

Alberta chiefs demand meeting with PM

By Everett Lambert
Syndicated Native News

EDMONTON

Alberta's Indian people are not taking recent education policy changes lightly.

Twenty-two leaders of Alberta's 42 Indian Bands met at the Continental Inn and demanded that Prime Minister Brian Mulroney meet with them. They want to discuss recent changes to post-secondary funding by the Department of Indian Affairs. They feel they did not have input with the new policy which was implemented April 1 of this year.

Many chiefs felt that the minister of Indian Affairs, Pierre Cadiuex, is not willing to work with them. They feel meeting the Prime Minister directly will be more effective.

Their spokesman says they want a meeting immediately. IAA president Roy Louis says, "We're continuing with the sit-ins. Nothing will change until we get some sort of affirmative response from the prime minister or the minister of Indian Affairs."

Albert Crier, protest organizer for the IAA, sat in with Indian students from southern Alberta on Wednesday. He said that "it's lonely at the bottom of the battle." At the Continental Inn meeting a release was circulated from the IAA's Council of Elders saying they were not happy

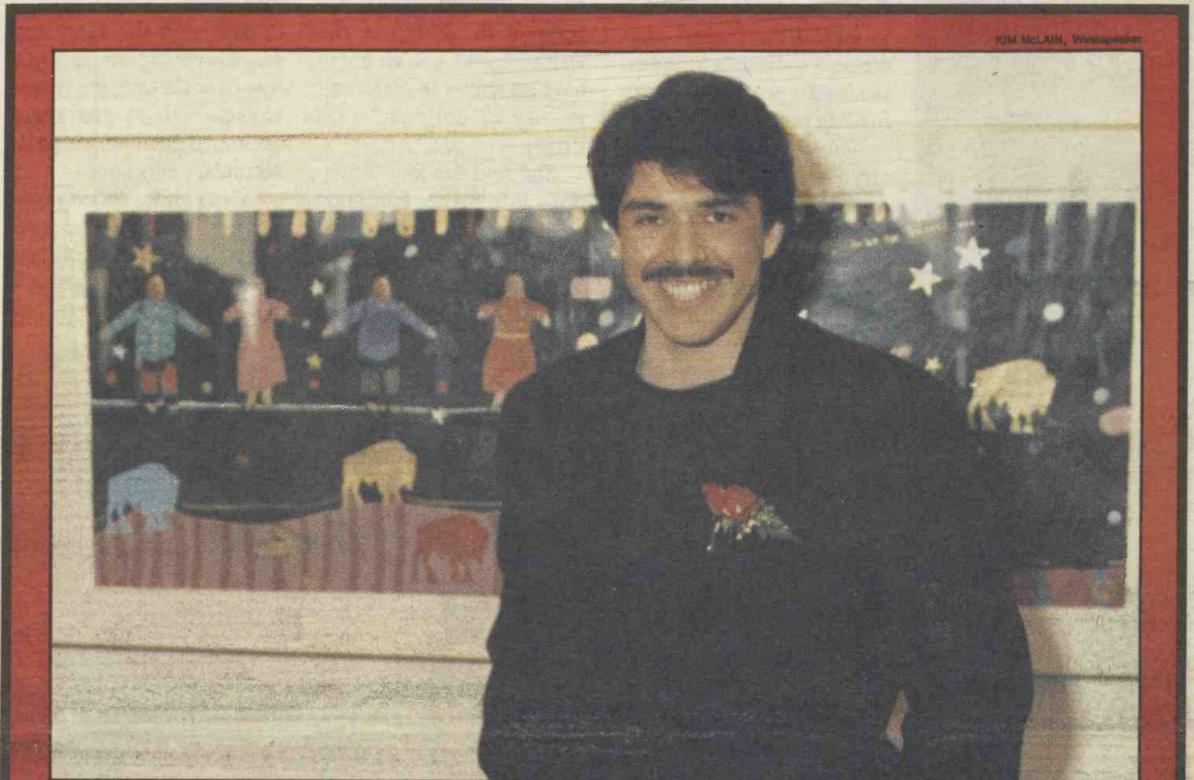
with grassroots Indian support for the protest.

Chief Charles Beaver of northern Alberta's Bigstone band says he will discuss closing their seven schools with the parents unless the IAA hears from Mulroney.

The Bigstone band sits in the huge Treaty 8 area which takes up most of northern Alberta, northeastern B.C., as well as parts of Saskatchewan and the N.W.T. In the treaty, Indians and the British Crown agreed that the land would be open for "settlement, immigration, trade, travel, mining, lumbering, and such other purposes." The treaty was signed "so that there may be peace and good will between them and Her Majesty's other subjects."

A key part of the treaty stated "Indian people may know and be assured of what allowances they are to count upon and receive from her Majesty's bounty and benevolence."

In short, the Indians agreed to allow other people to live in their lands peacefully in exchange for certain allowances.



Littlechild show sells out in first hour

George Littlechild is all smiles after the opening of an exhibition of his recent paintings at Edmonton's Front Gallery April 8.

Littlechild has a lot to smile about — there was a

lineup to see his works, and all but two paintings sold during the first hour of business.

What's all the fuss about? Read Elaine O'Farrell's review on page 14.

Metis to vote on \$310 million deal

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Alberta's Metis settlement members will be casting their votes in a province-wide referendum June 20 to decide a \$310 million dollar financial package, to be distributed over the next 24 years, and a 1.28 million acre and Constitutionally entrenched land base deal.

In exchange, the Metis would have to give up their natural resources litigation case against the provincial government where they are claiming \$275 million in lost revenue derived from oil and gas development on settlement lands.

Randy Hardy, president of the Alberta Federation of Metis Settlements says the "key to the agreement is the recognition and protection of our land in the Canadian

Constitution."

He says, by jointly managing resource development the Metis can protect their environment and develop their local economies.

"With that, we can end our lawsuit for money from the sale of subsurface resources," says Hardy.

The agreement provides changes to legislation and government policies that ensures "equal access" to business, agriculture and other economic development programs currently available to other Albertans, Hardy says.

Now, settlement leaders want to know if their members support the agreement made at a meeting with Premier Don Getty on March 9. The referendum will give settlement members final say on the package.

If the agreement is accepted by settlement members \$175 million will be handed to a general cor-

porations council over the next seven years. The council will consist of 40 councillors elected from the settlements and four additional officers.

