS THEMSELVES OFF AS BEING FRENCH, ALSO, THEM APPLES WOULD NOT EVEN CALL THEMSELVES FRENCH-CANADIANS, I THANK THE GREAT SPIRIT TO LEARN THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE METIS ARE PROUD PEOPLE AND NOT LIKE MY HALF RELATIONS.

AFTER MY HALF RELATIONS FOUND OUT MY FATHER WAS GOING TO MARRY MY MOTHER WHO WAS OF THE PENOBSCOT NATION THEY STARTED TO TELL PEOPLE ALL OF THE CHILDREN WERE GOING TO BE BLACK, BUT BECAUSE ONE OF MY MOHAWK ANCESTORS IN THE SIXTEEN HUNDREDS MARRIED A GERMAN-SWISS OF THE QUAKER RELIGION, I WAS BORN WITH LIGHT SKIN AND BLOND HAIR, OF COURSE, THAT MADE IT APPEAR AS IF THEY DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT, BEFORE I GO ANY FARTHER WITH THIS LETTER, I WANT TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT I DON'T WISH FOR YOU TO FIND ME OFFENDING TOWARD YOU, I AM VERY GLAD OF THE FACT THAT YOU ARE NOT LIKE MY HALF RELATIONS, AND ARE PROUD TO BE PART OF THE ORIGINAL AMERICAN NATIVES.

I WILL CLOSE FOR NOW, I PRAY TO THE CREATOR I WILL GET YOUR REPLY VERY SOON, MAY THE BLESSING OF THE GREAT SPIRIT BE UPON YOU.

ALWAYS A BROTHER,  
GREAT WOLF'S SPIRIT

DEAR HALF-BREED:

WE, THE METIS PEOPLE OF BUFFALO NARROWS, CAN'T TAKE ALL OF THE CRITICISM OF OUR SO CALLED "NEW BREED" PAPER, CAN'T WE FOR ONCE PUT OURSELVES ON THE BACK FOR WHAT WE ARE? INSTEAD OF RUBBING EACH OTHERS NOSES ON THE GROUND, SURE THE WHITEY'S CALL US DOWN, THAT WE WON'T AND CAN'T DENY, FOR WE ALL HAD EXPERIENCE MORE THAN ONCE IN OUR LIVES, WE ARE DOING THIS FOR OUR CHILDREN IN THE FUTURE, WHAT GOOD IS IT WHEN WE'RE SHOWING THEM NO RESPECT FOR THE WHITE PEOPLE, IF ONE WHITEY SAYS YOUR BLACK (IF THEY IN HIGH SCHOOL DOWN SOUTH), THEY'LL COME HOME WITH THEIR TAIL BETWEEN

THEIR LEGS LIKE A PUNISHED DOG INSTEAD OF PUTTING UP THEIR HEADS TO SAY I'M PROUD TO BE A METIS OR INDIAN, WHICH EVER IT MAY BE, DID YOU (ANY MOTHER) EVER STOP TO THINK ABOUT THAT? OUR CHILDREN ARE YOUNG YET, THEY HAVE THEIR DREAMS, DIDN'T YOU? LIKE WE WANTS TO BE A PILOT ANOTHER ONE A NURSE, WHAT GOOD IS THAT GOING TO DO THEM TO TRY? IN THE END THEY'LL COME HOME AND SAY THE WHITEY'S DIDN'T GIVE THEM A BREAK, LET'S TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO HAVE A LITTLE BACKBONE LIKE OUR ANCESTORS BEFORE US, THIS WAY THE THINGS THEY READ IN THE NEW BREED WILL GIVE THEM A DIFFERENT VIEW OF EVERYTHING, LET'S TRY AND BE REASONABLE AS WELL AS TRY SOMETHING FOR THE FUTURE, LOUIS RIEL TRIED FOR US - DIDN'T HE? CAN'T WE DO THE SAME? WITHOUT PUTTING OURSELVES IN THE GUTTER, YOU NEVER PUT OUT ANY GOOD POINTS IN ANY INDIAN OR METIS LIFE, EVEN WHEN YOU SHOW OUR HOUSING CONDITIONS, YOU PICK OUT THE WORST ONES, PEOPLE DON'T EVEN LIVE IN SHACKS AS YOU CALL THEM, OR TENTS AS YOU STATED IN THE SASKATOON STAR PHOENIX, THIS IS NOT THE HUNGRY THIRTIES, YOU KNOW, I KNOW INDIANS AND METIS PEOPLE AREN'T WELL TO DO BECAUSE WE'RE ONE OURSELVES BUT PLEASE DON'T BE A FEW GOOD POINTERS SOMETIMES FOR US METIS PEOPLE, AFTER ALL WE DO HAVE SOME PRIDE LEFT IN US.

AMY MCKAY CLARA MCCALLUM - BUFFALO NARROWS

IN REPLY TO: TONI DUROCHER

IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER I WISH TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO A COUPLE OF PERTINENT FACTS WHICH I THINK ARE VERY RELEVANT TO THE CONTENTS OF YOUR LETTER, FIRST OF ALL I THINK IT IS VERY COMMENDABLE ON YOUR PART TO WRITE SUCH A FINE LETTER AND BELIEVE ME IT IS A GOOD ONE, I ONLY WISH WE COULD GET MORE CORRESPONDENCE FROM OUR READERS AS IT IS ONLY THROUGH THEIR DEAR AND HELPFUL COMMENTS THAT WE CAN BRING OUR PAPER TO THE TYPE OF READING MATERIAL THAT OUR PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE, LETTERS SUCH AS YOURS ARE WELCOMED AND APPRECIATED AS IT SHOWS THAT YOU ARE AWARE AND THAT IS EXACTLY THE SORT OF THING WE WANT FOR OUR PEOPLE, ONCE OUR PEOPLE REALIZE AND UNDERSTAND THE THINGS HAPPENING TO THEM AND ARGUE WITH THEM - WE CAN BEGIN TO COPE WITH OUR PROBLEMS AND BRING THEM OUT IN A WAY THAT WE WANT.

