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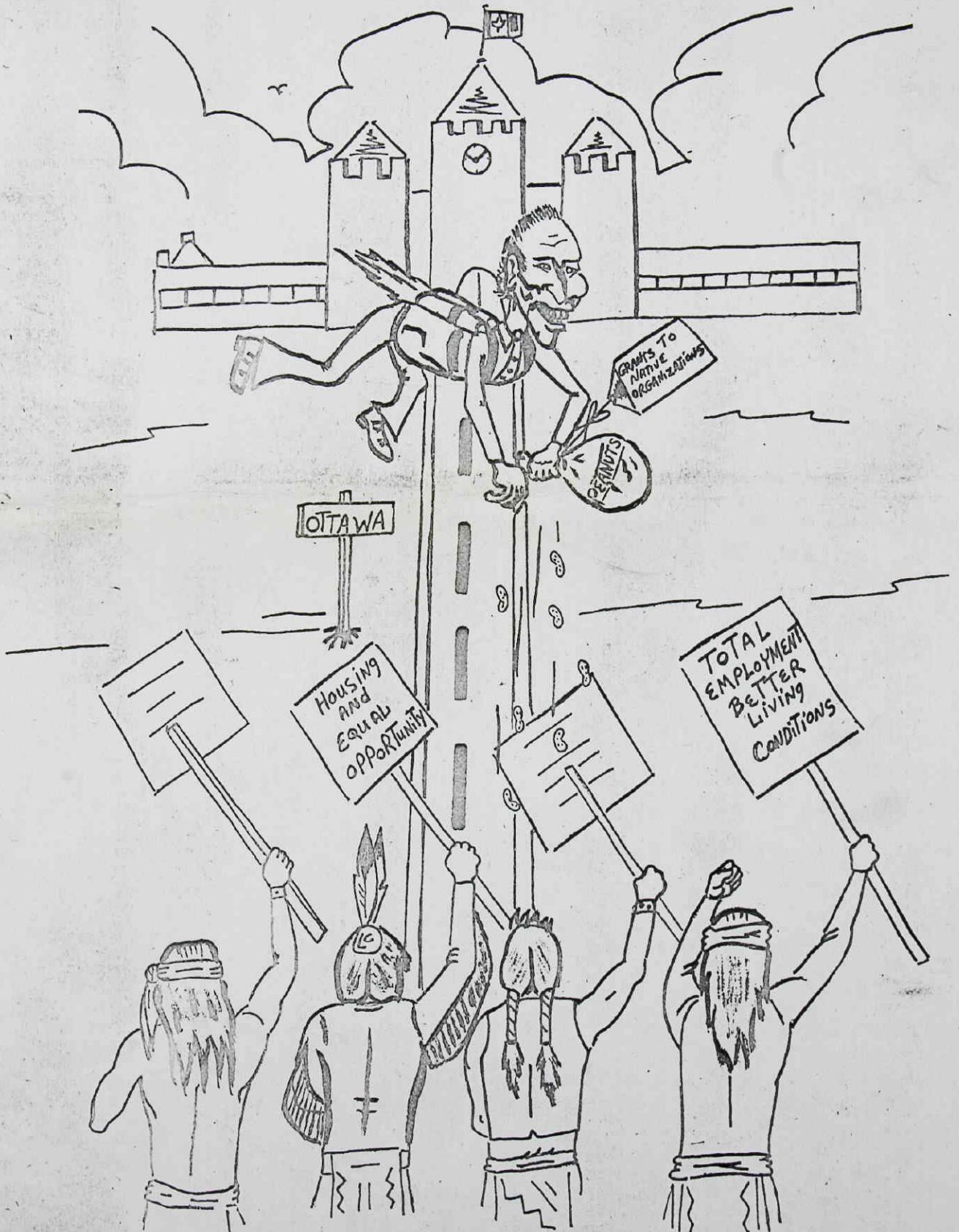
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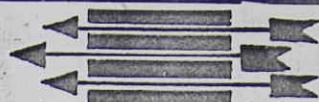
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Flying Arrows



DEAR EDITOR:

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND MY MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN. I NO LONGER WANT TO BELONG TO THE METIS SOCIETY, BECAUSE, THERE ARE TOO MANY FIELD WORKERS WHO ARE ONLY WORKING FOR THEMSELVES, INSTEAD OF WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE THE WAY THEY SHOULD BE DOING. THERE IS A CERTAIN FIELDWORKER IN THE NORTHERN AREA WHO IS ONLY WORKING TO LINE HIS POCKETS, IF YOU CAN CALL WHAT HE DOES WORK, THIS MAN ISN'T EVEN A TRUE HALFBREED, AS HE ONLY FAVOURS HIS FRIENDS, I DON'T THINK THIS IS FAIR TO THE REST OF THE PEOPLE. I WAS PROUD OF THE METIS SOCIETY WHEN IT FIRST GOT A GOOD START THREE YEARS AGO, AT THAT TIME MANY PEOPLE WOULDN'T ADMIT THEY WERE METIS. NOW THERE IS MONEY INVOLVED EVERYONE IS CLAIMING TO BE A HALFBREED, JUST TO GET A PIECE OF THE ACTION. IF THIS KEEPS UP THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN WILL BE A LOST CAUSE, THIS WILL BE A GREAT LOSS TO THE METIS PEOPLE WHO WORKED SO HARD TO HELP THE METIS SOCIETY TO GROW.

YOURS TRULY,
A PROUD-HALF-BREED
VIVIAN PAMBRUM

I FEEL THAT THE NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT IS ALL TALK AND NO ACTION. CLAIMING TO HELP THEIR NATIVE PEOPLE WHILE STILL USING DRUGS OR "EXPERIMENTING" WITH SOLVENTS, DRUGS, ALCOHOL, ETC., IS NOT "HELPING" THEIR PROTEGÉES NOR IS IT SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT YET TRIED ANY OF THE "MIND-BENDERS".

YOU WILL FIND THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE IN THEIR LITTLE "GROUPS" AND WILL NOT LET OTHER NATIVE PEOPLE (YOUTHS) ENTER THESE GROUPS. IF THAT IS NOT DISCRIMINATION - I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS! JUST BECAUSE A PERSON IS "STRAIGHT" OR "SQUARE" IS NO REASON FOR THEM TO BE REJECTED OR LAUGHED AT. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, FEELING REJECTION, WILL DO ALMOST ANYTHING TO JOIN THE "BIG BROTHER" GROUP - EVEN TO TAKING DRUGS - TO BE ACCEPTED BY THOSE REJECTING THEM.

I ASK THE NATIVE YOUTH TO STOP - REALIZE WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR ORGANIZATION. HELPING YOURSELF, PERSONALLY, TO BECOME STRONG, WILL HELP THE TOTAL ORGANIZATION. BEING STRONG IN YOURSELF, IN WHAT YOU BELIEVE, DOING THE RIGHT THINGS FOR WHAT YOU PERSONALLY BELIEVE IS RIGHT WILL AID THE ORGANIZATION AND WILL BE A TREMENDOUS HELP TO THOSE WHO ARE STILL UNSURE OF THEMSELVES.

I ASK THE NATIVE YOUTH TO ACCEPT ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR MOVEMENT AND NOT JUST THOSE WITH INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS OR RELATIONS- U N I T E . . .

- OUTSIDER-LOOKING-IN
(YOUTH)

WHERE DID HUMAN LIFE EVOLVE? DID THE COMMUNITIES OF PEOPLE EXPAND AND MIGRATE TO AMERICA VIA THE BEARING STRAIT OR DID LIFE EVOLVE IN AMERICA AND FROM THIS POINT SPREAD INTO ASIA AND EUROPE BY WAY OF THE BEARING STRAIT?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DEAR SIR:

I THOUGHT THAT THE NEW BREED WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PUBLISHING SOMETHING ON OUR NEW INDIAN AND METIS FRIENDSHIP CENTRE, HERE IN SASKATOON; WHICH WE ARE VERY PROUD TO HAVE, WE ARE LOCATED AT 310 - 20TH STREET EAST AND HAD OUR OFFICIAL OPENING ON JANUARY 29TH. WE HAD PEOPLE COME FROM ALL PARTS OF THE PROVINCE AND ALSO SENATOR BUCKWOLD FROM OTTAWA. WE HAD A RICE SUPPER FOLLOWED BY ENTERTAINMENT AND SPEAKERS. MAYOR BERT SEARS CUT A STRIP OF BUCKSKIN TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE NEW CENTRE. THE DAY WAS TOPPED BY A DANCE WITH MUSIC SUPPLIED BY THE RIEL RAIDERS, A LOCAL GROUP LED BY MRS. FLORENCE MILLER, AND WE FEEL THEY ARE SECOND TO NONE. THE WHOLE DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND WE HAD MANY PEOPLE TURN OUT.

THE CENTRE HAS A VERY NICE LUNCH COUNTER, WHICH IS PRESENTLY SUPERVISED BY TWO VERY CAPABLE WOMEN, MRS. AGNES CARON AND MRS. IRENE DIMICK.

OUR NEW DIRECTOR IS MR. WILLARD SHORTT WHO IS DOING A VERY GOOD JOB.

THE NATIVE ALCOHOL COUNCIL ALSO HAS THEIR OFFICE IN THE CENTRE WITH MR. CLARENCE TROTCHIE IN CHARGE. THEY HAVE LECTURES ON ALCOHOLISM EVERY TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND THE CENTRE ALSO HAS AN ACTIVE A.A. GROUP WITH MEETINGS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 8:30.

WE ALSO HOLD BINGOS EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT AND DANCES EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT, AND BOTH HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL TO DATE.

WE ARE ALSO STARTING TALENT SHOWS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS. OUR FIRST ONE WAS QUITE SUCCESSFUL WITH TEN CONTESTANTS AND QUITE A FEW PEOPLE THERE TO ENJOY THE PROGRAM.

WE ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING NEW PROGRAMS FOR THE CENTRE. WE HAVE SOME VERY ACTIVE GROUPS WHO HOLD MEETINGS HERE. THE BUILDING IS VERY LOVELY WITH SEVERAL FACILITIES, AND WE EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ALL OUR FRIENDS FROM SASKATOON AND ELSEWHERE TO DROP IN AND LOOK OVER OUR NEW CENTRE, AS WE ARE VERY PROUD OF IT.

C. J. TROTCHIE
PRESIDENT, LOCAL #11

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE METIS SOCIETY

DEAR JIM:

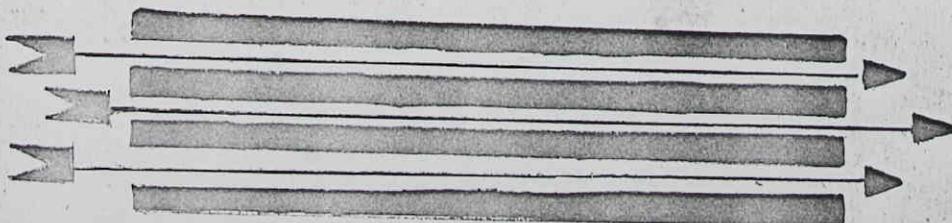
I WILL BE LEAVING THE PROVINCE SHORTLY TO TAKE A NEW POSITION AS DEAN OF APPLIED ARTS AT CONFEDERATION COLLEGE IN THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO. BEFORE LEAVING, I WANTED TO SAY THAT IN SPITE OF SOME HECTIC SESSIONS I HAVE SINCERELY ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOUR SOCIETY AND YOUR PEOPLE.

I MUST CONFESS THAT THREE YEARS AGO I WOULD NOT HAVE BELIEVED THAT DISCRIMINATION EXISTS IN OUR SOCIETY. IT HAS BECOME OBVIOUS TO ME HOWEVER, THAT MAN SEES WHAT HE WANTS TO SEE. I HAVE SAID PUBLICLY MANY TIMES THAT YOUR SOCIETY HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB TO TRY TO BRING YOUR PEOPLE, THROUGH WELL-DESERVED SELF-RESPECT, INTO THE 20TH CENTURY.

I MUST ALSO SAY THANK YOU TO YOUR PEOPLE IN LA LOCHE, BUFFALO NARROWS AND IN THE MANY OTHER COMMUNITIES I VISITED. THEY TAUGHT ME WHAT, I AM SORRY TO SAY, SO MANY WHITE OFFICIALS LACK -- HUMILITY.

IF I CAN EVER BE OF SERVICE TO YOUR SOCIETY OR YOUR PEOPLE AS A FRIEND, CONSULTANT, OR ADVISOR, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL.

YOURS SINCERELY,
C. A. WESTCOTT



THE PEOPLE MUST DECIDE

LATELY, A NEW TURN OF EVENTS HAS HIT THE POLITICAL SCENE, NAMELY IN SASKATCHEWAN "THE DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN AFFAIRS", WHAT IS THIS WONDERFUL ANSWER TO ALL OUR PROBLEMS, THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IS FORCING ON US, IN PLACE OF THE NOW ABANDONED INDIAN & METIS DEPARTMENT, WELL IT IS A PRETTY COMPLICATED POLITICAL MANOEUVRE AND IT HAS LOCAL, PROVINCIAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL FLAVOURS.

FIRST OF ALL, LET US GO BACK A FEW YEARS AND TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE BRAIN WAVE CALLED "THE MID-CANADA DEVELOPMENT CORRIDOR", THIS CORRIDOR IS IN THEORY A STRIP OF LAND ROUGHLY ALL ACROSS CANADA THAT COVERS MOST OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES, THIS PROGRAM OR ANY OTHER PROGRAM HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH RESOURCES COMES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT, (DIAND)

THE DIAND CONTROLS ALL NATURAL RESOURCES AND ANY DECISION ON PROVINCIAL TERRITORIAL RESOURCES HAS TO BE THROUGH THEM, SIX WEEKS BEFORE THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN AFFAIRS APPEARED, THE MINISTER OF D.I.A.N.D., JEAN CHRETIEN, MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE URGENCY OF DEVELOPING THE NORTH AND, LATELY, STATEMENTS ABOUT VAST PARKS IN THE NORTH HAVE BEEN MADE, ALMOST ALL CANADIAN RESOURCES ARE SOLD TO THE U.S.A., IN FACT MOST OF THOSE RESOURCES ARE SOLD RAW AND IN SUCH VAST QUANTITIES THAT WE ARE DEPLETING THESE RESOURCES AT FANTASTIC SPEEDS.

ANOTHER RESOURCE THAT IS COMING MORE AND MORE TO THE FOREFRONT IN AMERICAN-CANADIAN RELATIONS, AND IS THE CENTRE OF MUCH POLITICAL MANOEUVERING AND SECRECY IS ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCES - "WATER", AMERICA DURING THE PAST 25 OR MORE YEARS SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR HAS BUILT UP ONE OF THE BIGGEST WAR ORIENTED SOCIETIES THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN, IN ORDER TO DO THIS THEY HAD TO BUILD UP THEIR INDUSTRIES FROM BASIC DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES TO ULTRA COMPLICATED INDUSTRIES RELYING ON THE GENERATION OF VARIOUS KINDS OF POWER.