Approximately \$105 million of this amount will be earmarked for construction of houses, roads, water and sewer, natural gas and economic development enterprises related to infrastructure.

The remaining \$70 million will be spent toward other costs, unspecified in the agreement.

A jointly appointed commission will be set up to administer the revenues and expenditures during this initial stage of transition.

An additional \$10 million will be provided to the council for operations and maintenance costs over the following ten years. During this phase, the province agrees to match \$2 dollars for every \$1 raised by the

council for the first five years; and match dollar for dollar during the last five years.

Beyond this stage, an annual payment of \$5 million will be provided the Metis to help build a fund for future use. These payments, indexed to match inflation, will continue for an additional seven years.

During the first seven years, settlement revenue and expenditure will be jointly administered by a commission. This body will consist of representatives appointed by the provincial government and general council.

The agreement also provides the Metis with self-governing powers. A proposed general corporations council, a jointly appointed administration body will be equipped with the authority to pass by-laws, develop rules, regulations and policies. However, these deci-

sions will fall subject to provincial ministerial approval and veto.

The agreement also specifies Metis settlement members will continue to have access to government benefits and programs such as health care, education, social assistance and career development.

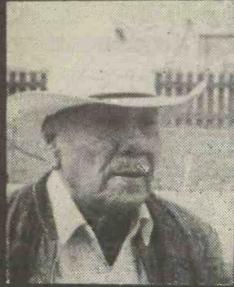
Randy Hardy, president of the Alberta Federation of Metis Settlements says the contents of the deal will be distributed throughout the province's eight Metis settlements for review and consideration. These include Elizabeth, Caslan, East Prairie, Fishing Lake, Big Prairie, Gift Lake, Kikino and Paddle Prairie.

Workshops, brochures, individual visits and media packages are being prepared by the federation to ensure all settlement members understand the package before they go to the ballot boxes.

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"He treated them like they were striking postal workers or something... we're not asking for money or pay raises. We're asking that our rights be recognized."
 — Albert Crier, referring to Cadieux's treatment of student hungry strikers in Ottawa.

Non-Natives protest education changes

By Susan Enge
 Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

With black ribbons tied around their arms, in a show of solidarity, about 300 non-Native students, women and union organization members gathered on Parliament Hill in Ottawa to protest the federal government's changes to Indian student's post-secondary funding policy on April 13.

The protest was organized by the Canadian Federation of Students, a national student lobby group.

"Post-secondary education is definitely a treaty

right," said Beth Brown, president of the group.

Brown said their protest, organized across the country, proved the powerful support non-Native students are handing to Indian students.

"If the (federal government) wants to end this horrible cycle that a lot of Native people have been trapped in, which is the welfare cycle, you've got to have an ability to go to university or college," said Brown.

She said funding limitations to a higher education should not be imposed on Indian students for a number of reasons.

"Most non-Native

students do not have a 75 per cent unemployment rate in their local community. Let's be frank, Native people are discriminated against in employment, for summer employment. They're not going to have the same earning capacity as your white Anglo-Saxon, male Protestant," said Brown.

She said the land and resources Indian nation's lost over the century is reason enough to guarantee unlimited funding for post-secondary education.

Meanwhile, Alberta university and college students, in the middle of their final exams, did not participate. The University of

Alberta, Calgary and Lethbridge are not members of the federation, although their elected executive members have publicly voiced their support.

Neither was the Native student body able to stage a rally.

"Unfortunately, it was bad timing and too short notice to be able to organize anything," said Carolyn Buffalo, president of the University of Alberta's Native student's council.

Buffalo expressed fear the federal erosion of post-secondary funding could set a dangerous precedent that could lead to cutbacks in other treaty benefits, such as hunting, fishing and

trapping rights.

"This could have far reaching consequences. I'm worried," she said.

Ottawa proposes to place a \$130 million budget limitation this year — up from \$93.7 million last year. Instead of allocating separate amounts for tuition, quarters and travel, a lump sum will be administered in the future budget. The changes apply to both on-reserve and C-31 students.

Today there are over 15,000 Native students attending universities and colleges across the country. Ten years ago there were only 2,500.

DARYOLD WINKLER, Special to Windspeaker

In Ottawa

Five students still fasting

By Jeff Morrow
 Windspeaker Staff Writer

NATIONAL

The fasting is finished for 14 Native hunger strikers in Ottawa, but five fasters remain to protest education changes.

The month-long protest has taken its toll on the 14 hunger strikers from Thunder Bay, said Georges Erasmus, chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

He said Native people will continue to put pressure on the federal government to impose a moratorium on the E-12 policy changes.

Albert Crier, protest organizer in Edmonton, gives credit to the hunger strikers for lasting as long as they did, and vows to carry on the local demonstration until the terms are met.