PATTING OURSELVES ON THE BACK IS INDEED A MERIT I THINK WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT WHEN WE DO THINGS THAT CALL FOR THIS TYPE OF CREDIT, BEING WHAT WE ARE IS OUR HERITAGE AND WE SHOULD BE MORE THAN PROUD OF THAT FACT, BUT AS YOU SO APTLY STATED IT DOES US NO GOOD TO RUB EACH OTHERS NOSES IN THE GROUND FOR THIS KIND OF CREDIT ABOUT APATHY AND MANY TIMES A DEEP RESENTMENT OF THE PART OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE, IT IS FINE AND DANDY TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN RESPECT FOR THE WHITEMAN - BUT BEWARE YOU ARE NOT TEACHING THEM A RESPECT THAT IS NOT FORTHCOMING, RESPECT FOR A PERSON IS EARNED AND EARNED IN A WAY THAT IS BOTH HELPFUL AND BENEFICIAL TO THOSE WHO RECEIVE IT, I BELIEVE THAT WHAT WE SHOULD TEACH OUR CHILDREN IS RESPECT FOR THEMSELVES AND I DO NOT HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE INDIAN OR METIS CHILD ALIVE WHO - IF TAUGHT SELF-RESPECT FOR HIS OR HER IDENTITY - WOULD RETURN HOME WITH HIS TAIL BETWEEN HIS LEGS BECAUSE HE WOULD HAVE BEEN TAUGHT AND SHOWN BY THE EXAMPLE OF HIS PARENTS THAT BEING OF INDIAN BLOOD IS ONE OF THE OLDEST AND PROUDEST CULTURES EVER, I THINK HE OR SHE, AS THE CASE MAY BE, WOULD HOLD THEIR HEADS UP WITH PRIDE FOR THE NATIVE PERSON THEY ARE.

"PUTTING OURSELVES IN THE GUTTER" AS YOU SAID IS NOT ONE OF THE POLICIES OF THE "NEW BREED", WE BRING OUT THINGS WHICH HAVE AND ARE HAPPENING; IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE SOME OF THE GOINGS ON AROUND US, IT WOULD BE SO EASY FOR OUR EYES AND EARS TO THESE FACTS AND WRITE ONLY ABOUT ALL THE GOOD THINGS HAPPENING TO OUR PEOPLE, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF OUR MORE UNFORTUNATE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IN ORDER FOR THEM TO GET ANY SORT OF FAIR SHAKE, THE FACTS HAVE TO BE BROUGHT OUT IN THE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT, WHAT MAY THINGS CAN BE DONE - BUT, BY SNEERING IT UNDER THE CARPET WE ARE AS GUILTY AS THE PERSON WHO CAUSED THEIR SUFFERING AND HURT THE HOUSING CONDITIONS WE WROTE ABOUT AND PICTURED WAS DONE TO HELP THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT - BY PUTTING IN ALL THE GOOD HOMES AND THERE ARE SOME, WE ARE NOT GETTING THE POINT ACROSS THAT THERE ARE MANY OF OUR PEOPLE WHO NEED AID AND NEED IT BADLY, THESE ARE THE ONES WE WANT TO HELP IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

PRIDE IS EXACTLY WHAT WE SHOULD ALL HAVE IN OUR ANCESTRY AND I BELIEVE MOST OF US IF NOT ALL OF US HAVE THIS AND THAT IS WHY WE WANT TO SEE ALL OUR PEOPLE GET THE BEST THINGS FOR OURSELVES AND IF WE HAVE TO DO THIS IN WHAT MAY SOMETIMES BE A CALLOUS MANNER IN ORDER FOR SOME POSITIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN THEN THAT IS WHAT WE WILL DO, I SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN AND HOPE YOU WILL WRITE AGAIN, KEEP UP THE STRUGGLE AND BE CONCERNED AND LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS ANYTIME.

# DEPARTMENT ON NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN

MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD THROUGHOUT THE NORTH AND SOUTH LATELY TO DISCUSS THE FORMING OF A NEW DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT "THE DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN". MEETINGS WERE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

CUMBERLAND HOUSE  
LAC LA RONGE  
URANIUM CITY  
BUFFALO NARROWS  
MEADOW LAKE  
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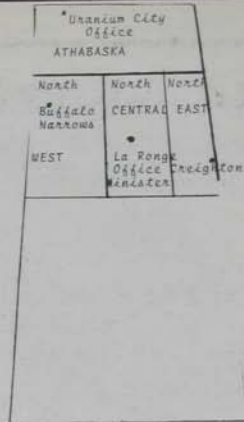
AT WHICH TIME DELEGATES FROM ALL LOCALS IN THE NORTH AND FROM THE SOUTH DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS:

EDUCATION	HEALTH
WELFARE	D.N.R.
TOURISM	MINERAL RESOURCES
INDUSTRY	TIMBER RIGHTS
EMPLOYMENT	LAND OWNERSHIP

THE NEW PROPOSED "DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN AND IT'S BROTHER ACT" DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN SASKATCHEWAN WILL BE COVERING ALL THESE AREAS. THEY WILL COME UNDER ONE DEPARTMENT AND ONE MINISTER WILL BE ADVISED BY A "NORTHERN ADVISORY BOARD" APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. THIS BOARD WILL HAVE NO POWER WHATSOEVER AND WILL ONLY BE ADVISERS TO THE GOVERNMENT.

DURING THESE MEETINGS THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE PUT FORWARD THEIR COMPLAINTS AND ALTERNATIVES. ALL THESE SUGGESTIONS, AND DEMANDS ARE BASED ON THE PEOPLE'S NEEDS ACCORDING TO THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

THESE TWO BILLS WHICH RECEIVED SECOND READING IN THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE ARE VERY CLOSELY RELATED AND UNDER THE POWER OF ONE MAN; THE MINISTER. THE NORTH WILL BE BROKEN INTO FOUR AREAS OR DISTRICTS AND EACH ONE ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY GOVERNMENT.