FROM THE STAGE 25 YEARS AGO OF COAL POWER THROUGH OIL AND ELECTRIC POWER INTO THIS PHASE OF "NUCLEAR" POWER, BEFORE, ACCORDING TO WHERE THE POWER SOURCE LAY, SO LAY THE POWER PLANTS, IE, 30 YEARS AGO POWER PLANTS LAY AROUND OR CLOSE TO COAL AND OIL FIELDS, WHEN DAMS WERE BUILT THE PLANTS WERE LOCATED CLOSE TO THE DAMS, NOW, AS NUCLEAR PLANTS COME MORE AND MORE INTO USE WE FIND THEY HAVE TO LOCATE CLOSE TO ALL THREE RESOURCES, AND ONE THING THESE HUGE PLANTS NEED ARE HUGE QUANTITIES OF FRESH, CLEAN "WATER", TWO OF THESE RESOURCES COME CLOSE TOGETHER IN SOUTH-WEST U.S.A., BUT THEY ARE LACKING THE ONE MOST IMPORTANT INGREDIENT AND THAT IS "PURE FRESH WATER", IN THIS CASE "CANADIAN WATER", SOME POINTS WHICH EMPHASIZE THIS THEORY AND WHICH BRING INTO FOCUS CANADA'S COMPLICITY IN THIS INTERNATIONAL GAME ARE:

- 1) VAST QUANTITIES OF HEAT PRODUCING RESOURCES.
- 2) GEOGRAPHICALLY SUITABLE FOR THE IMPORT OF VAST QUANTITIES OF WATER FROM THE NORTH.
- 3) GEOGRAPHICALLY SUITABLE AS TESTING GROUNDS (SEMI-POPULATED).
- 4) LARGE PERCENTAGE OF AMERICA'S WEALTH IN TERMS OF CAPITAL CENTERED IN SOUTH-WEST, STRONG POLITICAL ACTIVITY.
- 5) LARGE MILITARY RESEARCH AND TESTING INSTALLATIONS.

FOR MANY YEARS NOW AMERICA HAS USED IT'S WATER SYSTEM AS IT WOULD AN ETERNAL SEWER SYSTEM, IN FACT THEY HAVE USED THEIR WATER RESOURCES SO INDISCRIMINANTLY THAT EVEN A RIVER HAS CAUGHT FIRE, THEY HAVE USED GREAT HYDRO DAMS WITHOUT THOUGHT, AND NOW HAVE RIVERS OF MUD IN THE SOUTH-WEST, EVEN THEIR DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLIES ARE THREATENED AND THEY MUST GET NEW WATER SUPPLIES SOMEWHERE.

OWING TO THIS INDISCRIMINANT USE OF THEIR RESOURCES THE FANTASTIC GROWTH OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, AND THE RUSH TO UTILIZE ALL POSSIBLE POWER SOURCES, THE U.S.A. HAS DEPLETED, POLLUTED, AND DESTROYED IN SOME CASES MUCH OF IT'S WATER SUPPLIES, NOW IN ORDER TO FEED THE MILITARY MONSTER IT HAS CREATED IT HAS TO IMPORT THE MOST BASIC OF ALL LIFE GIVING ELEMENTS "WATER".

SASKATCHEWAN WOULD BE THE MAIN SOURCE OF WATER IN THE VOLUME AND PURITY NEEDED BY THE SOUTH -- U.S.A., WE RULE OUT THE EASTERN PROVINCES FOR OBVIOUS GEOGRAPHICAL REASONS AND THE NEED FOR VOLUME.

THE OTHER PROVINCES WE CAN LOOK AT ONE AT A TIME AND SEE WHY SASKATCHEWAN IS THE OBVIOUS PLACE FOR EXPORT, THE THREE MAIN THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND ARE: 1) VOLUME AND PURITY, 2) GEOGRAPHY, AND 3) ECONOMICS.

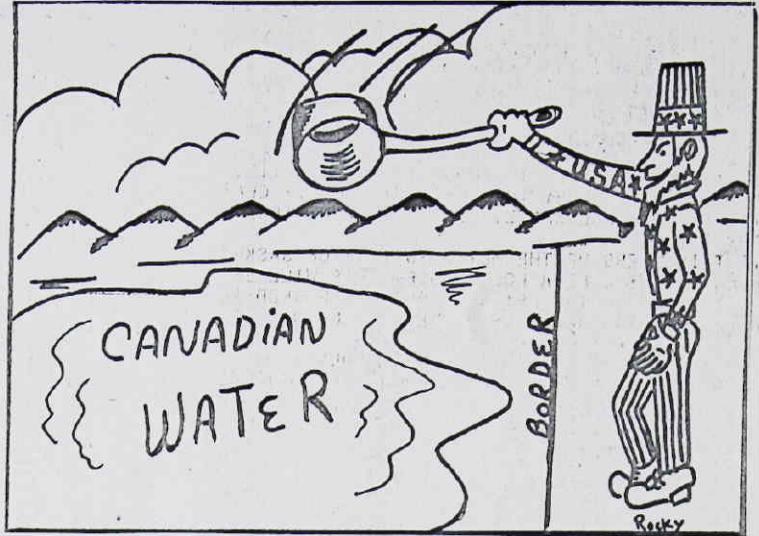
BRITISH COLUMBIA - BRITISH COLUMBIA IS ALREADY EXPORTING WATER THROUGH THE COLUMBIA RIVER AND FURTHER WEST THROUGH THE OKANAGAN VALLEY SYSTEM, HOWEVER, THE GEOGRAPHY FURTHER SOUTH IS SUCH THAT THE VOLUME WOULD BE RESTRICTED BOTH PHYSICALLY AND

ECONOMICALLY.

ALBERTA - IT WOULD BE UNECONOMICAL TO BUILD A CANAL SYSTEM, ALBERTA HAS A GLACIER BASE AND THE SILTING PROBLEM WOULD BE A RESTRICTION BY ITSELF,

MANITOBA - AGAIN A CANAL SYSTEM IS NEEDED AND AGAIN THE SILTING PROBLEM WOULD RESTRICT VOLUME AND PURITY.

THE DECISION OF EXPORT WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE ALL THREE PREVIOUS POINTS, SASKATCHEWAN HAS ALL THREE. "WE WILL UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES EXPORT WATER FROM ALBERTA", THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE ON SASKATCH-



EWAN RADIO TODAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 1972, IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY MR. LOUGHEED, PREMIER OF ALBERTA, WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE SAME REASSURANCE FROM SASKATCHEWAN AND MANITOBA, BUT WE PROBABLY WILL NOT, THE POSSIBILITY OF WATER EXPORT FROM THE NORTHERN PRAIRIE REGION IS NOW A REALITY, WITH SASKATCHEWAN AS THE PROBABLE EXPORT SOURCE, SASKATCHEWAN IS THE LOGICAL AREA FOR STORAGE AND EXPORT BECAUSE OF THREE BASIC REASONS:

- 1) ECONOMICALLY, LARGE AMOUNTS OF WATER CAN BE MOVED CHEAPLY.
- 2) GEOGRAPHICALLY, SASKATCHEWAN HAS A NATURAL CANAL SYSTEM, EASILY DAMMED, HAS A CLAY BASE, AND HAS A 2% DIP RUNNING NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST.

WE NOW HAVE IN THE VARIOUS PROVINCES WATER RESOURCE MEETINGS, THESE HAVE BEEN MAINLY IN ALBERTA, MANITOBA, AND SASKATCHEWAN, AND HAVE BEEN HANDLED IN THREE TIERS AS THEY ARE CALLED, EACH MEETING PROGRESSED THE OTHER, AND NOBODY THOUGHT ABOUT EXPORT UNTIL IT WAS STATED IN THE SECOND TIER THAT FOR SASKATCHEWAN THERE WAS A "POSSIBILITY FOR WATER EXPORT". AGAIN, ABOUT A MONTH LATER, THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE SASKATCHEWAN STAR PHOENIX STATING THAT SOUTH-EAST SASKATCHEWAN REALLY NEEDED WATER, WELL, BY TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SITUATION WE FOUND THAT THE SOURIS RIVER VALLEY WOULD BE THE TERMINUS OF THE SASKATCHEWAN CANAL SYSTEM WITH FASY ACCESS ACROSS THE LINE TO LAKE SAKAKAWEA IN NORTH DAKOTA AND SO ON SOUTH.

HOW DOES THE N.D.P.'S NEW PROPOSAL OF A NORTHERN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT FIT INTO THIS PICTURE, WELL WHETHER INTENTIONALLY, OR NOT, THEY ARE INVOLVED WHEN THEY SUPPORT TOURISM AND VAST PARKLANDS FOR THE NORTH, LET US TAP OUR OTHER RESOURCES FIRST TO BENEFIT OURSELVES THEN THINK OF EXPORT LATER, LET US OPEN UP THE IRON FIELDS AT CHOICELAND AND PRODUCE OUR OWN STEEL AND IT'S BY-PRODUCTS, LET US USE OUR TIMBER AND OTHER RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA, FIRST THEN WORRY ABOUT EXPORT, LET US DO THESE THINGS TOGETHER AS PEOPLE AND NOT LET HUGE AMERICAN OR INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES PROFIT FROM OUR LABOUR AND WEALTH, NOR, LET US TURN OVER ANYTHING AS VITAL TO US AS OUR WATER RESOURCES TO A FEW PEOPLE TO MAKE DECISIONS ON.

THE PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN, SPECIFICALLY IN THE NORTH WHERE 90% ARE NATIVE PEOPLE, MUST HAVE A STRONG VOICE IN DETERMINING THEIR DESTINY, THEY MUST HAVE THE POLITICAL POWER TO DETERMINE WHAT IS TO BE DONE WITH WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY THEIRS, WE ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE FARMER'S SITUATION, IF WE ARE GOING TO MOVE WATER FOR IRRIGATION -- LET'S IRRIGATE THE PLACES THAT NEED IT FIRST, THERE ARE MANY OTHER PLACES THAT CONT.

NEED IRRIGATION OTHER THAN THE SOUTH EAST. HOW ABOUT THE SOUTH WEST FOR A START? OR THE CENTRAL AREAS? WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE DIEFENBAKER LAKE IRRIGATION SYSTEM?

OUR WATER RESOURCES ARE THE ONLY RESOURCES NOT UNDER DOMINATION BY THE AMERICANS. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION "SOON", ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. IF THIS DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN AFFAIRS IS TO WORK, IT'S SOUTHERN BOUNDARY SHOULD BE THE 49TH PARALLEL. THE WAY IT IS NOW, IT WILL ONLY SERVE TO DIVIDE NORTH AND SOUTH AND WHERE THERE IS DIVISION, RULE IS EASIER. WHETHER IT WILL REMAIN AS IT IS NOW, OR IS CHANGED TO ACCEPT THE SOUTH, COUNSELLORS MUST BE "ELECTED" NOT APPOINTED. THE WHOLE THING IS TOO BIG FOR ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF APPOINTED PEOPLE TO MAKE A DECISION ON ALL OUR RESOURCES. "THE PEOPLE MUST DECIDE".

NATIVE PROJECT SOCIETY

NATIVE PROJECT SOCIETY IS A GROUP OF INMATES WITHIN THE PROVINCIAL CORRECTIONAL CENTRE WORKING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THEMSELVES. THE GROUP HAS BEEN ORGANIZED SOLIDLY FOR OVER A YEAR.

THE MAIN FUNCTION OF NATIVE PROJECT IS "A WHOLE WAY" TO PROVIDE A BETTER AND MORE EFFECTIVE SOURCE OF INFORMATION TO AN INMATE UPON RELEASE. IN GENERAL, IT WOULD PROVIDE WAYS AND MEANS IN WHICH HE WOULD BECOME A MORE USEFUL AND FUNCTIONAL PART OF SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

NATIVE PROJECT IS REGISTERED UNDER THE SOCIETY'S ACT.

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE NATIVE PROJECT ARE:

- 1) TO HAVE MEMBERS DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT OF THEMSELVES BY MEANS OF MUTUAL HELP AND SUPPORT.
- 2) TO BE INSTRUMENTAL IN SETTING UP A HALF-WAY HOUSE DEDICATED TO THE POSITIVE SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT OF INMATES AND EX-INMATES.
- 3) TO INSTILL WITHIN THE INMATE A SENSE OF PRIDE IN THEIR HERITAGE AND TO PROMOTE PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE NATIVE COMMUNITY.
- 4) TO SEEK HELP AND ADVICE FROM EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE FEDERATION OF SASKATCHEWAN INDIANS, METIS SOCIETY SASKATCHEWAN, INDIAN AFFAIRS AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS.

NATIVE PROJECT IS ENDEAVORING TO SET UP A HALF-WAY HOUSE WHICH WILL HELP PEOPLE OF NATIVE ANCESTRY, WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED, ADJUST TO SOCIETY BY PLACING THEM IN A SETTING WHERE:

- 1) THEY WILL HAVE A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS UPON RELEASE.
- 2) PLACE THEM WITHIN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY ARE FAMILIAR AND CAN MIX WITH PERSONS WHO ARE SOLVING THE SAME TYPES OF PROBLEMS AS THEY ARE.
- 3) THEY WILL EXPERIENCE FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP.
- 4) THEY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO :
 - A) GROUP COUNSELLING.
 - B) GROUP THERAPY
 - C) PERSONAL COUNSELLING.

NATIVE PROJECT CONSISTS OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM WITHIN THE CENTRE AND THE OUTSIDE COMMUNITY. THERE ARE ALSO TWO VOLUNTEERS SPONSORED BY THE COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS ASSISTING NATIVE PROJECT. NATIVE PEOPLE HAS THE FULL AND WRITTEN SUPPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL NATIVE GROUPS (METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN).

100 YEARS OF FRUSTRATION

THE NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT WAS FOUNDED ON THE BASIS THAT ALL NATIVE PEOPLE ARE ONE. FOR US, THE ABORIGINALS OF THIS LAND HAVE BEEN MISTREATED BY GOVERNMENTS AND THE MASS OF WHITE PEOPLE LONG ENOUGH. THERE ARE NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS WHO CHOOSE TO IGNORE THIS FACT. THE HEADS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, FOR SOME REASON BELIEVE IN THE WHITE MAN'S CONCEPTS OF DIVIDE AND RULE FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL GAIN (S). THESE SO CALLED LEADERS WORK FOR THE WHITE MAN AND NOT FOR OUR PEOPLE. THE NATIVE YOUTH INTEND TO MAKE A FIRM AND DEFINITE STAND ON THIS ISSUE. FOR US, THE NATIVE YOUTH ARE TIRED OF SEEING PETTY BICKERING BETWEEN DIFFERENT NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS. OUR INTENTIONS ARE TO CALL ON ALL NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS COMPOSED OF BOTH STATUS AND NON-STATUS INDIANS TO CONFRONT SUCH ORGANIZATIONS. OUR INTENTIONS ARE FIRST TO ASK THEM TO RECOGNIZE OUR ORGANIZATIONS BY GIVING THEM MORAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT. IF THIS IS NOT DONE, THEN WE WILL HAVE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE BUT TO TAKE ACTION. THESE ACTIONS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE INDIANS IN OUR ORGANIZATIONS SO THESE WHITE INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS CAN NOT SAY THAT THE ACTION WAS INSTIGATED BY NON-STATUS PEOPLE.

THE STAND THAT THE YOUTH MOVEMENT TAKE IS NOT TO DIVIDE OUR PEOPLE BUT TO UNITE THEM. FOR WE CAN SEE THE TIME COMING WHEN WE AS ONE STRONG NATION MUST MAKE A STAND IF WE ARE TO DETERMINE OUR OWN DESTINY WITH OR WITHOUT THE INTERFERENCE OF THE WHITE PEOPLE. WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SEE HOW FUTILE IT IS TO DEAL WITH GOVERNMENT IN THE DIVIDED STATE OUR PEOPLE ARE IN. ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF FRUSTRATION OUGHT TO BE ENOUGH FOR ANY FOOL.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

YOUR BROTHER IN STRUGGLE
FRED MCARTHUR
TREATY WHITE BEAR RESERVE
ASSISTANT EDITOR
NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT

NATIVE PROJECT SOCIETY

WE ARE IN JAIL FOR REASONS RANGING FROM MISDEMEANORS TO FELONIES, ALL OF WHICH ARE INCREASING AT AN ALARMING RATE ESPECIALLY ON THE RESERVE. MOST OF OUR OFFENCES HAVE BEEN RELATED TO LIQUOR AND MOST WERE COMMITTED AT A TIME WHEN THERE WAS VERY LITTLE DIRECTION, MOTIVATION OR HOPE OF ANYTHING. MOST OF US ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE RULES AND LAWS OF URBAN LIFE. WE ONLY SEE THAT IT IS A WAY OF LIFE WE WILL HAVE TO LEARN IF WE HOPE TO SUCCEED IN THE WHITE MAN'S WORLD. UNFORTUNATELY, FOR A GREAT MANY OF US, THE EDUCATION AND TRANSITION TO URBAN LIFE TAKES PLACE IN THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF OUR PROVINCE.