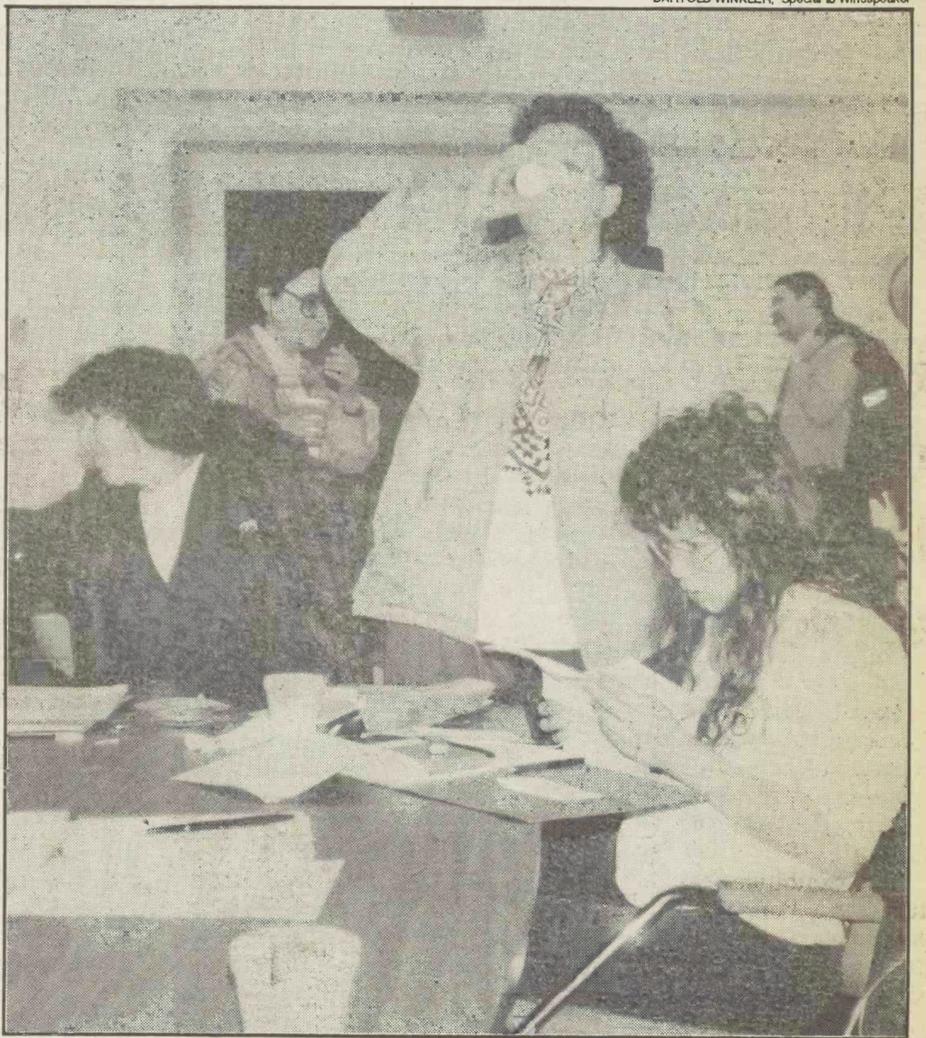
"They stood their ground, and we credit them with that. It is our turn to be heard," said Crier.

Crier and his fellow protestors are on a sit-in demonstration at the Indian and Northern Affairs office at Canada Place.

He said Indian Affairs Minister Pierre Cadieux has been negligent in his position thus far because he let the hunger strikers' campaign escalate.

Cadieux refused to meet with the protestors as long as they remained on their hunger strike. Crier accused the minister of treating the issue with disinterest.

"He treated them like they were striking postal workers or something. We're not asking for money or pay raises. We're asking that our rights be recognized," he said.



Hunger strikers at Ottawa: Some on Day 30

Metis coalition calls vote a 'sellout'

By Susan Enge
 Windspeaker Staff Writer

KIKINO, Alta.

The president of the Metis Coalition Society of Alberta plans to boycott the referendum of the Alberta Federation of Metis Settlements on June 20 calling the process a "sell out."

"The Federation (of Metis Settlements who) may or may not know it are selling out our Metis distinct society and our Aboriginal right(s)," says Harvey Whitford.

He says the Metis' hunt-

ing, trapping and fishing rights are all at stake and calls for immediate retaliation.

"If we don't do anything about it, I'm afraid we'll be putting ourselves through assimilation," says Whitford.

Whitford says the federation executive were "bought out" when they recently negotiated a proposed \$310 million and 1.28 million land deal with Premier Don Getty last March.

Not only is the financial package unacceptable, Whitford says the municipal-type of government being pro-

posed will continue to give "only certain individuals more power to further dictate and manipulate the grassroots people."

He says, the lack of a membership code could lead to a perilous future.

"Without one (code), the Metis coalition and most of the grassroots people fear that the white people will take over the Metis settlements," states Whitford.

And, in order to protect the settlements from being over-inhabited by residents of questionable Metis descent, Whitford says the

definition of a Metis should be redefined.

He says the eligibility of settlement members should be restricted to those who have "one-quarter of Metis blood or more."

When the federation settled out of court their claim to oil and gas revenues derived from their lands, they essentially "bargained away their rights to natural resources."

"The Canadian and provincial governments have a moral obligation to promote and protect the Metis Aboriginal rights," says

Whitford.

Before the June 20 referendum, Whitford's advice to settlement members is going to be simple: "The future is yours. Be wise with your decision."

The Metis coalition, formed four years ago, consists of settlement members from all eight settlements who are dissatisfied with the approach the federation is taking in negotiations with the province. Their opposition has escalated over the last six months as an agreement-in-principle between the two parties drew nearer.

CLOSE TO HOME

Education referendum**Bloods return to polls**

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

BLOOD RESERVE, Alta

Blood band members will return to the polls May 4 to determine if they want the local school board to continue administering the reserve's education system or revert the program back to Indian affairs.

Education co-ordinator Dr. Pier DePoala explained a second referendum is necessary because there was no quorum at the first vote March 17. According to the Indian Act, at least 50 per cent of the total electorate must vote in a referendum to make it valid.

A dismal turnout of only 630 band members cast their ballots at the first education

referendum. When the votes were tabulated 382 voted in favor of the education take-over while 244 voted against the move. There is an estimated 3,000 eligible voters on the reserve.

However, the second referendum will just require a simple majority to validate it, said Dr. DePoala. Band council passed a resolution last week stating a majority vote will constitute the outcome and not necessarily a quorum.

Polls will be set up at the Stand Off Elementary School so that eligible voters over the age of 21 can cast their votes from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The indecision of the electorate has not seriously affected the board's education operations, said Dr.

DePoala. He said the current fiscal year ends in August which means the board cannot hire any new permanent staff until the outcome of the May 4 referendum.

Since the board took over the band education system on an experimental basis last year, it has closely followed a University of Lethbridge evaluation report which has suggested a number of improvements in the schools. The board is overseeing the operations of the three federal reserve schools as well as the tuition agreements for the Blood students attending off-reserve provincial schools.

Among the university's recommendations include upgrading the equipment, books, and supplies in all the

reserve schools; making the reserve schools more community oriented and accessible to band members; strengthening the Blackfoot language and culture in the schools, and finally, offering more extra-curricular activities for students.

Dr. DePoala contends, "there has been positive encouragement" in the board's initiatives to improve the reserve schools. So far, 190 new students enrolled in the reserve school this year.

As well 70 tribal members were hired since the board took over education. There are a total of 103 employees.

Open houses were held at the reserve schools so that the public could view their operations.

NEWS BRIEFS

New councillors at Elizabeth

Recent election results at Elizabeth settlement to fill vacant seats saw Lawrence Desjarlais and Phyllis Collins become members of the council.