SO FOR THE "DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT" DEALS ONLY WITH THE NORTH, WHILE THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT DEALS WITH BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH AND WILL DEAL WITH ALL UNDERPRIVILEGED PEOPLES. THIS IS THE GOVERNMENT'S SIDE OF THE STORY AND NOW WE WILL DEAL WITH WHAT THE PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

AT ALL THE MEETINGS THE PEOPLE WERE OUTSPOKEN AND KNEW WHAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT AND WHAT THEY WANTED. HERE IS AN ANALYSIS OF THOSE MEETINGS AND THE MAIN POINTS AS TO HOW THE PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DEPARTMENT SET UP.

1) (A) EACH AREA IN NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN SHOULD ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO SIT ON THE NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT BOARD COUNCIL. THESE REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD HAVE DECISION MAKING POWERS, NOT JUST ADVISORS.

(B) ALL DEALINGS WITH IN THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE DONE WITH REPRESENTATIVES INVOLVED.

(C) ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE SHOULD RUN FOR ELECTION EVERY 2 YEARS.

(D) REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS WITH LOCAL PEOPLE AND INFORM THEM OF ALL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES. THE BOARD, COUNCIL, OR COMMITTEE MUST ANSWER TO THE PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THE POWER TO REMOVE ANY MEMBER OR REPRESENTATIVE THEY FEEL IS WORKING AGAINST THEIR INTEREST.

(E) THE MAJORITY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF NATIVE PEOPLE.



Where in the Hell is the Department of  
Halfbreeds... @\*@ damn it

# Prince Albert

TONI DUROCHER CONFRONTED TED BOWERMAN CONCERNING FINANCING OF THE 'NEW BREED'. IT WAS ASKED OF THE GOVERNMENT WHY THEY COULD NOT SEE THEIR WAY TO HELPING IN THE FINANCING OF THE PAPER, WHEN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS HAVE BEEN METED OUT TO OTHER INDIAN NEWSPAPERS. IT WAS ALSO BROUGHT OUT THAT THREE PROPOSALS ON THE ISSUE WERE REJECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND WE WERE WONDERING WHY OUR PAPER WAS TURNED DOWN.

MR. BOWERMAN ANSWERED BY SAYING HE KNEW OF NO REASON WHY OUR REQUEST WAS REJECTED, BUT PROCEEDED TO LET US KNOW THAT AT THIS VERY TIME HE HAS ON HIS DESK A STATEMENT CONCERNING FINANCING AND THAT HE COULD SEE NO REASON WHY THIS COULD NOT BE PUSHED THROUGH, SO, WITH A LITTLE BIT OF LUCK AND THE PUSHING HAND OF THE GOVERNMENT OUR PEOPLE'S PAPER, 'THE NEW BREED' WILL CONTINUE TO GO TO PRESS.

AS I STATED TO THE GOVERNMENT, COMMUNICATION WITH OUR PEOPLE IN THE NORTH IS VITAL AND ONE OF OUR MAIN SOURCES OF CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER IS THROUGH THE ISSUE OF OUR PAPER. I KNOW OUR PAPER IS LATE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH BUT IT WILL GET OUT.

PEOPLE ASKED ME ABOUT RECEIVING THE PAPER IN THEIR HOMES AND I EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE AT THE MOMENT TO MAIL IT OUT TO EACH INDIVIDUAL, BUT HOPEFULLY, IF OUR GRANT COMES THROUGH, WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO THIS. PLEASE BEAR WITH US FOR AWHILE. ONE OTHER POINT BROUGHT UP WAS THE COST OF ONE PAPER, I TOLD THE PEOPLE WE HAVE A PRICE OF TEN CENTS A COPY AND SUBSCRIPTION RATES ARE \$3.00 A YEAR AND \$1.50 FOR SIX MONTHS. IN SOME LOCALS WE HAVE YOUNG BOYS SELLING THE PAPER AT A DIME A COPY. OUT OF THIS TIME THEY GET TO KEEP A NICKEL, SO THIS MEANS WE DO NOT MAKE ANY PROFIT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE EVERY BODY GET A PAPER AND I TOLD THE PEOPLE IF THEY COULD NOT AFFORD A DIME TO PURCHASE A PAPER, THEN BY ALL MEANS, GRAB ONE. IT IS YOUR PAPER AND WE WANT EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH AND FOR OUR PEOPLE.

ANOTHER THING I STATED IS THAT BECAUSE I DO NOT HAVE THE TRAVELLING EXPENSES NECESSARY TO GO INTO EACH INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY AS I WOULD LIKE TO DO, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF OUR PEOPLE WOULD SEND IN ARTICLES FROM TIME TO TIME COVERING VARIOUS HAPPENINGS IN THEIR LOCALS WHICH WE WOULD BE MORE THAN PLEASED TO PRINT. IN THIS WAY COMMUNITIES WANTING TO BE SET UP IN THEIR LOCALS ETC. WOULD BE REPRESENTED IN THE 'NEW BREED'.

AT THIS TIME I ALSO WISH TO THANK THE MANY PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THE THREE DAY CONFERENCE IN P.A. FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT AND BACKING RECEIVED FOR THE PAPER. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE SUCH ENTHUSIASM AND ONCE AGAIN - THANK YOU.

## MEADOW LAKE LOCAL #31

A FEW COMPLAINTS WERE READ BY TONI DUROCHER TO MR. BOWERMAN ON BEHALF OF JULES MORIN, PRESIDENT OF THE MEADOW LAKE LOCAL #31. THE METIS PEOPLE IN THE MEADOW LAKE AREA WOULD LIKE FIVE NEW HOUSES AND POWER BROUGHT INTO THEIR AREA. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS URGENTLY NEEDED AND THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN IN TO THE GOVERNMENT SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1971. ANOTHER MATTER GETTING ATTENTION AND BROUGHT UP BY THE METIS SOCIETY OF MEADOW LAKE WAS THEY WOULD LIKE THEIR OWN RECREATION HALL.

IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT INDIVIDUAL LAND OWNERS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING CATTLE, AN OTHER PROGRAM APPLIED FOR UNDER D.R.E.E. WAS THE FEED LOT AND THE 'SLAUGHTER HOUSE' AS OF YET, NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

## WELFARE WORKERS VERSUS NURSES FOR THE NORTH

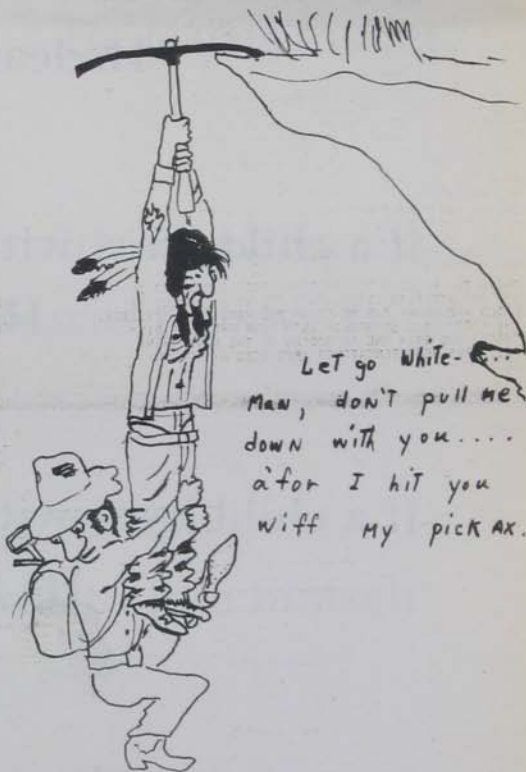
TED BOWERMAN TOLD THE PEOPLE THE GOVERNMENT COULD SEND OUT WELFARE WORKERS FROM REGINA TO GO INTO THE NORTH. HE ALSO STATED THAT THIS WAS NOT TOO HARD TO DO AS THEIR EXPENSES AND GOVERNMENT CAR FOR TRAVELLING WAS ALL PAID FOR BY THE GOVERNMENT; HOWEVER, HE SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW ABOUT HEALTH NURSES FOR THE NORTHERN AREAS. IT WAS THEN ASKED BY THE PEOPLE HOW COME THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT SEND OUT A HEALTH NURSE TO THE NORTH. AS HE (BOWERMAN) SAID HE COULD SEE NO REASON WHY THERE SHOULD NOT BE A NURSE UP NORTH. MR. BOWERMAN ANSWERED THAT THIS WOULD BE LOCKED INTO.

MR. BOWERMAN RELATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS ATTEMPTING TO ALLEVIATE PROBLEMS IN THE NORTH BY BRINGING IN THIS NEW DEPARTMENT (THE DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT)

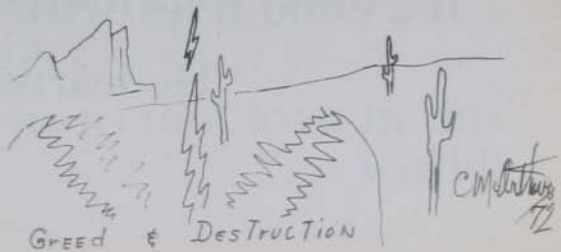
## INTERVIEW WITH OSCAR BEATTY AND A HERALD REPORTER

IT WAS STATED BY OSCAR BEATTY THAT THE FOUR AREAS OUTLINED IN THE PROPOSAL WOULD GRADUALLY BE EXPANDED SO OUR PEOPLE COULD TRY AND HAVE MORE RESPONSIBILITY IN RUNNING OUR OWN AFFAIRS. HE ALSO STATED THAT WHATEVER THE PEOPLE WANT TO PUT INTO THE NEW PROPOSAL IS WHAT THEY WILL GET OUT OF IT.

OSCAR ALSO SAID THE F.S.I. SEEMS TO STAND IN THE WAY. PROBLEMS IN MANY CASES HAVE TO BE DEALT DIRECTLY WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN AREAS OUTSIDE RESERVES. SUCH AS HUNTING, FISHING AND TOURISM. THE GOVERNMENT, OSCAR SAID, STATED THAT THEY WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE F.S.I. BEFORE THEY GOT INTO THE SET UP WITH THE NEW PROPOSAL. THE GOVERNMENT ADVISES THAT WE BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN DEALING WITH THE F.S.I.



Let go White Man,  
don't pull me down with you...  
after I hit you wiff My pick ax.



# CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism,  
He learns to condemn!

If a child lives with hostility,  
He learns to fight!

If a child lives with ridicule,  
He learns to be shy!

If a child lives with shame,  
He learns to feel guilty!

If a child lives with tolerance,  
He learns confidence!

If a child lives with praise,  
He learns justice!

If a child lives with security,  
He learns to have faith!

If a child lives with approval,  
He learns to like himself!

If a child lives with acceptance  
and friendship,  
He learns to find love in this  
world!





## RACISM IS CAUSE OF DEATH

AN ARTICLE IN THE GLOBE AND MAIL OF FEBRUARY 2, 1972, REPORTED THE DEATH OF A 13-YEAR-OLD INDIAN, DENNIS ROSS. HE WAS FOUND DEAD IN KENORA, ONTARIO IN DECEMBER, 1971.

A CORONER'S INQUEST ON JANUARY 18 RULED THAT THE BOY HAD DIED OF EXPOSURE DUE TO EXCESSIVE INTOXICATION. MEANWHILE, A MAN IS BEING SOUGHT ON A CHARGE OF SUPPLYING LIQUOR TO MINORS.

IN THE ARTICLE THERE WAS ALSO THE COMMENT OF FORMER MAYOR E. L. CARTER ABOUT THE INCIDENT:

"WE DID NOT HAVE PROBLEMS IN THIS TOWN UNTIL OUR NON-WHITE FRIENDS GOT ACCESS TO ALCOHOL. THIS IS A TYPICAL RACIST ATTITUDE. FIRST OF ALL THE INDIANS ARE MORE THEN 'NON-WHITE FRIENDS'. THEY HAPPEN TO BE THE NATIVE PEOPLES OF THIS LAND. MANY YEARS AGO AS FUR TRADERS THE WHITE MAN CAME AND TOOK THE VALUABLE PELTS WHICH THE INDIANS HAD TRAPPED AND IN RETURN GAVE THEM CHEAP WHISKEY. THE MORE FURS THE INDIANS BROUGHT THE MORE CHEAP WHISKEY THE WHITE MAN GAVE HIM. THE PROBLEMS WERE CREATED BY THE WHITE MAN AND THE INDIANS WERE FORCED INTO ACCEPTING WHATEVER THE WHITE MAN HANDED OUT.