FOR MOST OF US IT IS OUR FIRST REAL CONTACT WITH A LIFE STYLE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF A RESERVATION, WHILE FOR MANY OF US IT IS A REINFORCEMENT OF RULES OF THE GHETTO WE WERE FORCED INTO FOR SURVIVAL, WHEN WE MIGRATED TO THE CITY. ALTHOUGH ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO HELP US WITH OUR PROBLEMS WHILE WE ARE INCARCERATED, WE CAN ONLY EXPECT TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS THAT RESULT FROM INCARCERATION. OUR REAL PROBLEMS ARE OUTSIDE THE INSTITUTION AND IT IS THERE THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO BE MET WITH AND SOLVED.

MANY PEOPLE OF NATIVE ORIGIN HAVE SPENT THEIR CHILDHOOD, TEEN, ADOLESCENCE AND ADULTHOOD WITHIN THE WALLS OF A CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION ONLY TO COME OUT DEFEATED BROKEN HUMAN BEINGS. THEY HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO OFFER BUT NEVER GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO BECAUSE SOCIETY WAS TOO BUSY GETTING THEIR POUND OF FLESH. SOCIETY HAS TAKEN THEIR POUND OF FLESH, STILL THE PROBLEM REMAINS. WE DO NOT FEEL THAT THIS HAS TO REMAIN AS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. THE CYCLE CAN BE BROKEN AND IT IS IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE WE HAVE THE BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

WE OFFER "WELCOME WAGONS" TO OUR NEW NEIGHBOURS WHEN THEY MOVE FROM CITY TO CITY REGARDLESS OF THEIR MOTIVES. WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHILDREN BY CONGRATULATING THE PARENTS AND GIVING THE NEW BORN SOME OF THE THINGS HE WILL NEED TO SURVIVE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SLAP THE LABEL "EX-CON" ON EVERY INMATE WHO COMES OUT OF JAIL.

MANY OF THE NATIVE PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THE CORRECTIONAL CENTRE WOULD LIKE TO FEEL THEIR COMING OUT AS A REIRTH AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A WELCOME WAGON TO GIVE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND TO BE HELPED TO FORGET THEIR PAST. INSTEAD, TO THE DISCRIMINATION AND INDIGNATION, IS ADDED YET ANOTHER LABEL, "EX-CON", AND IT SEEMS TO BURN BRIGHTER THAN ALL THE REST COMBINED. HE HAS ALLOWED SOCIETY TO ADD STILL ANOTHER PIECE TO THE ALMOST PERFECT PUZZLE OF FAILURE.

THIS IS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT NOR RIDICULE, WHO NEEDS SUPPORT NOT ALIENATION, WHO LOOKS FOR HOPE NOT DESPAIR.

THE NATIVE PROJECT SOCIETY HALF-WAY HOUSE COULD BE ONE OF THE MEANS OF PROVIDING THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH ENCOURAGEMENT, SUPPORT AND HOPE. HOPE TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF OUR NATIVE PEOPLE AND THE INSTITUTION WHICH HAS BEEN SERVING THEM MOST INADEQUATELY TO DATE.



DEAR EDITOR:

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY THANKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH, BEFORE CHRISTMAS I WAS MAROONED IN A CELL, UNABLE TO GET LEGAL ASSISTANCE. THEREOF, I SEEKED THE ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE METIS SOCIETY. THEY THEN HAD GOTTEN ME A LAWYER AND OBTAINED BAIL. IT WAS REALLY WONDERFUL TO BE AT HOME FOR THE OCCASION OF THE FESTIVAL SEASON. ALSO, MR. WALTER DIETER HAD OFFERED HIS ASSISTANCE. ONCE AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THIS ORGANIZATION FOR THEIR HELP.

SIGNED A SUPPORTER
WALLACE MCARTHUR

PRINCE ALBERT

A MEETING WAS HELD IN PRINCE ALBERT ON FEBRUARY THE 18TH AND 19TH AT THE CORONET MOTOR HOTEL. IN ATTENDANCE THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

THE MEETING OF THESE FIELD WORKERS WAS TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH A KNOWLEDGE OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION OF THE NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT IS NOW BEING DRAWN UP BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND TO GET OUR OWN WORKERS OUT IN THE FIELD TO LET OUR PEOPLE KNOW WHAT THE METIS SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND TO GET OUR OWN WORKERS TO EXPLAIN THE NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND TO SEE WHAT THE PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DONE.

IT WAS STATED THAT THERE BE A NUMBER OF AREA MEETINGS AND FINALLY ONE LARGE MEETING IN PRINCE ALBERT (PROVINCIAL).

IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THERE SHOULD BE FIVE DELEGATES FROM EACH OF THE AREAS AND THAT THESE DELEGATES BE ELECTED BY THE LOCALS THROUGH MEETINGS IN THEIR OWN AREAS.

IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THESE SAME FIVE DELEGATES ATTEND BOTH THE MEETINGS AND THAT THE NAMES OF THESE PEOPLE CHOSEN TO ATTEND BE SENT IN TO REGINA PRIOR TO THE AREA MEETINGS.

WE, THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN, SHOULD HAVE A SAY AS TO HOW OUR NORTHERN AREA IS RUN AND IN WHAT MANNER WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS ACCOMPLISHED. FOR FAR TOO MANY YEARS NOW THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN RUNNING OUR AFFAIRS AND IT IS HIGH TIME THAT WE BEGAN GETTING A VOICE IN THE CONSTITUTIONS MADE UP BY THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING US AND OUR WAY OF LIFE.

A NUMBER OF MATTERS WERE BROUGHT UP CONCERNING THE LOCALS AND THE PRESIDENTS WITHIN THESE LOCALS, ONE OF THE TOPICS WAS THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE FIELD WORKERS AND SOME OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT AREAS. IT SHOULD BE STATED HERE THAT THE WORKER WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY IS THERE FOR THE BENEFIT OF HELPING OUT YOU, HIS OWN PEOPLE AND THAT IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THIS WORK EFFECTIVELY YOU ARE NEEDED IN EVERY STEP OF THE WAY; DO NOT FORGET, HE IS ONE OF US, AND HIS JOB IS NOT THE EASIEST ONE TO COPE WITH. IN ORDER FOR HIM TO DO THE THINGS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE DONE, HE FIRST OF ALL NEEDS YOUR FULL AND TOTAL SUPPORT. FIGHTING AMONGST OURSELVES IS OF NO AVAIL -- WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR IS UNITY AND IN ORDER FOR THIS TO COME ABOUT WE NEED YOU.

THE TWO LARGE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN URANIUM CITY AND PRINCE ALBERT. DATES FOR THE AREA MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRINCE ALBERT - MARCH 27, 28, AND 29, 1972

CUMBERLAND HOUSE - MARCH 8, 1972.

CUMBERLAND HOUSE
CREIGHTON
DESCHAMBEAULT
PELICAN NARROWS
SANDY BAY

STAFF:

AHENAKEW, LARRY
HALCRO, JOAN
PARENTEAU, BOB
PRIMEAU, ALEX
VAN DALE,

LA RONGE - MARCH 11, 1972

CO-OP POINT
MOLANOSA
PINE HOUSE
STANLEY MISSION
TIMBER BAY
SOUTH END
WOLLASTON

STAFF:

DANIELS, BILL
ROSS,
SANDERSON, TOM

URANIUM CITY - MARCH 15, 1972

BLACK LAKE
CAMSELL PORTAGE
STONE RAPIDS
URANIUM CITY

STAFF:

JONES, RAY

BUFFALO NARROWS - MARCH 17, 1972

BEAVAL, DILLON
BIG RIVER, BUFFALO NARROWS
COLE BAY, JANS BAY
GREEN LAKE
ILE A LA CROSSE
MEADOW LAKE
PATUANAK
TURNOR LAKE

STAFF:

DAIGNEAULT,
DESJARLAIS,
FAUCH, FIDDLER

MOORE
MORRIS
ROY, KEIZE
WOODS, BOUVIER

DEAR EDITOR;

I AM WRITING TO LET YOU KNOW THAT MANY OF US HERE IN THE STATES SHARE YOUR TROUBLES FROM OUR GOVERNMENT. WE ARE BROTHERS IN THIS WAY EVEN MORE THAN IN OUR NATIVE WAYS. THERE ARE THOSE OF US WHO FEEL THAT THE NATIVE PEOPLES STRUGGLES ARE BOTH REVOLUTIONARY AND SPIRITUAL. WE CANNOT GO ALONG THE PATH THAT "THEY" HAVE LAID OUT FOR US. OUR DEATH, BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY, LIE AT THE END JUST AS IT DID FOR THOSE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY DURING WORLD WAR TWO. OUR CHILDREN MUST KNOW THIS AND IT IS ONLY FOR US TO TELL THEM. NO SCHOOLS, NO CHURCHES, NO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, NO COURTS, NO PARLIAMENTS AND NO NATIONAL LEADERS CAN OR WILL TELL THEM WHAT WAITS DOWN THE OPPRESSORS PATH.

WE DON'T HAVE TO ASK ANYONE FOR THE POWER, WE THE PEOPLE, HAVE THE POWER.

MINNO KEGIDOKE

- LEWIS BURROWS

SIXTY DAYS OF HELL

I'VE EXPERIENCED SOME OF THE POLITICAL APPLICATIONS - PROVINCIAL CORRECTIONAL CENTRE - PRINCE ALBERT OF WHICH I'LL NEVER FORGET. THE DURATION OF THIS CRAP. I'VE SEEN A FRIEND OF MINE TURNED DOWN FOR A TEMPORARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE. HIS WIFE HAD PASSED AWAY, RELATIVES HAD LET HIM KNOW THIS, THAT HIS WIFE HAD PASSED AWAY. THE PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES HAD TOLD HIM TO GO TO HELL, USING OTHER WORDS OF WHICH HE DIDN'T PARTICULARLY UNDERSTAND. HOWEVER, DURING ONE OF THE ORIENTATION PERIODS, I ASKED THE OFFICER IN CHARGE "IS THERE ANY DISCRIMINATION IN THE INSTITUTION HERE?" HE CLEARLY CONFIRMED THIS BY SAYING "NO". FURTHER MORE, I HAD A PARTICULAR REASON TO ASK FOR TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE TO MY RELEASE, A JOB, I WISHED THAT I HAD SATURDAY TO TRAVEL AND ALL DAY SUNDAY TO REST UP, BINGO, ALL SET ON MONDAY TO GET TO WORK. THIS DISCRIMINATION BIT SHOULD BE OUT, AND FURTHER MORE, AN ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN ON IT'S WAY IN THE INSTITUTION SINCE MARCH, 1971. I HAVE TO SAY THE BOYS HAVEN'T THE JAM TO STAND UP FOR THEIR "RIGHTS". THE EXAMPLE HERE I WANTED TO EXPRESS, IS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 15TH OF FEBRUARY, 1972. A MEETING WAS SLATED FOR THE EVENING OF THIS DATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (AND CONTAMINATION OF THE NORTH) NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT. TO INTERPRET THIS A CONCERT HAD COME IN TO PERFORM A MUSICAL SHOW. HELL, YOU SEE THIS EVERY DAY ON T.V. WITH THE PROPER LEADERSHIP AND KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR RIGHTS, THEY WOULD HAVE KNOWN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT WHAT THEY'VE TAKEN A RIDE FOR. ALSO, THEIR CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS THE AWARENESS OF RED POWER AND MILITANCY, AGGRESSIVENESS WILL NOT GET YOU ANYWHERE, NOT WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH A NATION. SO BE IT, RED POWER AND MILITANCY TO YOU IN THE FUTURE.

- WALLACE MCARTHUR



BEAUVAL

THERE WAS MEETING HELD AT BEAUVAL ON JANUARY 28, 1972 FOR THE ELECTION OF A NEW PRESIDENT. LOUIS LALIBERTE, THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL FOR THE METIS SOCIETY, RESIGNED BECAUSE OF BUSINESS COMMITMENTS CONCERNING HIS TAXI SERVICE. MARCEL MCKAY WAS ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE AS THE NEW PRESIDENT. IT WAS SAID IN BEAUVAL THAT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE WAS NOT DONE IN THE PROPER WAY, AS NONE OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS WERE PAID UP MEMBERS OF THE METIS SOCIETY.

IT SHOULD BE EASY ENOUGH FOR THESE PEOPLE TO GET THEIR PAID UP MEMBERSHIPS FROM EITHER THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL OR TO GET IT FROM THE MAIN OFFICE IN REGINA. IT ONLY SEEMS RIGHT THAT THE ELECTED MEMBERS SHOULD ALSO BE PAID UP MEMBERS, SO PLEASE GET YOUR CARDS AS WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

IT WAS ALSO DECIDED AT THIS MEETING THAT THERE WOULD BE HELD ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH A MEETING OF THE LOCAL IN BEAUVAL - PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL AND BE THERE.

ANOTHER ONE OF THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED WHILE WE WERE IN THE AREA IS THAT THE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A VOICE IN THE CHOICE OF THE TEACHERS THERE, AND THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE SOME SAY AS TO WHO SHOULD BE TEACHING THEIR CHILDREN.

WELL, I HAVE NO MORE TO COMMENT ON FOR THIS MONTH BUT AM SINCERELY HOPING THAT I SHALL RECEIVE A FEW LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE IN BEAUVAL AND SURROUNDING AREA.

- TONI DUROCHER

Ile-a-la-Crosse

ARRIVED AT ILE-A-LA-CROSSE, WEDNESDAY, 10:45 P.M. THE TRIP WAS WITHOUT INCIDENT AND THE ROADS ARE IN VERY GOOD CONDITION, ESPECIALLY FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR.

WE PROCEEDED TO TRY TO LOCATE GEORGE RAYMOND, BUT WE FOUND HE IS IN BUFFALO NARROWS WITH DON NEILSON SO WE WENT TO OVIDE DESJARLAIS PLACE, GOING OVER THERE WAS A GREAT IDEA AND A BENEFICIAL ONE AS WE HEARD A BIT OF SURPRISING INFORMATION.

WELL, THE GOVERNMENT'S AT IT AGAIN. WE WERE INFORMED THEY (THE GOVERNMENT) HAVE ALREADY GOT SEVEN PEOPLE UP HERE IN THE NORTH, GOING TO OUR PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND AS WE UNDERSTAND ARE TRYING TO SET UP MEETINGS, PRESUMABLY TO TALK ABOUT THE NEW PROPOSED NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THEY HAVE SAID THEY WERE ONLY UP THERE TO SEE OLD FRIENDS, AND TALKING TO THE WHITE PEOPLE TO ASSURE THEM THAT EVERYTHING IS O.K. - NOW WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, AS FAR AS THE NORTH IS CONCERNED? THEY WERE ALSO MEETING N.D.P. SUPPORTERS AND ACQUAINTANCES.

WE LEARNED THERE ARE TWO GOVERNMENT **MEN IN** PATUANAK, WHO WILL BE THERE APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS - GETTING TO KNOW THE PEOPLE SO THEY SAY. MR. HILL WHOM WE MET IN P.A. AT OUR MEETINGS ON JAN. 22ND IS ON HIS WAY TO LA LOCHE TO INFORM THE PEOPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL, YET A MERE WEEK AGO HE HIMSELF STATED HE WAS AS YET UNINFORMED OF THE ACTUAL GOINGS ON CONCERNING THIS PROGRAM. MR. HILL, IF YOU WILL RECALL, STUTTERED AND STAMMERED WHEN HE WAS ASKED A FEW PERTINENT QUESTIONS BY THE METIS SOCIETY. WHAT THEN DOES HE EXPECT TO RELAY TO OUR PEOPLE, THAT SHALL BENEFIT THEM, OR IS HE SUPPOSED TO BUTTER THEM UP NOW, ONLY TO HAVE THE GOVERNMENT DROP THE BOMB LATER? HIS ASSOCIATE WE ARE TOLD IS A UNIVERSITY STUDENT.