The elections took place on March 28 to fill positions vacated by Lydia Cardinal and Lee Desjarlais whose terms had expired. The results saw Desjarlais finish with 52 votes for a three-year term and Collins finished with 45 votes for a two-year term.

Also running for the positions were settlement members Louise Collins, Lydia Cardinal, Peter Cardinal and Raymond Larocque.

Chief wins second term

Chief Thomas Abraham of Frog Lake band was re-elected March 23 for his second straight term. Abraham beat nearest rival Roland Quinney by a fair margin with the final results coming in at 106-77 votes.

Chief Abraham's council will be George Fryingpan Jr., John Moocheweines, Francis Berland, Charlie Quinney, Annie Stanley, Thomas Moyah, Wilfred Cross, and Derrick Quinney. The chief and council will be serving a two-year term of office.

There will be a byelection to fill one vacant councillor's position because Abraham was first elected to council before winning the chief's position. No date has yet been set for the byelection.

Lubicons face new challenge

Lubicon negotiator Fred Lennarson says that the negotiations between the band and the provincial government over the land claim agreement is going fine but they face another obstacle in a petition calling for the "overthrow" of Chief Bernard Ominayak.

According to Lennarson, the federal government's spokesman Ken Colby claims that a group of 150 Natives have signed a petition seeking federal recognition as a band separate from the Lubicons.

Lennarson doubts such a petition exists. "You would think that the Lubicon leadership would know if a petition exists but they don't," he exclaimed.

He said that the federal government has been pushing to have Lubicon members accept a land-in-severalty package. A section of Treaty 8 allows individual band members to acquire 64 hectares of land if they don't want to be part of a reserve. Lennarson says the land would be owned in "fee simple" and would be like any other piece of privately owned land.

Innu win court battle

Military police removed about 75 Innu April 19 from Canadian Forces Base Goose Bay after the Natives tired to deliver letters to Canada and its NATO allies telling them they are trespassing on Innu land.

The Innu action came one day after a judge acquitted Chief Daniel Ashini and three other Natives of public mischief over protests at the base against low-level NATO flights that the Innu say are turning their traditional hunting grounds into a war zone.

Chief Ashini indicated that the Innu would now seek a court injunction to halt the low-level flights by Canada, West Germany, Britain and the Netherlands.

Natives oppose slaughter idea

The federal environmental panel that launched hearings on the fate of world's largest free-roaming herd of bison heard from Native people living in and around Fort Smith April 15 that they oppose any such action which would see the herd slaughtered.

Natives told the panel of experts that they were mad over the increasing encroachment of cattle into the bison herd's traditional grazing area, a wide swath of prairie woodland which extends in some places as far as 100 kilometres from the park's borders.

There is concern that the bison tuberculosis and brucellosis-infected herd will transmit their diseases to the cattle which would affect Canada's brucellosis-free cattle industry status.

EXPRESSIONS

KIM McLAIN, Windspeaker

Postras displays latest artwork

Artist Jane Ash Postras, 38, takes a break during her exhibition opening April 8 at Edmonton's West End Gallery.

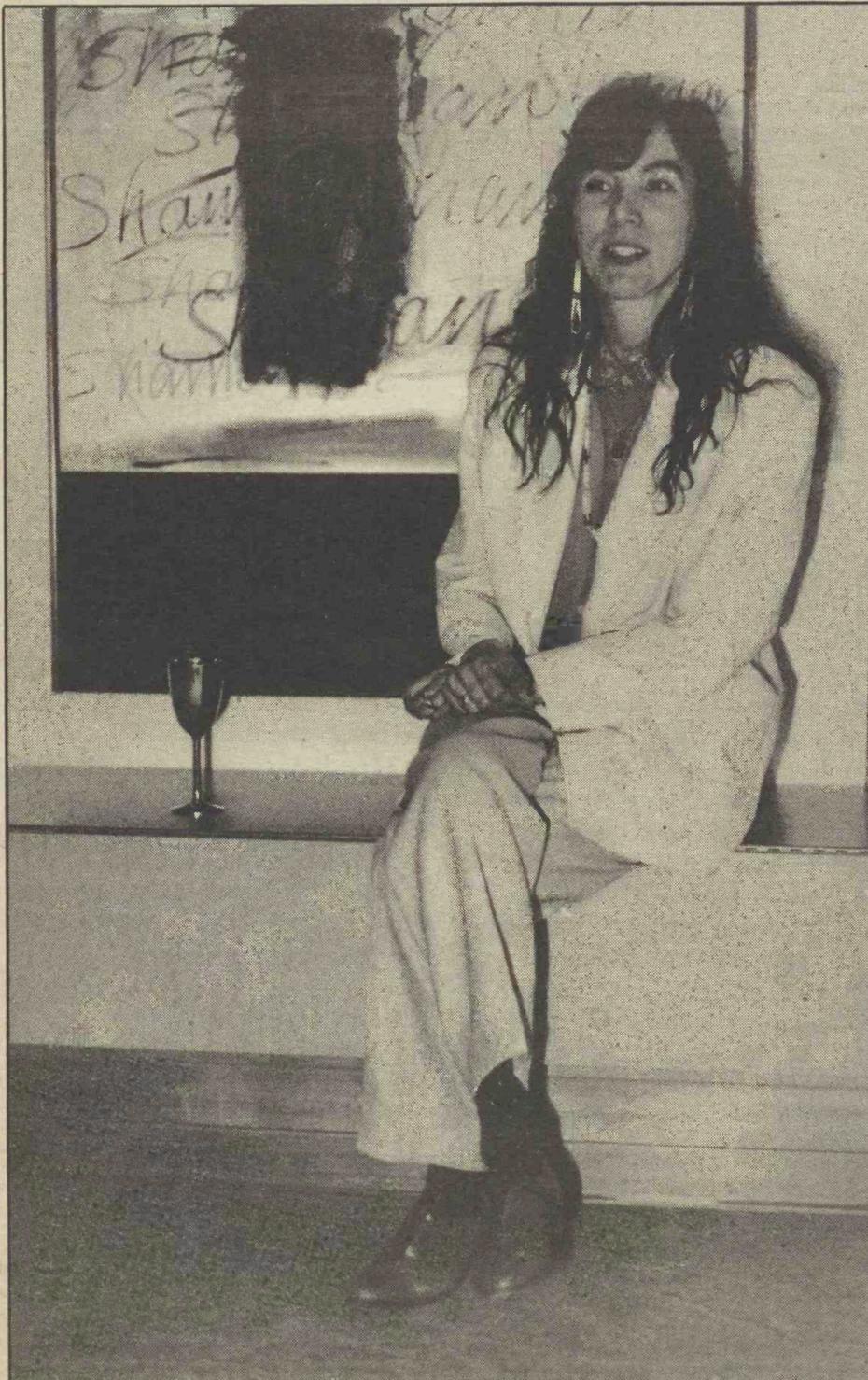
The exhibition features the Fort Chip Breakfast Club and Indian Blackboard series, her most recent paintings.