THE INDIANS DID NOT GET ACCESS TO ALCOHOL, THEY WERE FORCED INTO TAKING SOMETHING WHICH THEY HAD NEVER COME IN CONTACT WITH BEFORE. AT THE PRESENT TIME YOU HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD FORCED THE INDIANS INTO THINKING THAT THERE IS NOTHING FOR THEM AND AS A RESULT THEY HAVE BEEN DRIVEN INTO DRINKING WITH THE THOUGHT THAT THERE IS NO FUTURE FOR THEM. THE PROBLEMS IN THE TOWN ARE SUCH THINGS AS LACK OF PROPER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY, LACK OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, NO JOBS, CAUSED BY NOT HAVING THE PROPER REPRESENTATION WITH THE INDIANS' INTEREST AT HEART. IT'S TIME TO KICK OUT THE TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT AND ELECT A GOVERNMENT THAT WILL WORK FOR THE FUTURE OF ALL CANADIAN YOUTH, SO THERE WILL BE NO MORE DENNIS ROSSSES.

## JUSTICE?

ALLAN MORIN AND HIS FRIEND WERE CAUGHT WITH A SHOTGUN AND DUCKS IN HIS BOAT WHILE TRAVELLING. HE WAS FINED \$75.00 AND LOST HIS BOAT, MOTOR AND SHOTGUN FOR THREE MONTHS. A BOAT IS THEIR ONLY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. TO CHARGE A NATIVE UP THERE IS THE SAME AS CHARGING A WHITE MAN IN THE SOUTH FOR HAVING DUCKS AND A GUN IN HIS CAR. A WHITE MAN WAS CHARGED FOR THE SAME THING IN THE PATUWACK AREA WAS ONLY CHARGED \$50.00 AND THEY DID NOT SEIZE ONE BIT OF HIS OUTFIT. WHY IS THE WHITE MAN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE NATIVE IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO DISCRIMINATION BY THE D.N.R. AND R.C.M.P.

"OLD-KI-PUTCH" by Billy Brass

TRUST  
THEN  
UNITY

WE RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM LARRY AHENAKEW TO ATTEND HIS WEDDING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT ILE A LA CROSSE ON MARCH 17TH, 1972. HIS BRIDE-TO-BE IS MISS GLADYS MORIN.

THE WEDDING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6:00 P.M. WITH THE RECEPTION BEING HELD AT 7:00 P.M. AND DANCE TO FOLLOW AT 8:00 P.M.

WE, THE STAFF AT HEAD OFFICE OF THE METIS SOCIETY, EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL BOTH HAVE A HAPPILY MARRIED LIFE. ONCE AGAIN CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION.

RESTORATION OF OUR RED ETHNICITY IS DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR THE SETTING UP OF A WORKING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE STATUS AND NON-STATUS INDIANS OF CANADA. WE MUST RETAIN AND MAINTAIN OUR CUSTOMS AND CULTURAL VALUES IN ORDER TO DISTINGUISH AND RECOGNIZE OUR IDENTITY AS TRUE NATIVES OF THIS COUNTRY. IT IS IMPERATIVE WE HAVE TOTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS A COALITION OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING FOR THE BUILDING OF A SOLID FOUNDATION OF TRUST WHICH IS NON-EXISTENT TODAY. WE MUST ALSO ESTABLISH AN ALLIANCE AGREEABLE TO BOTH INDIAN AND METIS ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO ATTAIN SOME DEGREE OF UNITY.

YES, IT IS TIME WE STOPPED LIVING TO THE DIRECTIONS OF THE WHITE MAN; IT IS TIME WE TOOK ON OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITIES AND IT IS TIME TO ACT NOW!

I REMAIN, IN BROTHERHOOD,  
GRANT SEVERIGHT.

## Water Resources

A COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY WILL BE TAKEN BY THE AMERICAN INDIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY THIS YEAR. IT WAS REPORTED BY RUPERT COSTO, PRESIDENT.

AUTORIZATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE SURVEY FROM THE JICARILLA APACHE TRIBAL COUNCIL, WHO ARE MOST SERIOUSLY INVOLVED IN THE DIVERSION AND ROBBERY OF THEIR WATER ON THE RESERVATION.

"THE ENTIRE SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN IS AFFECTED, HOWEVER," COSTO SAID, "AND THE QUESTION OF PROTECTION OF NATIVE AMERICAN WATER RIGHTS IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH."

IN ADDITION TO THE SOCIETY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHO INCLUDE PAIUTES OF NEVADA, BANNOCK-SHOSHONE OF IDAHO, AND NATIVE AMERICANS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AREAS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT TREND IN DIVERSION OF INDIAN WATERS, THE FOLLOWING COMPRISE A WORKING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROJECT:

RUPERT COSTO, CAHUILLA; RICHARD WILSON, SIOUX; CHARLIE VIGIL, TRIBAL CHAIRMAN OF THE JICARILLA APACHE; HUBERT VELARDE, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE JICARILLA APACHE; JIM SHORTY, REPRESENTING THE NAVAJO TRIBE; WILLIAM H. VEEDER, NOTED ATTORNEY AND WATER RIGHTS EXPERT; AND WILLIAM OLSON, JICARILLA TRIBAL ATTORNEY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE SOUTHERN UTE AND MOUNTAIN UTE WILL BE INVITED TO JOIN THE GROUP.

BIDS ARE NOW BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE SURVEY. PART OF THE WORK WILL INVOLVE THE HIRING OF 10 YOUNG INDIANS OF THE JICARILLA APACHE TRIBE FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IN SURVEYING, GEOLOGICAL FIELD WORK, AND HYDROLOGY.

THE PROJECT WAS ORIGINALLY DISCUSSED AT THE SECOND CONVOCATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARS, HELD AT ASPEN, COLORADO IN SEPTEMBER, 1971. A TASK FORCE COMMITTEE WAS SET UP TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR DOING THE WORK. AT THIS POINT, A PERMANENT COMMITTEE IS WORKING WITH THE SOCIETY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN FUNDED TO DATE BY THE FORD FOUNDATION, THROUGH A GRANT OF \$100,000 TO THE SOCIETY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THE SURVEY TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT WILL INVOLVE AN EXPENDITURE OF \$175,000.