MARTIN SAMCHUK IS HERE IN ILE-A-LA-CROSSE, BUT FOR WHAT PURPOSE WE HAVE NOT YET LEARNED. FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE WE UNDERSTAND HE IS VISITING A FEW HOMES PERSONALLY. ANY IDEAS? I AM BETTING WE COULD GIVE A FEW OURSELVES AND NOT BE TOO FAR OFF IF THE TRUTH WERE KNOWN.

ART TOWILL AND A UNIVERSITY STUDENT ARE UP IN BUFFALO NARROWS AND TWO MORE MEN ARE AT DILLION. OUR WORKERS FROM THE METIS SOCIETY ARE RIGHT UP THERE WITH THEM. SORRY, NOT WITH THEM, BUT RIGHT ON THEIR TAIL.

A MEETING WAS HELD IN TURNOR LAKE, BUT AS OF YET I HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING CONCERNING THIS MATTER, BUT I'LL TRY TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE OR ACCOMPLISHED.

AFTER LEAVING LA LOCHE, MR. HILL AND A PARTNER WILL BE HEADING FOR URANIUM CITY AND STONEY RAPIDS AND APPARENTLY FURTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTH. I THINK SOMETHING FISHY IS GOING ON - BUT, WHAT??? THE GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO BEAT THE METIS SOCIETY TO OUR OWN PEOPLE AND ARE CERTAINLY TRYING TO DO SO IN AN ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.

DO YOU THINK MAYBE THESE GRANTS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, E.G. TURNOR LAKE, PATUANAK, ILE-A-LA-CROSSE, ETC. IS THEIR WAY OF BUYING OFF THE METIS IN THE NORTH SO THAT AFTER CALMING THE PEOPLE DOWN AND MAKING THEM TO FEEL THEY'RE DOING WHAT'S BEST FOR OUR PEOPLE THEY'LL MOVE IN AFTER A YEAR AND AGAIN TAKE OVER THE NORTH FOR OUR PEOPLE.

THE METIS SOCIETY HAS FANTASTIC SUPPORT IF THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T SOMEHOW WANGLE THEIR WAY INTO CHANGING THE ATTITUDES OF OUR PEOPLE. I WILL TRY TO FIND OUT ALL I CAN ABOUT WHATEVER IT IS THAT IS HAPPENING AND COOKING UP NORTH AND SHALL REPORT LATER.

I ALMOST FORGOT, THE TEACHER WHO WAS TEACHING ADULT EDUCATION IN ILE-A-LA-CROSSE HAS BEEN DISMISSED AND REPLACED BY ONE OF OUR OWN PEOPLE, MRS. CLAIRE DAIGNEAULT. THERE IS ALSO MRS. CAISSE, WHO IS TEACHING. THIS IS ONE OF THE EXAMPLES THAT SHOWS OUR PEOPLE ARE NOW BEGINNING TO HAVE A SAY AS TO WHO SHOULD BE TEACHING OUR OWN PEOPLE.

TONI DUROCHER, REPORTER

I HAVE HAD A VERY INFORMATIVE TRIP UP NORTH TO VARIOUS AREAS, SUCH AS, LA LOCHE, BUFFALO NARROWS, ILE A LA CROSSE, BEAUVAL, GREEN LAKE, MEADOW LAKE, AND PRINCE ALBERT.

WHILE IN ILE A LA CROSSE I SPOKE TO A FEW WELFARE RECIPIENTS, AND BY THE SOUND OF THINGS, THEY ARE HAVING QUITE A ROUGH TIME OF IT - FOR INSTANCE THERE IS A FAMILY WHO IS LIVING ON AN INCOME OF \$264.05 A MONTH, AND SHE IS THE SOLE SUPPORT OF HER FIVE CHILDREN - HER HUSBAND DIED LAST SUMMER AND SINCE THAT TIME SHE HAS HAD TO DO THE BRINGING UP OF HER FAMILY BY HERSELF - AND AS YOU AND I KNOW, BEING A LONE PARENT IS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT TASKS. NOT ONLY IS THE RAISING OF HER FIVE CHILDREN A GREAT BURDEN ON HER BUT NOT HAVING AN INCOME SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN A DECENT LIVING IS AN ADDED HEARTACHE. WHY IN THE NAME OF GOD SHOULD SHE MADE TO SUPPORT HER KIDS ON AN INCOME THAT IS FAR FROM ADEQUATE FOR HER NEEDS. HER CHEQUE READS AS FOLLOWS:

- CLOTHING	\$11.00
- POWER	\$13.00
- WATER	\$20.00
- FOOD	\$149.05
- PERSONAL	\$12.00
- FUEL	\$40.00
- MONTHLY PAYMENTS	\$19.00

CLOTHING ALONE FOR ONE CHILD IS WELL OVER THE AMOUNT SHE RECEIVES, AND SHE HAS FIVE LITTLE ONES. WHAT IS THE ANSWER, SURELY SOMETHING CAN BE DONE FOR THIS WOMEN, BUT I DOUBT VERY MUCH IF IT WILL BE THE WELFARE PEOPLE WHO WILL GO TO HER AND DO THE OFFERING TO HELP HER OUT MORE. I ASKED HER HOW SHE GOT ALONG ON THIS SUM OF MONEY AND SHE STATED THAT SHE GETS ALONG SOMEHOW, BUT THAT SHE HAS A VERY HARD TIME. I BELIEVE THAT THIS KIND OF THING SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO AND SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT AND JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WELFARE AS WE ARE ALWAYS BEING TOLD, IS EVERYONE'S RIGHT - LET'S MAKE THEM (THE WELFARE) AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AND DO THE RIGHT THING BY THE PEOPLE UNDER THEM.

THIS IS JUST ONE CASE - HOW MANY OTHERS ARE THERE LIKE THIS ONE THAT NEED ATTENTION, AND NEEDS IT NOW. I KNOW OF A FEW OTHERS, AND WILL WRITE ABOUT THEM ALSO. IF ANYONE OUT THERE READING ABOUT THIS KNOWS OF SIMILAR CASES I WOULD APPRECIATE A NOTE OR A LETTER ABOUT IT. JUST MAIL IT TO "THE EDITOR, NEW BREED", CARE OF THIS PAPER.

TONI DUROCHER, REPORTER

A BIT OF HISTORY

THE HISTORY OF THE WHITE MAN WHEN HE FIRST ARRIVED IN AMERICA CAN BE TRACED BY HIS DECEIT AND DESTRUCTION AND CAN ONLY BE MEASURED IN THE DEVASTATING EFFECT THAT THIS HAD UPON THE NATIVE PEOPLE

WE CAN TRACE THE GREED AND COMPETITION BY THE FIRST ATTEMPTS TO SETTLE THE RED RIVER AREA. THE TWO RIVAL FUR TRADING COMPANIES WERE THE NORTH WEST COMPANY AND THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

THE NORTH WEST COMPANY WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EARLY RAIDS UPON THE SELKIRK SETTLEMENT BECAUSE COLONIALIZATION WAS A THREAT TO THE GREAT FUR EMPIRE.

THE FIRST ATTEMPT AT COLONIZING THE WEST WAS MADE BY THE SCOTTISH SETTLERS. AN ECONOMIC REVOLUTION EVOLVED WHEN LARGE SCALE SHEEP HERDING SUPERSEDED TENANT FARMING AND LEFT THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES WITHOUT VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE NORTH WEST COMPANY (WHOSE MAIN CONCERN WAS IN THE FUR INDUSTRY) THE METIS ARMY RAIDED THE COLONY AND FINALLY WERE VICTORIOUS IN A BATTLE WHERE 21 SETTLERS AND ONE METIS WERE KILLED. THE METIS LEADER SENT AN ULTIMATUM TO THE FORT BY A SURVIVOR. HE SAID "GET OUT OR BE DESTROYED".

THE METIS WHO HAD OCCUPIED RUPERT'S LAND LONG BEFORE THE SETTLERS CAME WERE BUFFALO HUNTERS. THEIR ECONOMY WAS BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF BUFFALO THEY COULD GET DURING THEIR SEASONAL HUNTING PARTIES. COLONIZATION WOULD DESTROY THEIR ECONOMY. THEREFORE THEIR ATTACK UPON THE COLONY WAS JUSTIFIED.

THIS WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF UNREST IN THE RED RIVER AREA. DUE TO THE GROWING DEMAND FOR BUFFALO HIDES IN THE EAST A LARGE INFUX OF WHITE ADVENTURERS INVADDED THE WEST TO CAPITALIZE ON THE PRODUCT. MASS SLAUGHTER OF THE BUFFALO THEN OCCURED AND THE LARGE HERDS WHICH ONCE ROAMED THE PLAINS FREELY DIMINISHED IN SIZE.

LOUIS RIEL FOUGHT FOR AN INDEPENDENT INDIAN AND METIS NATION. A COMMON LAND BASE IN THE NORTH WEST. HE FOUGHT AGAINST COLONIAL OPPRESSION FROM THE U.S. AND CANADA. HE FOUGHT AGAINST THE EXPLOITATION OF PEOPLE AND RESOURCES WHICH COLONIZATION BRINGS. HE FOUGHT SO PEOPLE WOULD HAVE A VOICE IN CONTROLLING THEIR OWN DESTINY.

WE ARE LIVING IN A COMPLEX SOCIETY WHOSE ECONOMY IS BASED SOLELY ON MONEY. OUR OPPRESSORS ARE VERY CUNNING. THEY SIDETRACK US. THEY MANIPULATE US AND THEY BUY US OFF. THEY ENCOURAGE US TO REVIVE AND PRACTISE OUR CULTURE AS A PART OF MAINTAINING OUR IDENTITY. ALL SUMMER LONG WE RUN ABOUT THE COUNTRYSIDE TAKING OUT OUR FRUSTRATIONS WHICH ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF OUR POOR LIVING CONDITIONS. BY DOING OUR THING AT A "POW-WOW". THEY EDUCATE US TO LEARN WHITE MIDDLE CLASS VALUES SO THAT EACH TIME WE SEE POVERTY AND SUFFERING WE CLOSE OUR EYES. YES, WE CLOSE OUR EYES TO THE SUFFERINGS

PATUANAK

DEAR READERS:

HERE I AM WRITING A SAD LETTER ABOUT THE COMMUNITY OF PATUANAK. I THINK WE ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY THE GOVERNMENT. I'VE BEEN TRAVELLING ALL OVER THE PLACE AND I CAN SEE THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN HELPING PEOPLE. WE ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE LEFT WITH NOTHING. IT'S NOT THAT I HAVE MY MOUTH CLOSED - I DID ALL I CAN TALKING WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THEY DO NOT SEEM TO LISTEN TO OUR PROBLEMS. WE TRIED TO BUILD TOURIST OUTFITTING - WE WERE UNABLE TO GET IT THRU. I TRIED SIX YEARS FOR METIS OF PATUANAK TO LIVE IN BETTER HOUSING - THIS CAN NOT COME THRU. NOW I UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO MAKE NATIONAL PARKS ALONG THE CHURCH-HILL RIVER. WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTH ONCE THE PARK IS BUILT UP WE'LL BE ALL FORGOTTEN AND WILL BE NO WAY FOR NATIVE PEOPLE TO MAKE A LIVING ON. SO IN THAT CASE WE THE PEOPLE OF PATUANAK DO NOT NEED PARKS IN THIS AREA. WE ARE WILLING TO serve OUR AREA FOR THE NEXT GENERATION TO LIVE ON OUR OWN LAND - LET'S MAKE THE GOVERNMENT THINK FOR THE FUTURE OF HOW THE NATIVE PEOPLE WILL MAKE BETTER LIVING. NO ONE IN THIS COUNTRY WILL LIKE TO SEE OUR CHILDREN GO POOR IN THE NEXT GENERATION. THIS IS OUR LAND FOR US NATIVE TO MAKE OUR LIVING FROM. SO LET'S NOT TRY AND GIVE IT AWAY.

- MATHIAS MAURICE

OF OUR PEOPLE. THEY TEACH US CHRISTIANITY WHICH TELLS US TO LOVE OUR FELLOWMAN AND TO TURN THE OTHER CHEEK. CHRISTIANITY'S ONLY PURPOSE IS TO PAICTY US. WE'VE TRIED TO LOVE OUR FELLOWMAN AND AS A RESULT OF THIS WE HAD TO TURN THE OTHER CHEEK A BILLION OR MORE TIMES. WE ARE GIVEN GRANTS TO RESEARCH TREATIES. THESE GRANTS ALLOW US TO LIVE COMFORTABLY AND MOMENTARILY FORGET OUR PAST POVERTY. FULLFILLMENT OF TREATIES WILL NOT BRING ABOUT TOTAL EMPLOYMENT WHICH IS THE ONLY FACTOR THAT WILL BETTER OUR LIVING CONDITIONS. THEY GIVE US MONEY TO ENABLE US TO VOICE OUR DEMANDS. WE MAKE OUR DEMAND CLEARLY. TO SHOW US THEIR GENEROSITY THEY GRANT THEM IN PART. TO SHUT US UP FOR AWHILE? IT TAKES TIME - HOW LONG?

TODAY THE CRIES OF OUR PEOPLE STILL CAN BE HEARD OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE. WE TURN TO DEAF EARS AND BEG THAT THEY SHARE AS WE ONCE DID. OUR VOICE ECHOS THROUGH THE HALLWAYS OF PROGRESS AND IS DROWNED BY THE SOUNDS OF TECHNOLOGY AND DEMAND FOR ECONOMIC EXPANSION.