Postras' paintings are bold and colorful, with harsh and spontaneous brush strokes.

Often, subject matter will juxtapose traditional Indian images with modern mainstream society images. Sometimes Postras will paint about medicine men and sacred ceremonies.

Postras changed her career from microbiology to art in the 1970s. Since then, Postras has had enormous success marketing her work across Canada and abroad.

Postras, originally from Fort Chipewyan, has work also showing at the Edmonton Art Gallery.



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YOUR WORDS

'Skin speaks out on hockey hypocrisy

Dear Editor:

I recently had the privilege of attending the All-Native hockey tournament hosted by the Enoch Indian Nation. The level of hockey and the hospitality were both first class and the Prince Albert Oldskins Hockey Team commend the Enoch community for your efforts in reviving your annual event. Keep up the good work.

The tournament was billed as an All-Native hockey tourney, needless to say I was quite dismayed to see the Alexis team breaking the rules by using non-Aboriginal players and still swearing up and down that "yea, they are Metis and they have

cards". Come on, it's time everyone grows up and start policing this type of hypocritical abuse of our heritage.

These intruders and the coaches and managers that condone their participation should be banned from our sporting events. We all have hockey and ball players in our communities who would be proud to participate in these big tournaments, yet we have teams passing people off as "Native." It's not up to tournament committees to throw these intruders put through protest, we all know the rules, lets follow them.

Eugene 'Bird' Arcand
P.A. Oldskins

Newspaper old friend

Dear Editor:

Since my return to Ontario from Alberta, I have appreciated reading about the Native events and issues that your newspaper has brought to me. I find Windspeaker a very "down home" newspaper which makes me feel

as if I am visiting a friend who has to update me on what's been happening every three week or so.

Thank you for being my long distance friend. Looking forward to another year of visiting!

Sincerely,
Brenda Maracle-O-Toole

Human rights membership questioned

Dear Editor:

This year Canada will again be honored as a member of the United Nations Human Rights Commission. In God's name, why?

Canada's active commitment to human rights is poorly highlighted by our treatment of Aboriginal peoples (ie. Lubicon Cree, et al), and visible minorities (mainly blacks) in cities, where the discrimination, brutality and murder by our police forces have long been covered-up.

Canada will only admit to having a disproportionate percentage of Aboriginal people in our prisons. And yet Canada piously objects to apartheid in South Africa, blissfully ignoring the fact that blacks there earn three times what they would get anywhere else on that continent.

More, certainly, than the average Indian earns in Canada.

Israeli violence against Palestinians, as with South African violence against blacks, is not acceptable because it is presented on daily television. Maybe if they were more like Canada, and hid their violence behind prison walls, police stations and Indian reservations like we do, they would suddenly become more acceptable.

Canada, by virtue of accepting a position on the UN Human Rights Commission, stands condemned as a hypocrite, self-righteously pointing a holy finger at others while violating the human rights of a segment of our own population.

Gordon Robert Dumont
Prince Albert, Sask

AS I SEE IT...

Facing an old ghost

Today, the Indian nation is facing a crisis — changes to post-secondary funding policy.

Twenty years ago, the Indian nation was thrown into another crisis situation, when the now-famous White Paper was presented in the House of Commons on June 25, 1969.

The proposed policy was a formal statement calling for the assimilation of Indian nations. The White Paper would turn Indian nations into municipalities, offer \$50 million and abolish the Department of Indian Affairs. Of course, there was a two-year consultation process. Sound familiar?

But Trudeau's attempt to overhaul the Indian Act was met with unexpected opposition from the Indian people.

In a few short weeks, Indian people across Canada rallied around a vocal group of Alberta chiefs, led by the charismatic IAA president, Harold Cardinal.

Cardinal, well-known in Indian Country, had touched off a wave of national unity that would slam the walls of the Parliament in June 1970.

Exactly one year after the White Paper was presented, Cardinal and a band of Alberta chiefs were knocking on the door of the parliament, demanding a meeting with Trudeau. The word spread quickly that Cardinal was demanding a meeting, with or without an appointment, and chiefs from across Canada were boarding planes and trains bound for Ottawa. They got a meeting and presented the Red Paper, a document counteracting the White Paper.

After face-to-face talks between the Indian leaders and

the feds, government officials admitted they may have been off track and might have to slow down the policy changes. No one, however, was saying the White Paper was dead. In fact, when the talks concluded, Trudeau made a tongue-in-cheek

remark about how he could wait 15-20 years to see the White Paper concept implemented.

The Indian nation felt victorious. They felt they had won.

The Indian nation learned a lot from that crisis — what to watch for, who to watch for.

In 1970-71, the Indians of eastern Alberta held school strikes because the Department of Indian Affairs was forcing the closure of reserve schools. At one point, 1,100 children were out of school. At Cold Lake, the school strike lasted a whole year.

In July 1970, the Department of Indian Affairs tried to close the Blue Quills residential school, but the Indian people protested and actually took over the school.

Those people recognized the attempts to close the schools as White Paper business.

Last Monday, Alberta chiefs held an emergency meeting about the post-secondary education policy changes. Some chiefs said they recognize these changes as White Paper business.

They said they would repeat the protests of 1970. They said the potential for stronger protest is here.



EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK
By Kim McLain

YOUR WORDS

Free trade could threaten first nations.

Dear Editor:

I am writing to comment about a Letter to the Editor, from Joyce Laboucan, titled, Northerner Speaks Out Against Mill. The letter appeared in the March 3, 1989 edition of Windspeaker, Volume 6, No. 52.

I really enjoyed reading and hearing this lady's views, I share much of those same feelings and views in a very strong way.

This is how I see the situation from what is almost a legal and political point of view. It is from my observations of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and the impacts that it is going to have on First Nations, Aboriginal land claims and rights that poses some very serious, deep rooted concerns to me.