THE INDIAN HISTORIAN PRESS, AN ALL-INDIAN PUBLISHING HOUSE, HAS BEEN CONTRACTED TO PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE BOOK ON INDIAN WATER RIGHTS, UTILIZING THE REPORT ON THE SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE CURRENT INDIAN SITUATION, AND HOW TO SOLVE IT.

THE AMERICAN INDIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS AN ALL-INDIAN ORGANIZATION OF SCHOLARS, PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE, AND NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORIANS. ITS NATIONAL OFFICES ARE AT THE CHAUTAUQUA HOUSE, 1451 MASONIC AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO, 94111. ALL INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

TO THE LAW PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC SOCIETY:  
IS JUSTICE REALLY JUSTICE?

I WRITE TO YOU DIRECTLY FROM THE CONFINES OF A PRISON, A PLACE THAT IS KNOWN AS A "CORRECTIONAL CENTRE" TO YOU, THE PUBLIC SOCIETY AND FURTHERMORE, AN INSTITUTION THAT IS INTERPRETED AS A PLACE TO REHABILITATE. STRANGE WORDS THAT LACK TRUE MEANING.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE ALLOWS ME TO COMMIT MYSELF INTO SAFELY SAYING THAT, ALL THE INSTANCES I AM PLACING ON THIS PAPER COME FROM OTHER PRISONS AS WELL, WHETHER THEY BE FEDERAL OR PROVINCIAL, "JOINTS", THAT IS TO SAY THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THE INDIAN AND METIS PEOPLE, WHO ARE DOING TIME FOR NO REASON, A GREAT THANKS TO THE KIND OF JUSTICE YOUR COURTS OF LAW ARE HANDING OUT.

FOR INSTANCE, WHY IS THE NATIVE DENIED A LEGAL AID LAWYER IN APPEAL COURT? YES, SOME OF US ARE AWARE THAT IF THIS TURNED IN A "GUILTY" PLEA AT YOUR ORIGINAL TRIAL, YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO A LEGAL AID LAWYER - OR SO WE ARE TOLD ANYWAY. AND YES, SOME OF US ALSO KNOW THAT ON A SUMMARY CONVICTION, PEOPLE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO LEGAL AID LAWYERS.

(VERY CUTE, REASONABLE RULES FOR SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THEM!)

IT'S KIND OF POINTLESS TO ASK "WHY" WHEN A GREAT DEAL OF EXAMPLES IN THIS NATURE ARE KNOWN AS PURE CASES OF DISCRIMINATION IN THOSE COURT ROOMS.

BUT THAT'S JUSTICE FOR YOU!

HOW ABOUT THE NATIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE INFORMED OF THEIR SO-CALLED LEGAL RIGHTS BEFORE A COURT APPEARANCE, IN BIG HIGH "FIFTY-DOLLAR" WORDS AND AS A RESULT DON'T KNOW WHY THEY ARE DOING TIME? YES, SURE HERE AGAIN SOME OF US ARE AWARE OF NATIVE COURT WORKERS ACTING AS INTERPRETERS IN SOME PLACES, BUT WHAT NATIVE COURT WORKERS CAN CHANGE THE MIND OF A PREJUDICED JUDGE?

IT SO HAPPENS THAT SOME OF US, NATIVES, ARE NOT AS CONFUSED AS YOU MAY LIKE TO THINK WE ARE. RECENTLY (FEBRUARY, 1972) THERE WAS A CASE THAT WENT TO THE COURT OF APPEAL IN REGINA INVOLVING A "WHITE-MAN" WHO HAD NO LAWYER OF ANY KIND AT HIS ORIGINAL TRIAL AND WHO PLEADED GUILTY TO AN INDICTABLE OFFENSE WHICH RESULTED IN A LONG PRISON TERM BY PROVINCIAL STANDARDS. AND WHAT HAPPENS? THE "WHITE-MAN" DECIDES THAT HE MUST HAVE A LEGAL-AID LAWYER IN APPEAL COURT AND SO HE APPLIES AND IS GIVEN A LEGAL-AID LAWYER FOR HIS APPEAL COURT APPEARANCE. A NATIVE WHO TRIED THE SAME METHOD WAS TURNED DOWN.

IF YOU FEEL THIS IS NOT A PROVEN FACT: DOES THE STATEMENT: "TWO-THIRDS OR POSSIBLY MORE OF THE INMATE POPULATION IN JAILS CONSIST OF INDIAN AND METIS PEOPLE" - RING A BELL?

AND THAT'S THE PROUD RESULTS OF REAL JUSTICE?

MIND YOU, NOT ALL LAW PEOPLE ARE IN THIS TYPE OF STRANGE BUSINESS, BUT A VAST MAJORITY OF THEM ARE, AND EVEN SO, THE MINORITY OF THE LAW PEOPLE IN THIS "KANGAROO" SET UP ARE TIED IN WITH HYPOCRITICAL POLITICS, SO FOR THE SAKE OF THAT ALONE THEY MUST FOLLOW THE RULES OF JUSTICE LAID DOWN BY THE SHEET LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY, A SAD BUT EXISTING FACT.

THEY BROUGHT IN A NEW BAIL SYSTEM, FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS A STABLE, CONCRETE BACKGROUND, IT'S NICE TO KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT OUT A REMAND PERIOD UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN PROCESSED THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF A TRIAL. BUT IF YOU ARE A NATIVE WITH NO SOLID TIES BEHIND YOU (OR SO THEY INDICATE ANYWAY,) THESE JOINTS WILL ALWAYS BE OUTPERCENTAGED BY NATIVE PEOPLE AGAINST THE WHITES.

OH YES, SURE THIS NEW BAIL SYSTEM IS AT THE BEGINNING STAGE, SO ARE YOU KEEPING YOUR FINGERS CROSSED AND HOPE THAT THIS WILL SUMMER DOWN ALL THE NOISE AND CRYING ABOUT INJUSTICE? IF YOU ARE, YOU CAN UN-CROSS YOUR FINGERS AND FORGET IT, BECAUSE OUT-RIGHT DISCRIMINATION IS A THING THAT IS NOT EASILY ERASED FROM A PREJUDICED MIND.