WE TRY BY BARGAINING WITH OUR RULERS TO ALLEVIATE THE PAIN AND SUFFERING WHICH HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR THE PAST ONE HUNDRED YEARS. WHAT DO THEY DO? THEY OFFER US MONEY SO AS WE CAN LIVE IN COMFORT AND TRY TO DEVELOP OUR PEOPLE. WE TRY, OUR PEOPLE TRY. BUT THERE IS A LIMIT TO WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THE PEANUTS THROWN TO US BY THE GOVERNMENT. OUR PEOPLE ARE STILL BEING EXPLOITED. WE HEAR THEIR CRIES. THEY ARE GROWING LOUDER. WILL WE, AS A PEOPLE, BE GIVEN OUR DEMANDS IN FULL UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM WHICH WE LIVE? WILL WE REMAIN SILENT VICTIMS OF WHITE CIRCUMSTANCE OR ARE WE GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

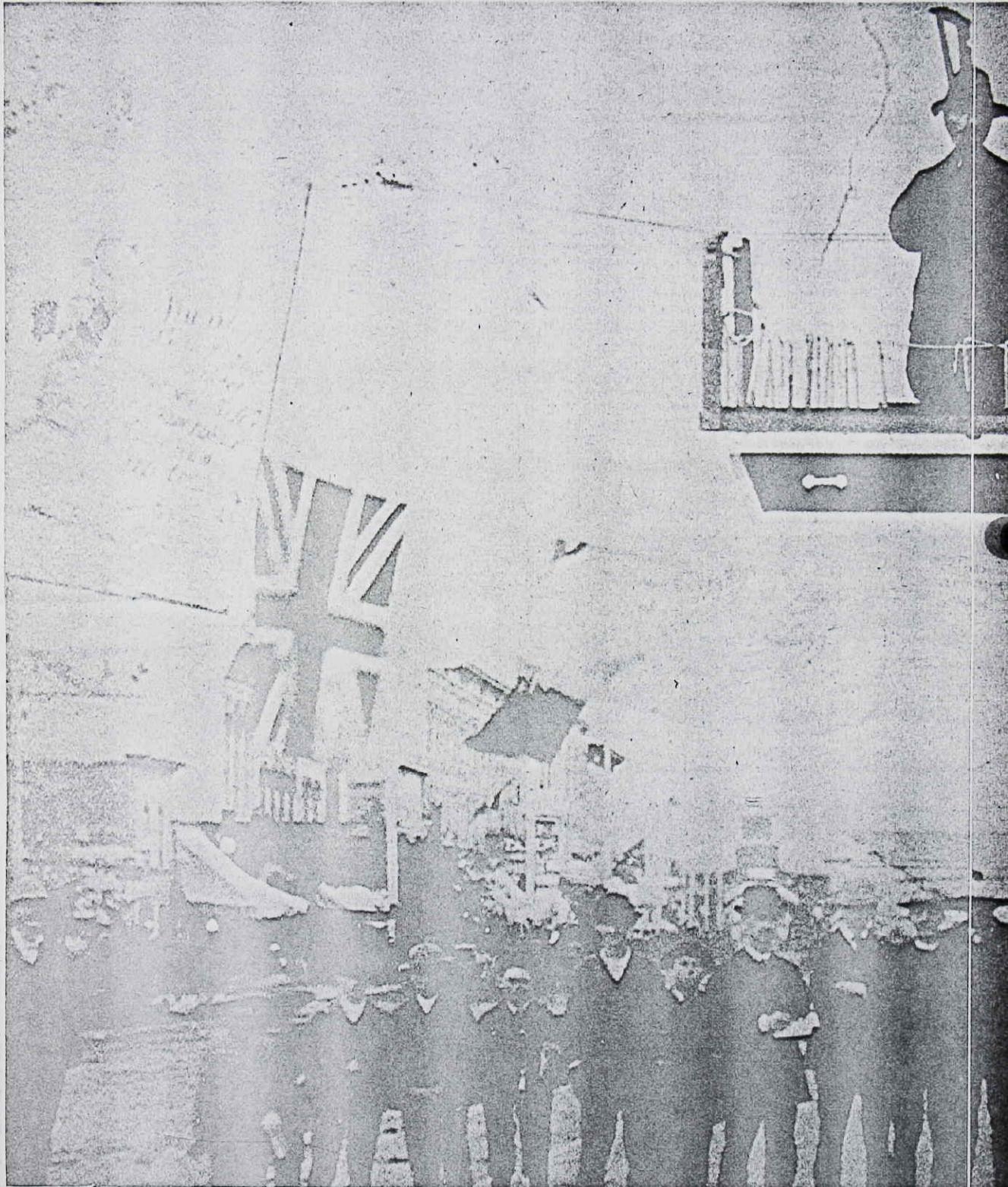


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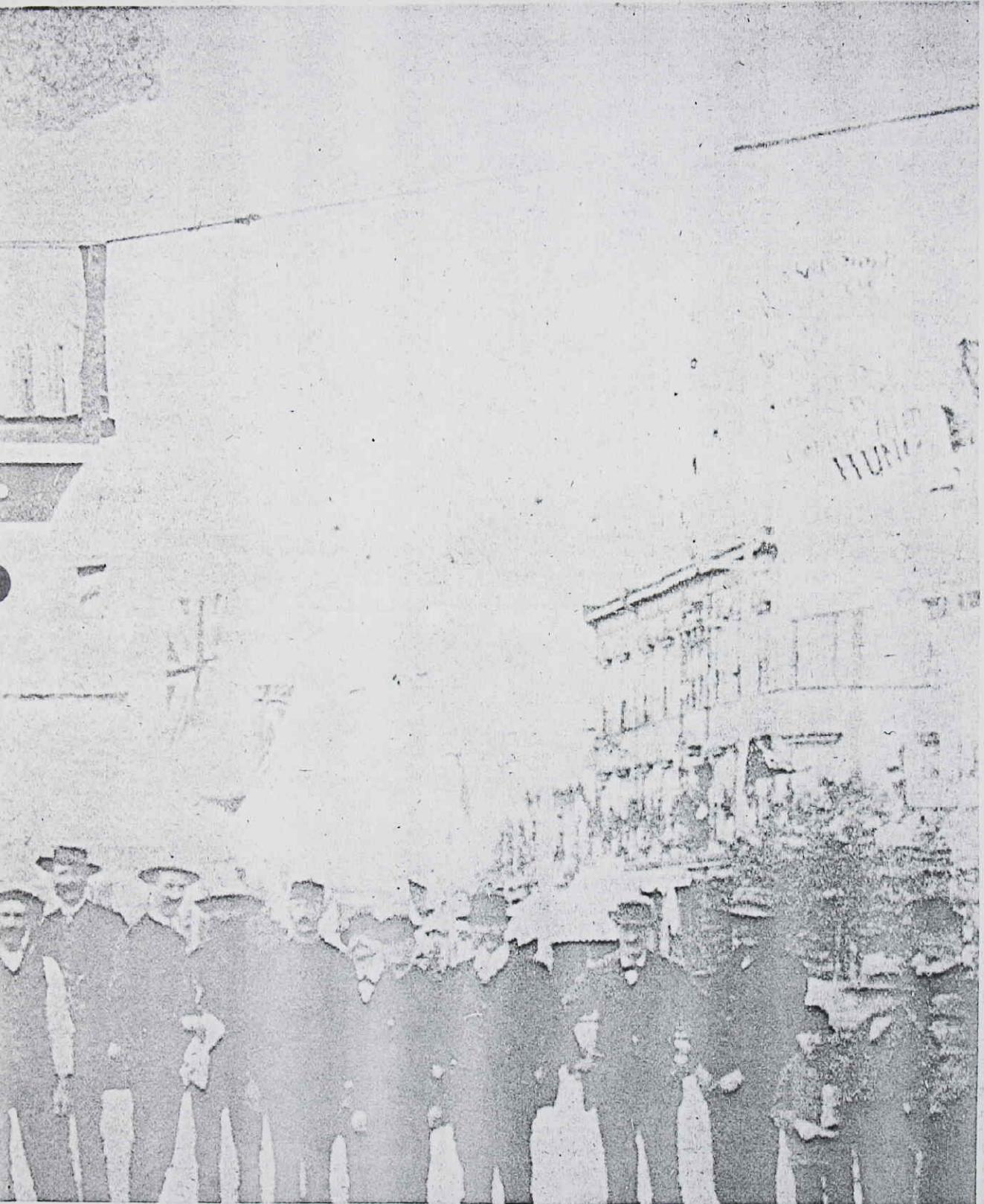
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Unexpected results from Metis survey

A Metis Society of Saskatchewan survey on native education has already yielded some results which have shaken the study's organizers.

A test survey of native people in Saskatchewan has indicated that many do not want control of their children's schools, according to Dr. Howard Adams, one of the study leaders.

In a telephone interview from his Saskatoon office, Dr. Adams said he expected the full study to reveal that "a lot of our assumptions are not valid."

The Saskatoon sampling, while probably not indicative of results from the full provincial study, produced results which may represent feelings of southern native residents.

He said his greatest concern after that survey was that the majority of those questioned were uninformed about the education system and their rights within that system. He said they seemed to know their children were having difficulties in school, but were unable to articulate possible reasons.

The provincial government

has contributed \$28,400 to finance the study. Six of an eventual eight field workers have been hired and are currently collecting initial sampling.

The survey will be qualitative for the most part and will deal with native opinions and hopes about their own education and their feelings about the present school system.

Dr. Adams said the views of about 1,000 people will be collected through interviews and a short questionnaire. Originally, it was thought the questionnaire would be more comprehensive, but the results from one such survey were confusing and inconclusive.

A meeting of all field workers and Art Towell, deputy minister of the Indian and Metis department, is to be held next week as the full thrust of the study begins.

Asked whether the initial results revealed a need for a second role for the field workers, one involving the imparting of information to those surveyed, Dr. Adams said that job would be taken on, although "we have to be a little guarded about it."

He said the danger was that the interviewers would give the information and get it back in the survey, thus invalidating the results.

"In the end, you know, we will come up with some rather surprising results," he said. The surprises would be for both the provincial government and the Metis society itself.

For example, he said, one of the assumptions is that native people want to take over their own school systems. "We're finding out that this is not true. The thing is, they really don't know."

He said the results will include "specific and forceful" recommendations, qualifying in part the opinions gathered.

At the time the study was undertaken, the province closed a native education and training centre at Cutbank. The centre will remain closed at least until the Metis study is completed.

Dr. Adams said he did not think the study's results would indicate a need to reopen Cutbank. He said another centre may be called for in the north.

Wuttunee Seeks Indian Federation Leadership

Gerald Wuttunee, recently elected Red Pheasant Indian Reserve band councillor, has announced that he will seek the position of Chief with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians.

The elections are expected to be held at the end of February.

In announcing his intentions, Mr. Wuttunee expressed dissatisfaction with the leadership of Chief David Ahenakew and the FSI partnership with the Indian Affairs Department.

Mr. Wuttunee charged that the federation has become "too top heavy" and far removed from the Indian people. "I would like to bring the organization back to the reserves and place more control in the hands of the Indian people," he said.

"The FSI now looks like a junior partner of Indian Affairs," he stated.

"I am disturbed that the Fed-



GERALD WUTTUNEE

eration of Saskatchewan Indians has ceased to serve as a pressure group for the Indian people," said Mr. Wuttunee. "The main role of the federation should be to get the treaties fulfilled and get governments fully commit themselves on all aspects of the treaties."

The theme of his campaign will be: "The grassroots people versus the Indian Affairs Department."

Mr. Wuttunee was elected to the Red Pheasant band council earlier this month.

An outspoken critic of government policy regarding Indians, last year he led a battle at the reserve level against the government white paper on Indian affairs and handed his Medicare insurance card back to the department in protest over health care to Indians.

Mr. Wuttunee is employed as a field worker with the Native Alcohol Council in North Bay, Ontario.

Educational, economic boost for north

By TOM COONEY
Education Reporter

PATUANAK — If the government is to educate the people in the north there must be more changes related to the economic development in the northern part of the province, says Education Minister Gordon MacMurchy.

He made the comment after completing his one week tour of northern Saskatchewan which took in 14 centres.

He said: "What these changes shall be, I am not yet sure in my own mind. But now I will be better equipped to enter into discussions with other cabinet ministers on the situation here in the north. And I will suggest to my cabinet colleagues that they make a similar tour."

"We haven't even tapped the resources of the north. Are resources in the north confined to pulp? Just imagine the tremendous resources we have here in water alone."

The minister said the government would be changing both the structure and the organization to ensure there would be one single approach to the problems of the north.

The minister said he had "visions of disaster" as far as development in northern Saskatchewan was concerned before he made the trip.

He said: "I am impressed by the involvement of people in the communities, the complete dedication of teachers who have the interest of the whole community at heart, and I am impressed by the fine school facilities that exist."

"I think we should now start seriously thinking about educating people in the north for the north. This is going to happen."

The minister said the emphasis must change from educating people in the north to live and work in the south, to educating them to live and survive in their own communities.

One complaint he heard time and time again both from parents and students was the method of educating students in their home community for a certain time and then transferring them to a large community.

Joe Cook, 18, who lives at Southend, on Reindeer Lake, put his finger on the problem when he told the minister: "I was sent to Prince Albert for school and stayed there for four years. But then I came home because I just did not like it there. I tried, but I just could not make any friends there. I just did not like it."

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The minister noted on his tour that he did not see one Indian teacher in the classroom, and the only solution to this was having Indian teachers in the classroom to help out. He suggested some thought should be given to the training of Indian teachers and having "white" teachers learn Indian dialects.

He said: "The teacher-aid program is to be expanded to have more local people help out. I think a local high school would also be of great help. We should also institute more division three programs at the schools."

"I think the north has been forgotten as far as education is concerned, and now white society is feeling guilty and trying to involve the Indian people in the process of change."

He listed the problems of the north as being lack of education, employment opportunities and isolation.

He said: "In the area of education there are real improvements to be made, as there are in the areas of social and economical development. I think this is going to happen so I am very optimistic about the future."

The minister found a real problem in the north in the absence of telephones and television facilities. Many teachers complained that there was a lack of educational development because they did not have these facilities.

At Wollaston Lake he discovered that up to a few months ago children there did not realize man had walked on the moon.

Said Mr. MacMurchy: "I will be talking to the government about this problem. If the north is to survive and develop fully, as it will, this problem must be classed as part of the development. So too roads must be greatly improved."

"The problem here, of course, is that communities are scattered and the problem of distance is fairly extreme. But I think we can lay out a program to overcome these and I say television and telephone facilities will probably be installed in these communities."

OTTAWA (CP) — A \$90-million communications satellite, to be launched this year with a prime purpose of bringing live television to Northern areas, will do more harm than good unless present plans are changed, says a three-year study into people's communications in the Canadian North.

The study, commissioned by the Arctic Institute of North America and made public Tuesday, said implementation of the proposed program with no provision for northern input "can have a devastating and quite probable irreversible impact on the people of the North."

The report says the real communications needs of northerners include community radio stations, regional and local programming for radio and TV, community videotape projects, improved telephone communications and educational television.

Northern groups, such as Indian brotherhoods, the Eskimo group Inuit Tapirisat, the Committee for Original People's Entitlement, already in the communications field, must be deeply involved in the program.

The communications satellite, Anik, is to be launched late this year and go into operation early in 1973.

Eric Kierans, then communications minister, said when noting the legislation through the Commons that bringing live television to the northern parts of seven provinces as well as the Yukon and Northwest Territories was perhaps the most important reason for the satellite.

The study group, which included five native northerners in its 10 members, said the millions of dollars to be spent providing live television in northern areas is not justified.

It says the main advantages claimed for live television compared with the pre-recorded Frontier Coverage Package now available in many of the communities are daily news, live sports shows and longer program hours.

It points out that daily news now is available through radio in all but three locations to be served by Anik. A CBC poll showed that delayed sports shows—such as hockey games screened a week late—is causing little discontent. And the frontier package could be easily increased by broadcasting longer tapes.

Therefore, says the report, "the northern dissemination of live TV seems to be of doubtful utility as one of the main objectives of a \$90 million satellite communications project."

The study's main recommendations:

Satellite plan for TV in north called dangerous

—Government funds to help northern communications groups implement their programs.

—Establishment of radio and TV centres where northerners can produce program material of special meaning to northerners.

—Creation of a northern communications information centre either at a university or with the Arctic Institute. It would co-ordinate the work of the communications groups in the North, be a central source of information and train northerners in effective use of the media to achieve social advancement.

—Universities to assist northerners in designing practical communications projects aimed at effecting social change in northern communities.

—Improved long-distance telephone and radio reception in many northern areas.

Natives fearful

By KEN KELLY
Canadian Press Science Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — Indian and Eskimo speakers expressed fears Tuesday that Canada may take too narrow and short-sighted a view at next June's United Nations conference on the human environment.

Mrs. Marie Marule of the National Indian Brotherhood spoke of the "myopic" quality of a provisional paper filed by Canada with the conference secretariat in Stockholm.

She said the emphasis appears to be on economic growth in environmental matters. There was little evidence this country had learned from the "cultural disaster" of the taming of the West.

Tagah Curley of the Eskimo Brotherhood of Canada suggested too little concern is evident in the rest of Canada for the effects of impending mineral development in the far North.

The worries of the native people were put forward at the second meeting of a national preparatory committee invited to advise the Canadian government about the world environmental conference.

After a day-long meeting the committee reached no final decision about proposals to hold a series of sessions across the country to collect viewpoints of individuals and organizations on environmental questions.

The principal objection appeared to be that time was too short for such a series to affect the position papers Canada must file with the UN conference.

HAMILTON (CP) — Canadian Indians and Eskimos are being cheated out of their hereditary hunting and fishing grounds with the help of the federal government, a law professor charged Tuesday night.

Prof. Tony Hooper of Osgoode Hall law school in Toronto told a seminar on Indian rights that while the United States government is providing \$1 billion in compensation to Alaskan Eskimos for land lost to oil and mining industries, the Canadian government is giving away land without even consulting the natives.