This agreement between these two countries is going to create some very rough weather ahead, politically speaking. It is going to change the political forecasts of the future. The agreement is going to change the governmental, economic and political structure of Canada in the near future, much sooner than in we have been told. It is going to alter the laws of Canada, create new ones, break down most all of the old ones. More importantly it is going to take the power of Canadian law and its protectionism in its present form away from Canadian people and their government.

It is going to diminish the sovereignty of this country as we know it and see it today! It is these changes that I fear most for our people, as it is these changes that will determine the validity and strength of any agreements made between First Nations and any level of Canadian government—now and in the future.

Historically, the relationship

between First Nations has been very one-sided. A relationship of deceit, mistrust and dishonesty, imposed upon the former by the latter.

Unfortunately, the majority of First Nations of this country are caught in a very precarious position.

First Nations, through the impositions and deprivations and social demise that was thrust upon them by the white government, are now liked to that very government.

It's like being caught in quicksand, the more you move the more you sink. Your only way out is to wait in hope that someone will come by and throw you a rope and pull.

The question now is, will someone pass by in time?

Also historically, our peoples were in the past, a very deeply environment conscious peoples. It was an integral part of our cultures, our traditions and spirituality, it was our very existence.

However, under the agreement, all levels of government, within the infrastructure of the Government of Canada are subject to its new laws and regulations. This means federal, provincial and local governments. As it stands today, the Federal government of Canada regards First Nations governments, (tribal councils, band councils, etc.) as local governments. Despite whatever claims to sovereignty a First Nation may make, they are considered through "their", the white governments Indian Act, which is a piece of Canadian legislation, a part of Canadian government!

As it looks today, under the F.T.A. the future of Canada is precluded, it is written in stone,

The future governments of Canada will not be able to stop the exploitation of their resources and the raping and pillaging of the environment. Every inch of Canada, every sector of Canada is subjugated to this agreement.

However, this is not a dead-end street, although these views I have written, look to be, they are not the end of our plight. They are only my own personal view as I see it at the present time.

Mind you, I do feel that many of our ancestors must be weeping in their graves to know that many of our people today have submitted and conceded much, even to the point of joining forces with those in the destruction of our Great Mother Earth. I still feel very strongly that there still remains a glimmer of hope.

That from many of the prophecies of, and traditions, principles and spiritual lifestyles of our ancestors, destiny still holds a long hopefully prosperous future for us and our future generations.

I will close this portion of this letter off on this note. Although I have many ideas and theories for our political direction. One of the first and foremost important steps is, our leaders and our people must reinstate our ancestors sets of values. We must go through that spiritual cleansing, then unite or come together and form an allegiance with one another and discuss and map out our direction from here.

I would also like to take the opportunity to extend my appreciation and gratitude to Windspeaker. Keep up the good work, to all the staff there. Ya Ho!

*Yours in Brotherhood
Aaron J. GreyCloud
Little Buffalo, Alberta*

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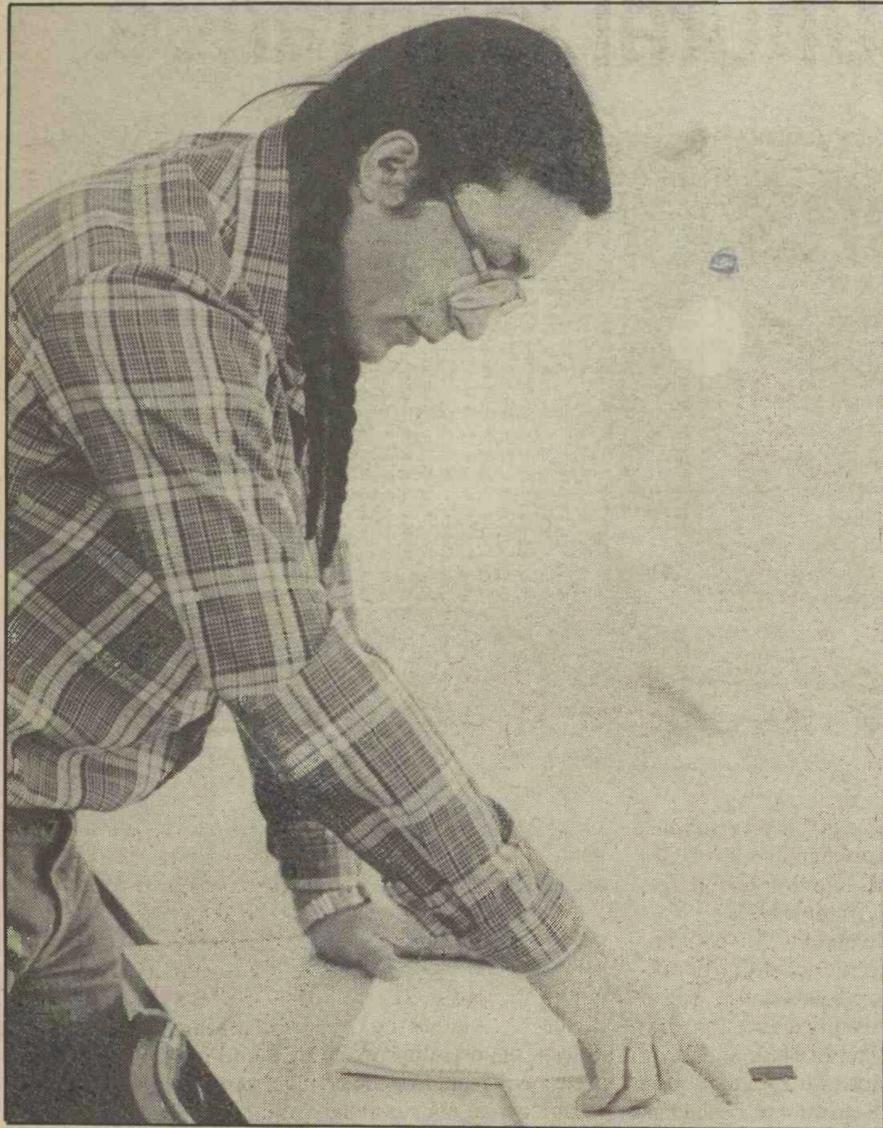
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Tumbleweeds

By Tom K. Ryan



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Rivers are Dene life lines: Bill Erasmus

Pulp mill concerns reach Northerners

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

FT. SMITH, N.W.T.