WOULD YOU SAY IT IS FAIR JUSTICE TO TAKE A PERSON AWAY FROM HIS FAMILY FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME? WHEN HE IS NEEDED OUT THERE TO SUPPORT HIS FAMILY? IS IT FAIR JUSTICE TO IGNORE A NATIVE'S PLEA FOR PROTECTION IF HE HAPPENS TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF SITUATION HE IS IN?

AN INDIAN GETS A PRISON TERM AND HE APPEALS AND OBTAINS THE FORTUNATE HAPPENING OF WINNING AN IMMEDIATE RELEASE ONLY TO BE RE-CHARGED ON THE SAME THING UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES UPON HIS RETURN TO HIS HOME, AND HE STILL ENDS UP DOING TIME ON THESE WIERD CIRCUMSTANCES!!!

THAT'S JUSTICE?

A COMPLAINANT DROPS CHARGES AGAINST AN ACCUSED PERSON AND STILL THE ACCUSED PERSON ENDS UP SERVING A PRISON TERM WITH THE COMPLAINANT'S TESTIMONY, TO ELABORATE A BIT, IT WORKS LIKE THE CASE WHERE THE COMPLAINANT REALIZED HE OR SHE MADE A MISTAKE IN A STATE OF INTOXICATION BY LAYING A CHARGE OF ASSAULT (IN A LOT OF CASES,) SO HE OR SHE PROCEEDS TO TRY AND DROP CHARGES, BUT FOR SOME STRANGE REASON THIS CAN'T BE DONE - AS A RESULT THE ACCUSED PERSON IN THIS COMPLICATED MIX-UP IS SENT INTO A JAIL.

NICE PIECE OF JUSTICE THERE FOR YOU!

OUTSIDE NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO BRING THESE THINGS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BIG WHEELS IN THIS JUSTICE BUSINESS, BUT FOR SOME REASON (1) THERE'S A BIG HASSLE INVOLVED THERE - WHICH IS NO DOUBT DUE TO POLITICS, TOO.

AREN'T YOU LAW PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC SOCIETY AWARE??? AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THIS IS AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS AND DANGEROUS MIX-UP???

UNFAIR JUSTICE IS BREEDING A DIFFERENT KIND OF NATIVE, JUSTICE IS A THING THAT IS PROUD TO BE RESPECTED AND A THING PEOPLE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PROUD OF. BUT TO THE NATIVE PEOPLE IN OR OUT OF JAIL IT IS BEGINNING TO COME OUT LIKE A BIG COMPLICATED MASS OF CONFUSION WHICH PLANTS THE BITTER SEEDS OF DISCRIMINATION, SOMETHING THE NATIVE PEOPLE DON'T WANT AND YET IT IS THERE, PUSHED ON TO THE MANY NATIVES IN JAIL.

THANKS TO YOUR KIND JUSTICE...

WE MAY BE NATIVES BRANDED WITH VARIOUS LABELS AND/OR NUMBERS BUT WE ARE CONCERNED.

NOW, I ASK YOU ONCE MORE, "IS JUSTICE REALLY JUSTICE?"

MR. BILLY BRASS  
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PRESIDENT - NEW STAR GROUP  
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"Loneliness"

Loneliness is a strange, empty sort of feeling, somewhere near the heart.

It's knowing that your friends are having fun somewhere and have left you out.

Loneliness is watching a hawk or eagle, circling high up in the sky, near the Great Mountains.

Like a meteor, wandering empty thru space, loneliness is flying swaks in a dark cell, one hundred and thirty miles from home.

Bill Kakawoy  
(71)

WHOSE IS THE EARTH?

AGAIN AS IN TIME ETERNAL  
OUR BODIES  
ARE FOR SOWING THE EARTH WITH  
OUR FEET  
TO BEAT OUT ITS TRAILS  
OUR HANDS  
TO GATHER RICH HARVESTS FOR OTHERS  
OUR MINDS--NOT TO THINK  
ONLY TO REMEMBER THE GIVEN ORDERS  
THOSE WITH CUNNING AND MONEY  
TELL US TO MOVE OFF OUR LAND  
--AND WE MOVE  
IN THEIR HANDS WE ARE BUT TOOLS--  
SPADES, AXES, HAMMERS  
AND PLOUGHSHARES--TO BE USED

- WILLIAM CONKLIN

HE WHO WANDERS

HE WHO WANDERS EVERYDAY,  
WILL ENJOY THE BEAUTIES ON HIS WAY,  
HE WHO WANDERS AND MARRY'S A WIFE,  
SHOULD BE HAPPY EVEN IN TIMES OF STRIFE  
HE WHO WANDERS ALONG THE TRACK,  
WILL NEVER COME BACK,  
FOR HE WHO WANDERS AND GOES TO BED,  
NEVER WAKES UP FOR HE IS DEAD,

PATSY MORIN

## INDIAN'S LAMENT OF PITY

INVADERS FROM A FOREIGN LAND YOU ARE  
DO YOU EXPECT THE VANISHED TO KNEEL DOWN  
BEFORE THE ONES WHO TOOK AWAY  
THE HAPPINESS OF CAREFREE DAYS ----  
YOU ARE MISTAKEN,

OUR LANDS ARE YOUR MONOPOLY NOW  
BUT YOUR PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES  
DON'T MEAN ANYTHING BECAUSE  
OUR SPIRITS ARE STILL FREE  
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

ARE WE REALLY ANY DIFFERENT? THINK'  
HEAR MY VOICE, SEE MY CRY, FEEL MY BREATH  
MY MOTHER'S WOMB OPENED  
OUT CAME I AND SOON,  
I HOPE I'LL DIE

AND WHEN I RISE UP, PASSING CLOUDS  
I'LL SEE YOU IN YOUR PREJUDICIAL SHROUDS  
AND PITY YOU AND HOPE  
BEFORE YOUR DAY YOU'LL SEE THAT  
WE ARE MEN