Butch Smitherman, founder of the British Columbia Association of Non-Status Indians, told the seminar that because a large percentage of Ontario's Indians live below the poverty line, their rights are compromised every day.

He said their land is taken, their fishing waters are polluted and they are discriminated against in housing, employment and civil rights.

"We must fight to retain the right to be human—the time has come to fight the machines that are ruining our country," he said.

Natives cheated, says professor

SANDY BAY

HUDSON'S BAY IS STILL DOING IT

THE COMMUNITY OF SANDY BAY NEEDS ABOUT 60 HOUSES IN ORDER TO UPGRADE THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING. ONE MILE AWAY AT ISLAND FALLS THERE ARE FORTY-FOUR BRAND NEW "EMPTY" HOUSES. THEY BELONG TO THE HUDSON'S BAY MINING & SMELTING CO.

IN THE COMMUNITY OF SANDY BAY ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$180,000.00) IS PAID IN TAXES TO THE GOVERNMENT. NONE OF THIS BENEFITS THE PEOPLE OF THAT COMMUNITY EXCEPT BEING USED TO PROLONG THE WELFARE ROLE.

THE PEOPLE OF SANDY BAY (ONE MILE AWAY) BENEFIT NOTHING FROM THIS, EITHER IN FINANCES OR EMPLOYMENT. THE POWER UNIT AT ISLAND FALLS IS FULLY AUTOMATIC.

LETTERS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BOTH BY THE PEOPLE OF SANDY BAY AND BY THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN. NONE OF THESE HAVE BEEN ANSWERED.

THE HONESTY OF THESE PEOPLE HAS BEEN WELL PROVEN BY CONTINUING TO LIVE IN HARDSHIP AND INFERIOR HOUSING WHILE FORTY-FOUR BRAND NEW THREE BED-ROOM BUNGALOWS STAND IDLE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES NO ONE WOULD BLAME THESE PEOPLE IF THEY JUST MOVED ONE MILE INTO BRAND NEW HOMES.

HUDSON'S BAY CO. HAS TAKEN ENOUGH FROM US IN THE PAST. WHY DON'T WE TAKE SOMETHING IN RETURN?

SANDY BAY IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HOW THE PROGRESS OF PEOPLE IS OVERRULED BY THE IDEAL OF PROGRESS FOR PROFIT ONLY.

THE PEOPLE NEED PROPER SCHOOL FACILITIES WITH THE PEOPLE FORMING THEIR OWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE OR BOARD.

THERE IS A HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY NEEDED THERE INSTEAD OF KIDS BEING SHIPPED TO PRINCE ALBERT FOR GRADE EIGHT AND OVER.

MEDICAL SERVICES, ESPECIALLY A DOCTOR, IS NEEDED MORE THAN ONCE A MONTH. A NURSE CAN NOT SERVICE SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE NO MATTER HOW DEDICATED OR EXPERIENCED SHE IS.

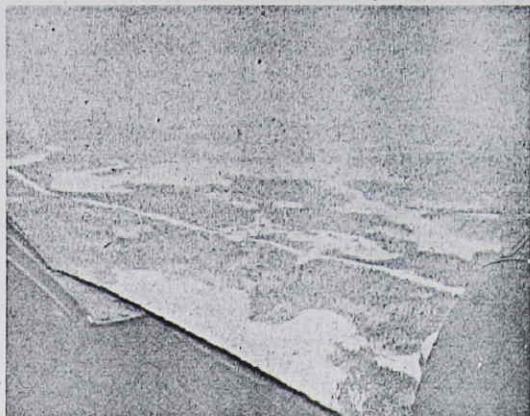
EMPLOYMENT IS THE MOST NEGLECTED AND THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THESE NORTHERN AREAS. WHEN YOU TAKE AWAY A PERSON'S WILL TO SURVIVE, TO CREATE, TO PROGRESS, THEN YOU DESTROY THAT PERSON. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CONTROLS THE FISHING AND TRAPPING HERE WHICH ARE THE MAIN

SOURCES OF LIVELIHOOD. AGAIN THE IDEAL OF PROGRESS FOR PROFIT COMES TO LIGHT. THOSE WHO HAVE THE MONEY OR EQUIPMENT MAKE A LIVING WHILE THE OTHERS DRAW WELFARE. SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75%) ARE ON WELFARE IN SANDY BAY???

A GOOD EXAMPLE OF GOVERNMENT WANTING TO CONTROL THE PEOPLE IS THE ICE CUTTING PROJECT SUBMITTED TO THEM BY THE PEOPLE OF SANDY BAY. THEY WOULD HAVE EMPLOYED QUITE A NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE FOR A MONTH OR SO.

THE PEOPLE'S PROJECT WAS REJECTED. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WILL HIRE LESS PEOPLE AND A LOT OF THE FUNDS WILL GO TO ADMINISTRATION.

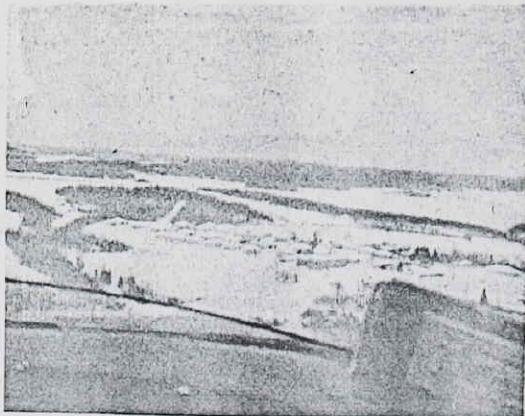
WE HAVE HEARD THE TERM "PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY" OVER AND OVER. WHAT DOES THIS FANCIFUL SLOGAN MEAN TO PEOPLE WHOSE LIFE IS TOTALLY RUN BY THE BUREAUCRAT, THE CHURCH, AND MONEY-HUNGRY COMPANIES, ALL OPERATING IN THE NAME OF PROFIT. SOMEBODY BETTER LISTEN TO THE GROWING NUMBERS OF CANADA'S POOR. THE PEOPLE OF SANDY BAY ARE ONLY A SMALL PART BUT THEIR PATIENCE IS GETTING VERY SHORT.



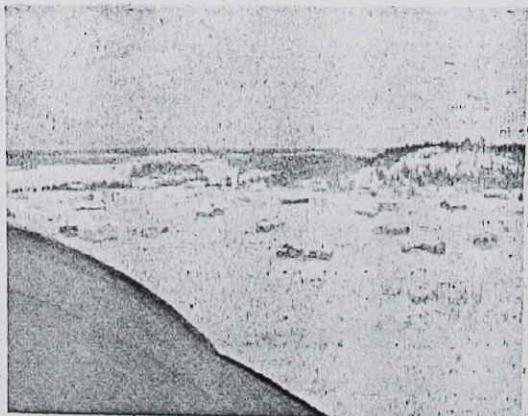
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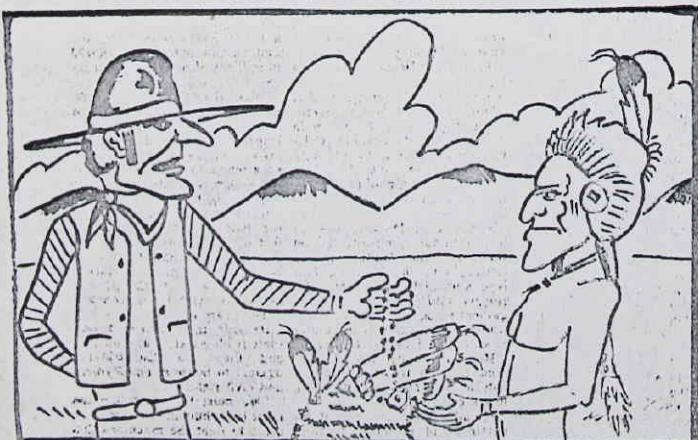
ISLAND FALLS POWER DEVELOPMENT



NEW "EMPTY" HOUSES ISLAND FALLS



SANDY BAY



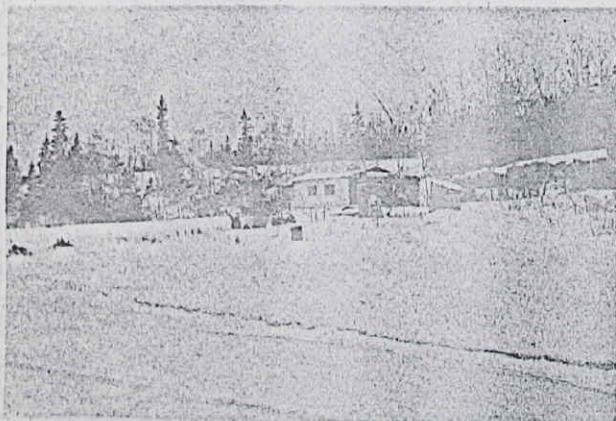
CONFRONTATION with C.M.H.C.

ON FEBRUARY 8TH, 1972, JIM SINCLAIR, RAY HAMILTON AND MYSELF WENT TO OTTAWA, THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP WAS TO CONFRONT CENTRAL HOUSING AND MORTGAGE CORPORATION ON A NATIONAL BASIS.

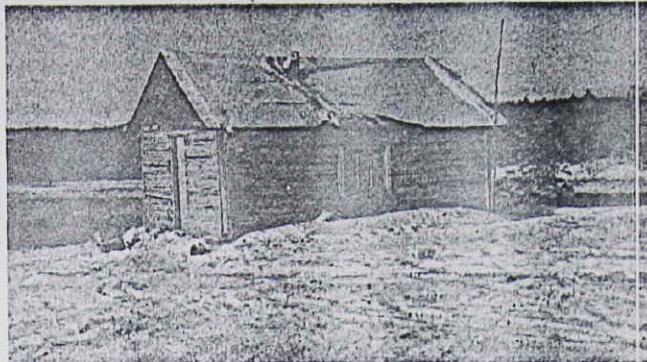
AS I'VE INDICATED BEFORE, THE ONLY THING THE GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS IS PRESSURE; AND WE CAN DO THIS ONLY IF WE ALL GET TOGETHER AND FIGHT TOGETHER. MOST OF OUR PEOPLE REALIZE THAT OUR PROBLEMS ARE COMMON. SOME OF THE DISAGREEMENTS WE HAVE ARE VERY MINOR. THESE DISAGREEMENTS ARE A NECESSARY PART OF OUR MOVEMENT, IT SHOWS THAT PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED, AND THAT THEY ARE DISCUSSING VARIOUS WAYS AND MEANS OF GETTING OUT OF THE RUT THAT WE ARE IN.

NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT CANADA SHOWED THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF C.M.H.C. A TEN MINUTE FILM ON SOME OF THE DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS OUR PEOPLE ARE FORCED TO LIVE IN. IT WAS STATED AT THIS MEETING THAT C.M.H.C. IS GETTING TO BE NOTHING BUT ANOTHER INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT FULL OF BUREAUCRACY AND RED TAPE, WITH NO CONCERN FOR PEOPLE AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL. AFTER A FIVE HOUR MEETING THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS GAVE AN ADDITIONAL \$460,000 GRANT FOR THE WINTER WARMTH PROGRAM, FOR NATIVE PEOPLE. SASKATCHEWAN GOT \$100,000. THIS MAY SOUND LIKE A LOT OF MONEY, HOWEVER, WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE POPULATION OF THE METIS AND NON-STATUS INDIANS OF THIS COUNTRY, IT BOILS DOWN TO \$1.50 PER PERSON. IN COMPARISON TO THE INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT BUDGET OF \$300,000,000 PLUS, AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH, THE \$460,000 WE GOT IS PEANUTS. THE GOVERNMENTS OF THIS COUNTRY CONTINUOUSLY IGNORE THE DEPLORABLE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF OUR PEOPLE, THEY HAVE NO QUALMS ABOUT SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON AN EXPERIMENTAL AEROPLANE THAT DIDN'T EVEN FLY. IT DIDN'T TAKE THEM VERY LONG TO FIND \$80,000,000 TO SUBSIDIZE BIG CORPORATIONS WHEN THE UNITED STATES INTRODUCED THE 10% SURCHARGE ON ALL IMPORTS, YET WHEN OUR NATIVE PEOPLE REQUIRE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS LIKE DECENT HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND A VOICE IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING OUR COUNTRY THEY ARE UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. LET'S NOT GET TOO HUNG-UP ON PERSONAL DIFFERENCES. LET US UNITE AND DIRECT ALL OUR ATTENTION AT THE PEOPLE WHO OPPRESS US AND FORCE US INTO THIS PREDICAMENT. THE METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DIRECTION OR ADVICE IN THE FORM OF LETTERS, PETITIONS OR PHONE CALLS, ETC., THAT YOU MAY HAVE CONCERNING C.M.H.C. THIS DEPARTMENT IS A BIG GOVERNMENT CORPORATION SET UP TO ALLEVIATE THE HOUSING PROBLEMS FACED BY PEOPLE IN THE LOWER INCOME BRACKET. IN THE OPINIONS AND MY BELIEFS, THIS BIG CORPORATION IS GETTING TOO HUNG UP IN GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY AND WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT NOW BEFORE IT GETS TOO ESTABLISHED AND IT BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH. PLEASE SEND US YOUR IDEAS.

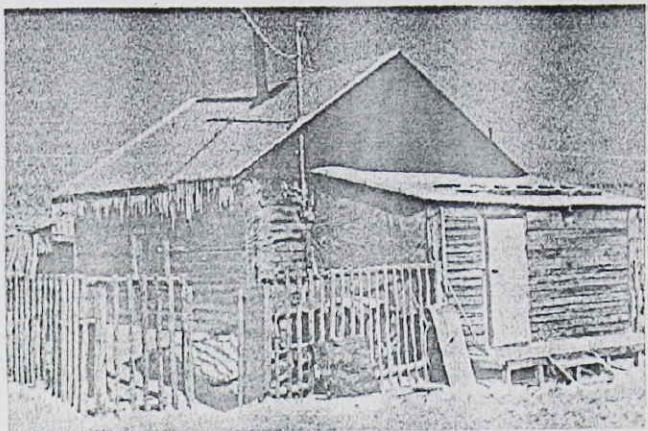
- JIM DUROCHER, TREASURER
METIS SOCIETY OF SASK.



METIS HOMES
CAMSELL PORTAGE, SASK.



METIS HOMES
STONE RAPIDS, SASK.



METIS HOMES
BLACK LAKE, SASK.

STEPS TO ALCOHOLISM

1) YOU HAVE BEGUN TO DRINK
YOU FIND THAT LIQUOR, TAKEN IN MODERATION, CAN SERVE A FRIENDLY SOCIAL PURPOSE. YOU HAVE A COCKTAIL NOW AND THEN, OR A FEW BEERS, OR A BIT OF WINE. ONCE IN A WHILE YOU TAKE TOO MUCH, BUT IN THE MORNING YOU CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF LIQUOR AND AFTER THE HANGOVER YOU ARE PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT. YOUR DRINKING FOLLOWS NO PARTICULAR PATTERN, UNLESS IT BE THAT OF THE GROUP OR COMMUNITY IN WHICH YOU LIVE.

THE ODDS ARE VERY GREAT THAT YOU NEVER WILL GO PAST THIS STEP. THEY ARE STILL GREATER IF YOU STICK TO BEER OR OTHER BEVERAGES OF LOW ALCOHOL CONTENT. OTHERWISE YOU MOVE, ALMOST IMPERCEPTIBLY, TO THE NEXT STEP.

2) YOU START HAVING "BLACK OUTS".
BY THE TIME YOU ARE 25, ON THE AVERAGE, YOU ARE GETTING MORE OR LESS DRUNK WITH SOME REGULARITY. (MAYBE YOU CALL IT GETTING TIGHT, OR HIGH, OR FEELING GOOD.) YOU ARE ONE OF A CROWD THAT LIKES TO DRINK QUITE A BIT, PARTICULARLY ON WEEK ENDS. YOU ENJOY THIS, BUT YOU FEEL YOU CAN STOP ANY TIME YOU WANT TO.