Concerns about Alberta's pulp mill pollution have overflowed into the Northwest Territories.

Dene, Metis and local Ft. Smith conservation groups have combined forces to lobby the federal government for help.

The province of Alberta has to realize the waters don't stop at the border, says Dene Nations president William Erasmus.

He says the Mackenzie and Slave River basins could be in jeopardy if strict regulation aren't imposed on future pulp mills planned for Alberta.

"The message has to be clear. We're talking about the quality of water for the whole region. It could be damaging to the wildlife as well as humans. It could affect our hunting and trapping," states Erasmus.

Erasmus says there are 15,000 Dene as well as 15,000 non-Natives in the area that depend on the river channels. "The rivers are practically our life lines. They can't be destroyed."

The Dene and other groups are requesting that federal government become involved in setting environmental standards for future kraft pulp mill development in Alberta.

Clayton Burke, a Metis, says both the Dene and Metis want the government

to act in a responsible way when planning pulp mill projects.

"It's a case of the Alberta government being very arrogant and not considering the downstream effects. People in Alberta need to become aware there are different methods used in the pulp mill process. . . Right now we're exchanging information with the federal and territorial governments with the hope that the federal minister of environment (Lucien Bouchard) will call for a new hearing," he says.

Burke says the N.W.T. have received support from conservation groups from Alberta including the Friends of the Athabasca and Environment Resources Council in Edmonton.

BEA LAWRENCE, Windspeaker



\$30,000 closer: Voogd, far left, gets cheque

Downtown health centre raises funds for building

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

A new Boyle-McCauley Health Centre is anticipated to begin construction in the fall according to the BMHC president Harvey Voogd.

During a unique outdoor press conference at the heart of the city April 18, Voogd told reporters the centre's increasing service demands and numbers of clientele are the primary reasons for the new premises.

Fifty per cent of those seeking health services at the inner-city health centre are Natives according to the president.

General statistics indicated the clientele numbers jumped from 6,290 in 1981 to 10,657 in 1988.

In their efforts to provide quality health service the centre confirmed a position

for a Native health worker will be created for implementation at the new centre.

The BMHC is moving directly north of their present address to the corner lot next to the old Bissell Centre.

At the corner lot, stands an enormous old tree which appears to be more than 100-years-old. "This tree on our new building site is a landmark in itself. We're going to preserve it," promised the centre executives.

Celanese Canada Inc., a local chemical firm, handed over their donation of \$30,000 in good faith to show support for the centre's essential health services.

Executive manager Murray Ross was there to deliver the cheque on behalf of the company. "We are enthusiastic about our support for the new centre and

would hope to encourage other city corporations to do the same," he said.

The chemical manufacturing plant designated their contribution for lab space and equipment for the new BMHC.

To date, \$400,000 has been raised towards the 'Building in Community' fund raising total goal of \$1.2 million for the new centre.

The centre is still negotiating with the provincial government for half of the required funding says the BMHC board president.

"As for the other \$200,000 the generous support and vote of confidence by Celanese will act as a catalyst we hope for other major corporations to consider us for this one-time donation," continued Voogd.

"The centre is hoping to begin construction September 1, 1989."

Secretary Week
"Runner Up"

ROSE HILBACK

Ermineskin Kindergarten
Hobbema, Alberta

Why she's the best...

(Windspeaker chose Rose Hilback as Secretary Week runner up. Here are a few excerpts taken from the letters we received as to why she's the best.)

"This gal is talented in so many ways with her flying fingers. She can type up a storm and photocopy it in time before the school buses arrive."

"She has proven to be a very helpful and understanding lady both to the staff and the students. She also has a great sense of humor."

"She has always gotten along with the children, staff and parents and she has their love and respect."

"I think our secretary, Rose Hilback, is the best because of her incredible ability to spot numerous items left about by a certain absent-minded person, decipher who it belongs to and then cheerfully return it."

"Aside from the work of at least two if not three secretaries, Rose counsels parents, books buses, rushes for groceries, bandages scrapes, laughs at mistakes, works until closing, soothes ruffled feathers, never gossips about others, gets especially dressed-up on Fridays and Halloween and generally keeps the school humming without a squeak."

"She always has a smile for people; she is very approachable and friendly to whoever walks into the office. She has made my job much easier because of the support she has given to me."

"What really amazes me is by the end of September, she knows the names of 95 per cent of the students, what classroom they belong in, the parents name and sometimes even the bus number they go on. She is always doing a little extra for her fellow worker. She is a friendly, outgoing and caring person."

A Special Surprise Gift for Rose:
Windspeaker's "Runner Up" is on it's way.

GRASSROOTS

Social workers face cultural ignorance

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Two Edmonton social services workers met with Native guests at the Windspeaker office April 5, 1989, to voice their concerns about the lack of Native cultural awareness among the department's staff members and mainstream society.

"This meeting is about increasing the awareness of the Native ways, both in the traditional and contemporary sense," said social services worker Fran Wolver.

Wolver is also the chairman of a private group in the city called the Families of Native Children. The adoptive parent's group representative talked about the effects of the lack of Native awareness among non-Native adoptive parents and their adopted Native children. The group focuses on meeting the needs of these Native children.

"We are ignorant towards the quality of Native life," said Wolver herself an adop-

tive parent of a two-year-old Native girl. "I became aware of my own ignorance early. Increased consciousness inspired me to know that in some major way my daughter has a Native heritage to uphold."

Eugene Ip accompanied Wolver to the early afternoon meeting. Ip and Wolver work together at the Jasper Place social services branch office in the city's west end.

Ip was quick to point out the difference between the Edmonton social services department and Alberta social services. "The major difference is, the Edmonton department is strictly a city-run office which carries its own mandate," he said.

The mandate Ip was referring to, serves to assist various local group programs, volunteer workers, community workers and counselling services.

"What I'd like to achieve from this workshop, is hopefully, to develop a list of things that relate to Native culture," said Ip. "Then, perhaps we could

use this list in creative or conventional ways to educate our staff."

Wolver remarked, "hopefully, we'll initiate a planning process where there is a wide range of (Native) perspectives."

Edmonton Catholic Schools' Native studies counsellor Eva Bereti who was present, agreed with the two social workers' endeavors to increase Native awareness in the social services system.

"It's very encouraging to hear social services workers asking for help. They have to be sensitized."