DAVID MASON

ANCIENT HIGHWAYS

ANCIENT ANCESTRAL HIGHWAYS,  
LIKE RAINBOW'S SWINGING ARCH,  
TOUCHED THE MIST AND THE DAWNS,  
AND ANCIENT PEOPLE  
FILLED WITH WILD DREAMS,  
WALKED GAILY AND CAREFREE  
AND NOT ALWAYS KNEW  
WHERE THEY WERE GOING,

TODAY, WE TOO ARE STILL GOING  
ON LONG JOURNEYS,  
SEEKING OUR REBIRTH  
AND WHAT WAS LOST--  
WHAT WE MUST LOOK FOR AGAIN,

- WILLIAM CONKLIN

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SUPERSTITION

MAN CALLS ON HIS GODS IN WORD AND SONG,  
OH! TELL ME PLEASE WHAT IS RIGHT OR WRONG,  
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE,  
AND I'M SCARED OF WHAT IS OVER THERE,  
ONE SAYS, 'YOUR LIVING IN HELL ON EARTH,'  
THE OTHER, 'MISBEHAVE AND GAIN HELL'S WRATH,'  
ANOTHER, 'LOOK UP, HEAVENS EASY TO FIND,'  
WHILE, 'HEAVENS ONLY A STATE OF MIND.'

WHY DO WE LISTEN TO HEAVENLY SHILLS,  
OUR MINDS ARE STARVED, AND THEY COUNT BILLS,  
ARE THEY THE SCOUTS OF WEALTHY FOES,  
STRIKING AT FREEDOM WITH RIGHTEOUS BLOWS,  
IF YOU'VE MIGHT, THEN YOUR RIGHT,  
TO OVERCOME WE FIGHT,  
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TRY, MOVE ASIDE AND CRY,  
TO SCARED TO LIVE, TO SCARED TO DIE,

B. WILSON

RACES

THERE ARE MANY KINDS OF RACES  
RED AND YELLOW AND BLACK AND WHITE  
AND ALL HAVE DIFFERENT FACES,  
IS THAT WHY WE MUST FIGHT?

SOME PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO ADMIT  
WHO THEY REALLY ARE,  
IT'S LIKE WEARING A MITT  
TRYING TO BE AFAR,

MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME TO BE POLITE  
AND LOVE THEM ALL,  
AND I THINK WE'D REACH A BETTER HEIGHT  
IF WE LEARNED NOT TO BE PREJUDICED AT ALL,

PATSY MORIN

"OLD-KI-PUTCH" by Billy Casals

THE GREAT CHIEF IN OTTAWA  
HAS ASKED ME TO PRESENT  
THIS PEACE MEDAL TO YOU,  
IN COMMEMORATION OF  
OUR NEW PEACE  
TREATY !!!



Oh, goody! FAR  
OUT!.....  
RIGHT ON!



THAT'LL complete  
my PEACE MEDAL  
CHARM BRACELET !!!



NO MORE MAD, NO MORE MARY,  
JUST PETERSONS LOVELY TARTS,  
SURE THEY TREAT THE INDIAN FAIR,  
STOLE HIS LAND, LEFT HIM HERE  
GAVE HIM WHAT HE REALLY DESERVED,  
AFTER ALL, HE HAS HIS RESERVE,  
THEY WON'T LISTEN TO WHAT HE WANTS,  
TO IMPROVE HIS GHETTO HAUNT,  
WORLD WAR II CAME WITH THE JAP,  
WHAT YOU KNOW HE GOT THE SAME RAP,  
TO THE CAMP HE WAS SENT,  
FOR THIS DEED THEY WON'T REPENT,  
ALL HIS LAND WAS PART OF THE TAKE,  
EASILY LIKE EATING CAKE,  
THEY DON'T MIND CHINATOWN,  
BUILD A FREEWAY TO TEAR IT DOWN,  
FORGET ABOUT THE CULTURE THERE THAT'S FOUND,  
FOR ITS JUST THE YELLOW SKINS GROUND,  
BENNETT LIKES TO BE THE 21ST STATE,  
BOOST FORT KNOX'S FALLING RATE,  
DONNER AGREES, WOULD FOLLOW HIM,  
THEY DON'T THINK TREASON'S A MORTAL SIN,  
OF COURSE THEN THERE'S FLYING PHIL,  
TOOK HIS JET OVER THE HILL,  
FLEW HIMSELF TO THE U.S.A.,  
FIND OUT WHAT NOT TO SAY,  
HOW CAN WE STOP THIS STORM AND THUNDER,  
PUT AN END TO THIS DECEITFUL PLUNDER,  
IF WE TRUST AN ELECTION VOTE,  
WE SOON WON'T HAVE A PROVINCE TO TOTE,  
THEY WILL NEVER GIVE US THE TRUTH,  
FOR THEIR MORALS, THEY ARE UNCOUTH,  
SO FIND A FRIEND JUST LIKE YOU,  
THEN WE'LL DECIDE WHAT TO DO,  
FROM OUR SLEEP WILL WILL ARISE,  
WITH OUR GUNS WE'LL ORGANIZE,  
CLEAR THE CLOUDS, HERE COMES THE SUN,  
FOR THESE TRAITORS ARE GOING TO RUN,  
NOW YOU KNOW YOU HAVE A TASK,  
LOOK AT YOURSELF, THEN ASK,  
'IS IT MY BATTLE. IS IT MY FIGHT,  
TO FREE CANADA FROM THE BLACKENED NIGHT  
BRING THE DAWN. BRING THE DAY,  
BUILD CANADA, A BETTER WAY,  
VIOLENCE DON'T DARE DEPLORE,  
CAUSE THEY USE IT AT YOUR DOOR,  
YOU HAVE NOTHING, THEY HAVE THE POWER,  
AND THE ANSWER AIN'T IN A FLOWER,  
NOR GRASS, NOR LSD,  
CAN BUILD A BETTER SOCIETY,  
NOW'S THE TIME TO GET HIP,  
OR YOU'RE SURE TO MISS THIS TRIP,  
FORGET THE PARTIES, START THE HUNT,  
JOIN THE CANADIAN NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT.

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