THEN ONE NIGHT YOU PUT AWAY YOUR USUAL "PARTY QUOTA" - FIVE DRINKS, OR EIGHT, OR WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET YOU PRETTY WELL TANKED UP. NEXT DAY YOU FIND YOU RECALL NOTHING AFTER A CERTAIN POINT IN THE EVENING. YOU REMEMBER JOINING YOUR COMPANIONS WHO WERE THERE, WHAT YOU DID-UP TO THAT POINT. YOU DO NOT REMEMBER GETTING INTOXICATED OR WHAT YOU DID OR SAID THEREAFTER. EVEN QUESTIONING THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE DOESN'T HELP. A PERIOD OF YOUR LIFE IS SIMPLY GONE FOR GOOD.

3) YOU FIND LIQUOR MEANS MORE TO YOU THAN TO OTHERS. ABOUT THE TIME YOU START HAVING BLACK OUTS, OR A LITTLE LATER, YOU CHANGE FROM SIPPING DRINKS TO GULPING THEM. YOU WANT THAT "KICK" MORE THAN YOU USED TO. YOU ALSO START "SNEAKING" DRINKS; DURING A PARTY YOU TAKE ONE OR TWO EXTRA WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING, OR EVEN BEFORE THE PARTY YOU HAVE A COUPLE TO BE SURE YOU WILL ENJOY YOURSELF.

AT THE SAME TIME YOU ARE LIKELY TO STOP WANTING TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT PARTIES OR IN BARS WHEN YOU WERE DRINKING. THOUGH YOU USED TO ENJOY DISCUSSING HOW MUCH YOU DRANK, HOW COCKEYED ED GOT, WHAT A SCREAM MARY WAS, NOW YOU GET A BIT IRRITATED IF THE SUBJECT IS EVEN BROUGHT UP.

WHEN THESE THREE THINGS COME TOGETHER, THEY SHOW DRINKING HAS GROWN TO MEAN MORE TO YOU THAN TO OTHER PEOPLE YOU KNOW. YOU HAVE COME TO RELY ON IT MORE, NEED IT MORE--HENCE THE GULPING AND "SNEAKING". AT THE SAME TIME YOU ARE VAGUELY AWARE THAT YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL THIS WAY--HENCE THE RELUCTANCE TO TALK ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT LIQUOR HAS BECOME IN YOUR LIFE.

AT THIS POINT YOU STILL CAN STOP DRINKING IF YOU REALLY WANT TO, BUT IF YOU DO NOT STOP (OR AT LEAST SLOW DOWN AND STAY SLOWED DOWN FOR KEEPS), YOUR CHANCES OF BECOMING AN ALCOHOLIC ARE VERY HIGH.

4) YOU CONSISTENTLY DRINK MORE THAN YOU MEAN TO. ABOUT TWO YEARS AFTER YOUR FIRST BLACKOUT, YOU FIND THAT ALMOST EVERY TIME YOU TAKE A DRINK YOU DRINK MORE THAN YOU HAD PLANNED. YOU GO INTO A BAR AT 5:30, AFTER WORK, FOR A COUPLE OF QUICK ONES--AND YOU ARE STILL THERE AT CLOSING TIME, OR YOU GO TO A PARTY FIRMLY RESOLVED TO BEHAVE YOURSELF--AND WIND UP DRUNK WITHOUT KNOWING HOW IT HAPPENED. YOU STILL ARE NOT DRIVEN TO DRINK. YOU CONTROL WHETHER YOU WILL DRINK TOMORROW OR TWO WEEKS FROM NOW. BUT YOU CANNOT CONTROL THE AMOUNT YOU WILL DRINK ON A GIVEN OCCASION. AND THIS HAPPENS MORE AND MORE OFTEN. EVEN IF IT HAPPENS ONLY ONCE, BE WARNED--YOUR DRINKING BEHAVIOUR DEFINITELY IS BEGINNING TO GET OUT OF HAND.

ALONG WITH "LOSS OF CONTROL" GOES THE FIRST EFFECT OF DRINKING ON YOUR EVERYDAY CONDUCT. THIS IS EXTRAVAGANT BEHAVIOUR IN MONEY MATTERS. YOU START BUYING THINGS YOU DON'T NEED, AND PAYING TOO MUCH FOR THEM. YOU TIP RIGHT AND LEFT, YOU RUN UP BILLS. YOU PICK UP CHECKS IN RESTAURANTS. YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT YOU ARE SHOWING THAT LIQUOR HAS HELPED YOU OVERCOME A FEELING OF INFERIORITY. "LOSS OF CONTROL" SEEMS TO WORK THE BASIC OR CRUCIAL PHASE OF ALCOHOLISM. IF YOU RECOGNIZE IT AS A RED LIGHT, YOU CAN STOP WHILE YOUR SEEMING INABILITY TO HANDLE LIQUOR IS MERELY PUZZLING OR ANNOYING. ONCE YOU BEGIN EXPLAINING AWAY THAT INABILITY TO YOURSELF OR TO ANYONE ELSE IT USUALLY IS TOO LATE.

5) YOU START EXCUSING YOURSELF FOR DRINKING. UNLESS YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR LOSS OF CONTROL, WITHIN ANOTHER TWO YEARS OR SO YOU WILL HAVE BEGUN BUILDING UP EXCUSES FOR IT. IN SPITE OF APPEARANCES, YOU TELL YOURSELF, YOU REALLY "CAN" HANDLE LIQUOR. BUT YOU'VE HAD A HARD DAY AT THE JOB, OR IT'S YOUR BEST FRIEND'S BIRTHDAY, OR THE WEATHER HAS GOTTEN YOU DOWN. THERE'S REASON, YOU WOULDN'T DO IT, SO YOU TELL YOURSELF--AND OTHER PEOPLE, IF THE QUESTION EVER COMES UP.

THE FACT IS THAT, AT LEAST UNCONSCIOUSLY, YOU NOW FEEL GUILTY ABOUT DRINKING. YOU WON'T ADMIT ITS HOLD ON YOU. YOU THINK PEOPLE ARE CRITICIZING YOU (THOUGH OFTEN THEY ARE NOT) AND YOU TELL YOURSELF YOU HAVE REASONS FOR DRINKING THEY CAN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND. YOU HAVE NO IDEA THAT YOU ARE ON THE DEFENSIVE. BUT, SO FAR AS DRINKING IS CONCERNED, YOU HAVE BEGUN TO ERECT A STRUCTURE OF ALIBIS, EXCUSES AND FALSEHOODS THAT WILL GROW STEADILY IF NOT CHECKED.

6) YOU START TAKING "EYE OPENERS" BY THE TIME YOU ARE 30, ON THE AVERAGE, YOU BEGIN TAKING A DRINK FIRST THING IN THE MORNING TO GET YOU STARTED FOR THE DAY. THE TIME ACUTALLY MAY BE NOON OR MID-AFTERNOON; IT JUST DEPENDS ON WHEN YOU GET OUT OF BED. YOU TAKE A DRINK BECAUSE WITHOUT IT YOU DON'T WANT TO FACE YOUR JOB, OR YOUR FAMILY OR WHATEVER THE DAY MAY HOLD. OR YOU DO IT BECAUSE YOUR NERVES NEED STEADYING AFTER TOO MUCH ALCOHOL THE NIGHT BEFORE.

THE POINT ABOUT THE "MORNING DRINK" IS THAT YOU TAKE IT NOT FOR PLEASURE OR SOCIABILITY BUT AS A KIND OF MEDICINE. YOU TELL YOURSELF YOU "NEED" IT. YOU ARE FEELING DEPRESSED, A BIT SHAKY, VERY POSSIBLY GUILTY FOR THE NIGHT BEFORE. THE DRINK EASES YOUR CONSCIENCE. IT LIFTS YOUR EGO. AND, THOUGH YOU DON'T KNOW IT, IT HELPS STRENGTHEN THE PROCESS OF SELF-DECEIT WHICH IS MAKING YOU MORE AND MORE DEPENDENT ON ALCOHOL.

7) YOU BEGIN TO DRINK ALONE NOT LONG AFTER YOU START DRINKING IN THE MORNING.

YOU FIND THAT YOU REALLY PREFER DRINKING ALONE AT ANY TIME OF DAY. THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS STEP, FOR MOST PEOPLE CONSIDER THE SOLITARY DRINKER A FREAK, A MISFIT, ONE WHO USES LIQUOR NOT FOR FUN BUT FOR STRANGE, ALMOST PERVERTED PURPOSES. YOU DO NOT REALIZE THIS, OF COURSE. IN FACT, YOU PROBABLY HAVE BEGUN TO DRINK ALONE BECAUSE OTHERS ARE TOO CRITICAL OF YOUR BEHAVIOUR WHEN YOU ARE WITH THEM. SO YOU BECOME AN ISOLATIONIST. YOU WITHDRAW INTO YOUR SHELL. YOU TELL YOURSELF--AND BELIEVE--THAT YOU HAVE MORE FUN THAT WAY ANYWAY.

SOLITARY DRINKING DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN ANY DRINK YOU MAY HAPPEN TO TAKE BY YOURSELF. A GLASS OF BEER AS YOU READ A BOOK IN THE EVENING IS NOT SOLITARY DRINKING, BUT THE DEFINITION APPLIES IF YOU REALLY PREFER NOT TO SHARE WITH ANYONE ELSE THE PLEASURE ALCOHOL GIVES YOU. IF YOU DRINK ONLY TO ESCAPE INTO THE PRIVATE, DISTORTED WORLD OF YOUR OWN IMAGINATION--A WORLD WHERE YOU TELL OFF YOUR BOSS, BRING HOME A FAT RAISE, AMAZE FRIENDS WITH YOUR BRILLIANCE, BECOME A GREAT LOVER OR POET OR ENGINEER--THAT IS SOLITARY DRINKING, AND IT CAN HAPPEN IN YOUR OWN HOME, IN A HOTEL ROOM OR IN A CROWDED BAR.

8) YOU GET "ANTISOCIAL" WHEN YOU DRINK. SOLITARY DRINKING IS ANTISOCIAL IN THAT IT SHUTS YOU OFF FROM THE SOCIETY YOU BELONG IN. BUT THERE IS A FURTHER STEP--A VIOLENT ONE. WHEN YOU HAVE DRUNK ENOUGH ON A GIVEN OCCASION, YOU BECOME DESTRUCTIVE. YOU PICK FIGHTS WITH STRANGERS FOR NO JUSTIFIABLE REASON. YOU SMASH WINDOWS, YOU TAMPER WITH PARKED CARS, THROW ROCKS AT LIGHTS, KNOCK DOWN SIGNS. YOU PULL PRACTICAL-JOKES IN WHICH THE VICTIM MAY BE BADLY HURT, YOU KICK DOGS OR STRIKE YOUR OWN CHILDREN. YOU MAY NOT DO ANYTHING ACTUALLY CRIMINAL--BUT YOUR DESIRE TO CAUSE DAMAGE IS AS STRONG AS HUNGER. THE SAME FEELING CAN TURN INWARD RATHER THAN OUTWARD. THEN YOU BECOME EXTRAVAGANTLY SELF-CONSCIOUS AFRAID OF PEOPLE AFRAID THEY ARE STARING AT YOU, WHISPERING ABOUT YOU. THAT SETS YOU TO SOLITARY BROODING OVER YOUR LEPER-LIKE STATE. OR IT MAKES YOU INORDINATELY (THROUGH SILENTLY) CRITICAL OF OTHERS. YOU MAKE LONG MENTAL LISTS OF YOUR FRIENDS' DEFICIENCIES; YOU SPOT A PERFECTLY RESPECTABLE STRANGER AND SNEERINGLY ANALYZE HIS FACE, CLOTHING, VOICE, BEHAVIOUR. THEN, BRIEFLY, YOU FEEL BETTER.

ALL THIS IS ONE MORE SIGN THAT DRINKING HAS NUMBED THE HIGHER FACULTIES OF YOUR CIVILIZED PERSONALITY. MANKIND HAS NOT CLIMBED SO FAR ABOVE THE ANIMAL LEVEL; OUR SO-CALLED CIVILIZED TRAITS HAVE BEEN RECENTLY ACQUIRED AND ARE NOT DEEPLY ROOTED. WHENEVER "ANY" MAN DRINKS TOO MUCH, HE FIRST LOSES HIS DISCRIMINATION--HIS ABILITY TO JUDGE HIS OWN CONDUCT. THEN HIS SOCIAL RESTRAINT GOES, AND HE STARTS ACTING LIKE A SAVAGE.

AT ONE TIME MEN WOULD GATHER TO PASS THE PEACE PIPE!!



NOW THEY PASS THE Jug!!

EVENTUALLY, HE MAY REACH THE LEVEL OF AN ANIMAL OR CHILD, WHERE HE IS CONSCIOUS OF LITTLE EXCEPT HIS IMMEDIATE WANTS. THE NEXT DAY HE IS HORROR-STRUCK. THOUGH HE MAY NOT PHRASE IT THAT WAY, HE HAS SLIPPED FOR A FEW HOURS, DOWN ALL THE THOUSAND OF YEARS HUMANITY HAS LABORED JUST TO BECOME HUMAN. SO WITH YOU, IF YOU REACHED THE "ANTISOCIAL" STEP; BUT, WHERE THE OCCASIONAL TIPPLER DOES IT ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR, YOU HAVE MADE IT HABITUAL. MORE AND MORE YOU HAVE DROWNED IN ALCOHOL YOUR ABILITY TO JUDGE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG. AND BECAUSE YOU HAVE ALMOST STOPPED USING THIS ABILITY, YOU HAVE BEGUN TO LOSE IT ENTIRELY. YOU REALIZE THIS, DEEP IN YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS, AND YOU HAVE A GROWING SENSE OF BEING INADEQUATE, INCOMPETENT, BUT YOU HAVE THE REMEDY FOR THAT: MORE LIQUOR.

IT WAS CONFUSING TO BE THROWN INTO THE WHITE SOCIETY AT THE AGE ON NINE, BEING PUT INTO A WHITE FOSTER HOME WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT NEVER AGAIN WOULD I LIVE WITH MY FATHER, SISTER, AND GRANDMOTHER WAS DIFFICULT, WITH MY CHILDISH WAY OF THINKING, TO GRASP. AT NINE YEAR'S OLD - HOW WAS I TO KNOW THE TERRIBLE MENTAL TORTURE THE NEXT FEW YEAR'S WOULD BRING?

THE FIRST FOSTER HOME I WAS IN WAS ANYTHING BUT UNDERSTANDING -- THEY SEEMED PROUD TO HAVE A "LITTLE METIS GIRL" TO SHOW OFF TO THEIR FRIENDS AS THEIR GOOD DEED TO THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED "NATIVE PEOPLE". THE NEXT FOUR FOSTER HOMES WERE REPLICAS OF THE FIRST - THEY WERE ALL WHITE HOMES - AND MOST OF THE TIME I WAS THE ONLY METIS LIVING IN THE HOME. BY THE TIME I WAS 15 I HAD BEEN MOVED SIX TIMES INTO FOSTER HOMES.

DISCIPLINE WAS SOMETHING I WASN'T USED TO - SOME HOMES WERE STRICT IN THEIR RULES - OTHER HOMES WERE QUITE LAX. IT WAS FRUSTRATING TO KNOW THAT IN ONE HOME I COULD STAY OUT TILL 10:00 AND IN ANOTHER HOME I WAS IN BED BY 9:00. SOME HOMES COMPARED ME TO THEIR CHILDREN - "WHY CAN'T YOU BE GOOD LIKE SUZIE" - WAS ONE OF THE PHRASES I HEARD QUITE OFTEN. I GREW TO HATE ALL THE LITTLE "SUZIE'S" AND "BILLIE'S". I ALSO STARTED HATING THE WHITE "MOM'S" AND "DAD'S" BECAUSE I FELT THEY EXPECTED TOO MUCH OF ME - THEY TRIED HARD TO CHANGE MY WAY OF THINKING WITH RULES, "GROUNDINGS" AND PUNISHMENT OF SOME SORT.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WAS SOMETHING I REALLY ENJOYED. I HAD LOTS OF FRIENDS BOTH INDIAN AND WHITE. WHEN I HIT HIGH SCHOOL ALL MY FRIENDS SEEMED TO HAVE DISAPPEARED. INSTEAD, WAS THE DOCTOR'S DAUGHTER OR THE MAYOR'S SON, THERE WERE LITTLE 'CLIQUE'S' AND I WAS ALWAYS ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN. EVEN THE INDIAN CHILDREN REJECTED ME - I WASN'T WHITE ENOUGH TO HANG AROUND WITH THE WHITE KIDS AND I WASN'T INDIAN ENOUGH TO HANG AROUND WITH THE INDIAN KIDS. I STARTED HATING SCHOOL - THE KIDS, THE TEACHERS, THE ADMINISTRATION - EVERYTHING.

I REBELLED - I STARTED RUNNING AWAY, DRINKING, SMOKING - ANYTHING THAT WAS AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT. I WAS PICKED UP BY THE POLICE A FEW TIMES, GOT DETENTION AT SCHOOL AND TONGUE LASHINGS FROM THE HOMES I WAS IN. ALL THESE THINGS MADE ME REBEL MORE. I QUIT SCHOOL WHEN I WAS SIXTEEN - I GAVE UP TRYING TO GET THE UNDERSTANDING AND AFFECTION I NEEDED. IN MY OWN WAY I WAS REJECTING THE SOCIETY - THE WORLD. DRINKING WAS MY WAY OF ESCAPE - MY WAY OUT - AND IT WAS THE EASIEST WAY I KNEW HOW TO TUNE OUT THE WORLD. I THOUGHT I WAS REALLY SOMETHING WHEN I DRANK - I COULD DANCE BETTER, TALK

MORE FREELY - I LOST MY INHIBITIONS. I WAS ME - NOT A BY-PRODUCT OF A BROKEN MARRIAGE - NOT SOMEBODY'S "LITTLE METIS GIRL". THE ENDLESS ROUND OF PARTIES, DRUNKS, HANGOVERS, AND GUILT FEELINGS (WONDERING WHAT I HAD DONE THE NIGHT BEFORE) GOT THE BEST OF ME. I DEPENDED TOO MUCH ON BOOZE - I SWITCHED TO DRUGS. I EXPERIMENTED WITH ACID, SPEED, GRASS AND HASH. VALIUM, LIBRIUM, AND PLACEDIL WERE SOME OF THE MILD TRANQUILIZERS I WAS ON (THRU PRESCRIPTION). ATTEMPTED SUICIDES, BLACK-OUTS, AND FREAKY TRIPS WERE THINGS I EXPERIENCED FREQUENTLY.

I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THESE THINGS I HAD BEEN DOING WEREN'T NORMAL. THROUGH THE HELP OF PEOPLE WHO HAD EXPERIENCED THESE SAME THINGS AND WHO, THROUGH A PROGRAM OF RECOVERY, HAD HELPED THEMSELVES AND OTHERS, I BEGAN TO REALIZE THAT I HAD AN ADDICTIVE PERSONALITY - THAT THE FRUSTRATIONS OF SUPPRESSED FEELINGS HAD CAUSED ME TO BECOME AN ALCOHOLIC. I NOW KNOW WHO I AM - I HAVE AN IDENTITY - I AM A PERSON, AN INDIVIDUAL, BUT I AM NO LONGER ALONE AS I ONCE WAS. I'M OFF THAT ISLAND - I'M STARTING TO LIVE AGAIN - NOT JUST EXIST. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL FEELING TO BE AT PEACE WITH MYSELF - TO KNOW ME AND TO ACCEPT ME AS I AM NOW WITHOUT PUTTING LABELS ON MYSELF OR OTHER PEOPLE. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL WORLD - IF YOU LIVE, REALLY LIVE LIKE A HUMAN BEING.

NAC HOUSE IN PRINCE ALBERT

THE NATIVE ALCOHOL COUNCIL IS OPENING A NEW NAC HOUSE IN PRINCE ALBERT. THE OPENING DATE WILL BE THE FIRST OF MARCH, 1972. THIS TREATMENT CENTRE WILL HOUSE FOURTEEN PATIENTS. THE PROGRAM, ATMOSPHERE, COUNSELLING SERVICES WILL RUN ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THE NAC HOUSE IN NORTH BATTLEFORD. THIS NEW NAC HOUSE WILL BE GEARED TO THE NATIVE LANGUAGES OF CHIPEWYAN AND CREE. ONE OF THE COUNSELLORS ON STAFF CAN SPEAK TO THE PATIENTS IN THEIR LANGUAGE SO THAT THEY CAN RECEIVE THE FULL BENEFIT OF THE PROGRAM.

DISEASE

ALCOHOLISM IS TERMED AS AN ILLNESS BY OUR MEDICAL DOCTORS.

YET THIS ILLNESS IS VERY MUCH AFFECTING OUR NATIVE PEOPLE, PERHAPS NOT ALL, BUT THE MAJORITY OF THEM, CAUSING MUCH TURMOIL AND CONFUSION.

ONCE YOU START DOWN THE ROAD TO ALCOHOLISM, IT GROWS PROGRESSIVELY HARDER TO STOP. THIS FACT HAS BEEN KNOWN ALMOST FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME, BUT ONLY IN RECENT YEARS HAS MEDICAL SCIENCE GIVEN STUDY TO FINDING OUT THE "WHY". THEY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT EXCESSIVE DRINKING INDICATES MORE THAN A WEAK WILL, IT INDICATES A SICK PERSONALITY. IT IS A DISEASE.

IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES IT TAKES TIME AND DETERMINATION. THE WILLINGNESS TO DO ANYTHING IS ONE, POWER TO STOP DRINKING AND IF THERE SHOULD BE A FALL ALONG THE WAY - THE GUTS TO GET UP AND TRY AGAIN.

TO BE GRAVELY AFFECTED ONE DOES NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO DRINK A LONG TIME, NOR TAKE THE QUANTITIES SOME OF US HAVE.

COMMENCING TO DRINK AFTER A PERIOD OF SOBRIETY WE ARE IN A SHORT TIME AS BAD AS EVER. IF WE ARE PLANNING TO STOP DRINKING, THERE MUST BE NO RESERVATIONS OF ANY KIND, NOR ANY LURKING NOTION THAT SOMEDAY, WE WILL BE IMMUNE TO ALCOHOL.

THE ALCOHOLIC MUST FREE HIMSELF, FROM ALL FORMS OF RESENTMENTS. HIS HAPPINESS IN LIFE DEPENDS ON HER/HIS ATTITUDES AND SERVICES TOWARDS OTHERS.

- ANONYMOUS

NAC HOUSE IN NORTH BATTLEFORD

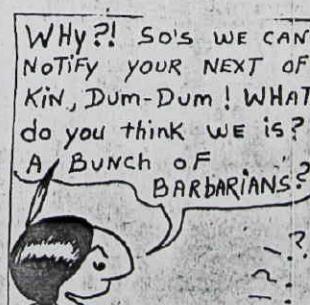
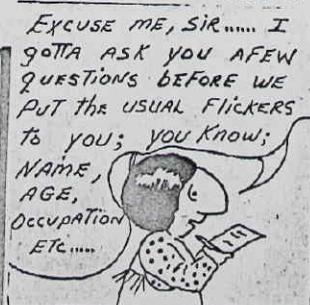
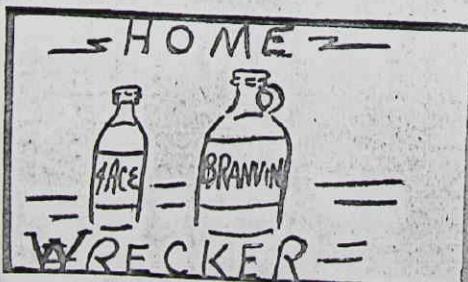
THE OPERATION OF THE NAC HOUSE IN NORTH BATTLEFORD IS A REAL SUCCESS! THERE IS A LARGE MOVEMENT IN ALCOHOL EDUCATION IN THE NORTH BATTLEFORD AREA.

THERE IS A DECIDED IMPROVEMENT IN THE JAILS AND BEVERAGE ROOMS - LIQUOR SALES ARE DROPPING. ONE REPORT STATED THAT SALES ARE DOWN 50% IN BEVERAGE ROOMS. VIOLENT LIQUOR OUTBURSTS HAVE DROPPED 75% IN NORTH BATTLEFORD.

TWO YEARS AGO THERE WERE TWENTY-SIX INDIAN PERSONS IN THE NORTH BATTLEFORD JAIL DURING CHRISTMAS EVE - THIS YEAR THERE WAS ONLY ONE INDIAN MAN IN THE NORTH BATTLEFORD JAIL. THERE ARE FIVE NATIVE A.A. GROUPS IN THE NORTH BATTLEFORD AREA. THE LARGEST MEETING, WHICH ONE NAC OFFICIAL ATTENDED, SIXTY WERE PRESENT FROM DIFFERENT RESERVES.

FROM THE REPORTS THAT WE GET FROM THE NORTH BATTLEFORD TREATMENT CENTRE AND THE REPORTS FROM THE FIELD STAFF AND COUNSELLORS AND FROM THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES, A "HOME-TYPE" REFERRAL CENTRE IS RECOMMENDED AND WOULD HAVE THE MOST EFFECTIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR THIS TYPE OF TREATMENT. NAC IS LOOKING AT A SERIES OF POSSIBLY FIVE SIMILAR UNITS IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF SASKATCHEWAN FOR ALCOHOL TREATMENT AND EDUCATION.

"OLD KIPUTCH" - by Billy BRASS



POETRY

DESTINY OR WHAT

WHAT IS OUR DESTINY
IS IT WRITTEN IN THE VAST SANDS OF TIME
DO OUR CRIES OF ANGUISH GO UNHEEDED
IN THE ECHOING CHAMBERS OF SILENCE
IS OUR HOURGLASS OF DESTINY EMPTYING
AND SO DESTROYING THE FULL MEASURE OF OUR REASON
WHO CAN WE TURN TO
WHO WILL NOT THROW US INTO THE ARENA OF TERROR
WE NEED LEADERS WHO WILL NOT SUCCOMB TO CORRUPTION
WHO AND WHAT ARE WE?
TRYING TO CLIMB A LADDER OF BROKEN RUNGS
TRYING TO RISE, WE ARE KNOCKED DOWN, TO RISE AGAIN
TRYING TO OVERCOME OUR BITTER LEGACY
TO BECOME A PEOPLE IN OUR OWN RIGHT.

- KEN J. ARNAULT

THE STRANGER'S GIFTS

THE STRANGER'S HANDS BEAR
USELESS GIFTS,
HIS EYES
ARE BLIND,
LAUGHING ONCE AT HIS STUPIDITY,
WE HELPED HIM WITH THE MYSTERIES OF THE LAND,
OUR INNOCENCE DID NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO SEE
THAT IN EXCHANGE FOR BEADS,
WE GAVE OUR SOULS.

ETCHED DEEPLY, MY COUNTENANCE REFLECTS
THE SCARS
OF OUR PASSING,
MY SONS NO LONGER HAVE THE FOREST SKILLS,
MY DAUGHTERS DO NOT SPEND THEIR DAYS
IN FAMILY TOIL,
AND LOVE.
I SEE THE LITTLE ONES ALIVE,
BUT SOON UNLIVING,
LIKE OUR RIVERS, WE ARE
DISPERSED WITHIN THE GROWING SEAS
AND DROWNED.

MY TALES AND LEGENDS OF THE YUKON PAST
MAKE THEM SMILE,
AND FOR A LITTLE SPACE, WE FIND COMFORT
IN OTHER DAYS,
TOO SOON THE WEARY HAND OF LIFE
STIRS US TO REALITY,
THE YOUNG MEN LAUGH AND SAY SANDA LIVES ONLY
FOR WHAT ONCE WAS OURS;
SHE DOES NOT SEE THE GREY MORNING.

MY SOLACE LIES IN YESTERDAY,
TOO EASILY TODAY I RECOGNIZE
THE FACE OF SADNESS
FOR A STRUGGLE LOST
BEFORE BEGINNING.

- ELEANOR MILLARD

CROW'S DEATH

LONG, LONG AGO,
WHEN THERE WAS NOTHING BUT SKY
AND EARTH,
CROW WAS.

AND CROW SAID,
"I AM LONELY."
SO CROW TOOK SOME DIRT FROM THE BANK OF THE PELLY,
AND HE MIXED IT WITH HIS SPIT,
AND HE SHAPED A MAN.

AND MAN WAS SMALLER THAN CROW,
AND CROW SAID:
"I AM YOUR MASTER, AND YOU MUST OBEY ME."
SO MAN DID CROW'S WILL, AND KILLED MUSKRAT FOR THEIR FOOD,
AND KEPT WARM FIRES.

BUT SOON MAN GREW STRONG AND TALL,
AND HE TOO WAS LONELY.
ONE DAY HE SAID TO CROW:
"MAKE ME A WOMAN, FOR I AM LONELY."
AND CROW KNEW THAT MAN WAS GOOD TO HIM, AND SO IN THE SPRING,
HE GATHERED WILD ROSES,
AND SHAPED A WOMAN.

CROW WAS PLEASED WITH HIS WORK,
AND SAW THAT WOMAN WAS BEAUTIFUL.
SHE HAD LONG HAIR THE COLOUR OF HIS FEATHERS,
AND SMELLED OF THE WOODS IN SPRING.
WOMAN ALSO GREW,
BECOMING MORE BEAUTIFUL AS SUMMER PASSES.

CROW BEGAN TO TEASE WOMAN,
PECKING HER HAIR AND FLYING AROUND HER AT HER WORK.
THIS ANGERED WOMAN, AND SHE SAID TO MAN:
"CROW WANTS ME AS HIS WIFE."

SO MAN WAS ALSO ANGERED,
AND ONE NIGHT HE TOOK AN AXE,
AND KILLED CROW.

AND THIS IS HOW THE WORLD BEGAN.

- ELEANOR MILLARD

OF FLUTTERING LEAVES
OF STURDY TREES
I WOULD RATHER BE A PART,
OF CRISP WHITE SNOW
WHERE WINTER WINDS BLOW
IS WHERE MY STORY STARTS.
A STRUGGLE IN LIFE
OF COMMON STRIFE
PEOPLE BELIEVE IN LIBERTY,
A LEADER'S CALL
WHICH ECHO'S IN THE HALL
OF A RICH MAN'S DEMOCRACY.
THE OUT-STRETCHED HAND
OF THE POOR MAN
SO HEARTLESSLY IGNORED.
SPEECHES OF GOOD
FROM MOUTHS THAT WOULD
SPOUT HALF-TRUTHS BY THE SCORE.
ENDLESS SPEECHES
FROM A MAN WHO PREACHES
JUSTICE, TRUTH AND FREEDOM,
FROM PARLIAMENT HILL
WHERE MEN GRANT OUR WILL
OUR DEMANDS FOR FREEDOM COME.
OUR HOPES ARE BORN
HOWEVER FORLORN
DEPEND UPON THE POLITICAL SCRUTINY.
POWER TO US ALL
POWER TO CALL
AND DIRECT OUR OWN DESTINY.

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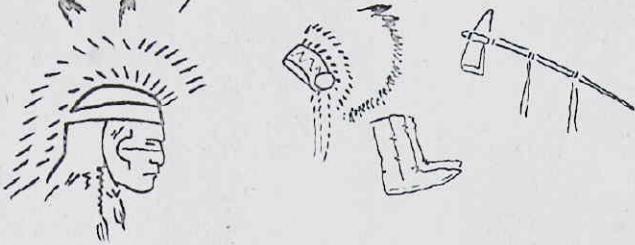
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