Other guests included: Edith Delecosta, a Native home school liaison worker for the Edmonton Public Separate School Board, Elder Alfred Bonaise from Poundmaker's Lodge in St. Albert, the Edmonton Canadian Native Friendship Centre's public relations officer Anne Cardinal, executive director Carolyn Pettifer from the Metis Children's Services and the Native Pastoral Centre's administrator Lucien Meek.



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Awareness encouraged: Pettifer, Meek, Delecosta and Bereti

The group prepared this list of "things to learn," for the Edmonton social services staff members.

Treaty and Metis political issues, cultural workshops, housing, the lack of family-life education, life skills, alcohol and drug addiction, positive role models, welfare dependency, transiency or mobility,

struggles in an urban centre, the quality of foster parenting, and self-esteem.

The social workers are prepared to compile and condense this list for information purposes for their office. According to Wolver, the department still needs more input from other urban or rural organizations and agencies.

"We have a good sense of what the issues are," said Wolver about the list.

Wolver and Ip are hoping to implement this list in June. "We're looking for something organized. Something, other social workers could develop into their offices nationally," concluded Wolver.

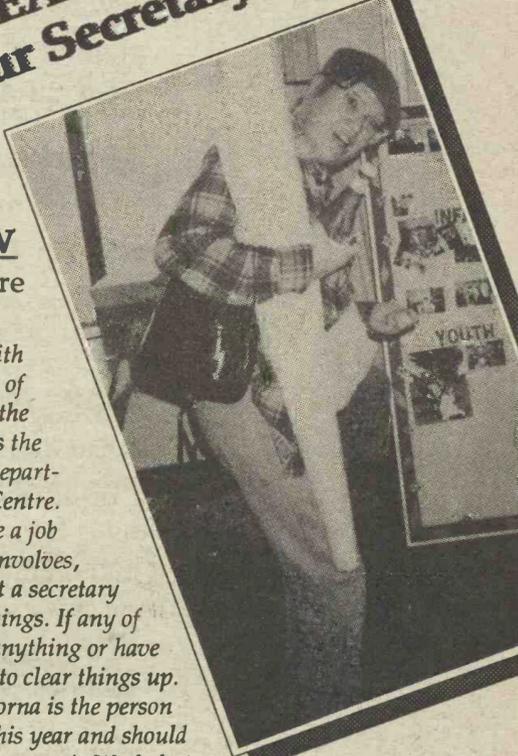
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Lorna Redcrow
Saddle Lake Health Centre
Why she's the best...
"Although I have only worked with Lorna Redcrow for a short period of time, I believe she should receive the recognition she deserves. Lorna is the secretary for the Public Health Department at the Saddle Lake Health Centre. I don't think I could begin to give a job description of what her position involves, but it's definitely more than what a secretary does. Lorna is always on top of things. If any of the staff or clients need to know anything or have a problem, Lorna is always there to clear things up. Lorna never lets anyone down. Lorna is the person that deserves something special this year and should not only be recognized during Secretary's Week, but all year long. - Submitted by Elaine Boucher

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GRASSROOTS

Moosehorn Lodge seeks alumni

By Lyle Donald
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Calling all former students and teachers of the Moosehorn Lodge School in

Grouard, your presents is requested for a school reunion this summer at your former school.

Two former students of the lodge have taken on the task of organizing this event. Mary Cardinal-Rizzoli and

Ralph Ghostkeeper say that there are over 600 students that attended the school between 1963-69 before the Alberta Vocational Center took over from the lodge.

Some of the more famous alumni who attended the

lodge are Chief Bernard Ominayak of Lubicon Lake Band, Progressive Conservative M.L.A. Pear Calahasen, Chief Harvey Bulldog of Boyer River band, and Jack Shields, who is the Member of Parliament for

Athabasca.

Cardinal-Rizzoli, who is the program head of the Native communications department at Grant MacEwan College, said it would be great if they could get all the former students out for

the reunion to mark its 20th year since the switch over to the AVC.

Ghostkeeper said they have sent out over 300 invitations to some of the people they remember that went to the old school but he knows they have missed quite a few people. "I am looking forward to a good time with a lot of old friends," he says.

If you are a former student of Moosehorn Lodge between the years of 1963-69 and you would like to register for the reunion you can call or write Mary Cardinal-Rizzoli at (403) 456-0539 or at work 483-2348 or write to her at 17278 - 104 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5X 3Z5.

Fort Chip reports 8 new homes

FORT CHIPEWYAN — Eight single family homes that were built here throughout 1988 were officially opened April 14 by federal officials from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

Making the announcement on behalf of the Honourable Alan Redway, Minister of State for Housing, CMHC Provincial Director Doug Dennis said, "the eight homes built here last year is evidence of the federal government's on-going commitment to provide adequate, affordable housing for Canada's Native people."

The commitment for the Athabaskan Chipewyan band reserve is part of a federal housing program, the on-reserve program, and is targeted to Natives living on Indian reserves across Canada. The on-reserve program is administered by CMHC.

The total capital cost of the eight homes is \$689,920. CMHC has insured a loan for \$512,920 under the National Housing Act. In addition, the Chipewyan band received a \$153,000 grant from INAC, while the band contributed \$24,000 in land equity.

Assistance from the government of Canada is provided in the form of a maximum annual subsidy of about \$55,000, distributed on a monthly basis. The purpose of this subsidy is to reduce the mortgage interest rate and to keep occupancy charges as low as possible for the members of the Chipewyan band.

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GRASSROOTS

Calls and letters keep columnist busy

Tansi? (Cree)
Gla ne ttou? (Chipewyan)
How are you? (Other)

Are we havin' fun yet? Months ago, I asked, "perhaps we could have fun in the weeks ahead?" So far, I think it's working!

That is, according to the letters received to date anyway. And of course, by the increasing number of incoming calls from the communities. The calls really help to alleviate some of the work load. (This, I like.)

Don't change the system, keep those calls and letters coming in. Your input is integral to meeting the needs of our communities. Don't hesitate, get involved!

Now, the news ...

Beaver Lake: This band's regular month-end birthday dance is slated for April 29 from 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Maria Munrow Hall. (Dances are usually held on the last Saturday of each month.)

Admission is free for all band members who celebrated birthdays during the month. Regular admission fees are \$6 for adults and \$4 for youths.

The birthday dances are sponsored and hosted by the band's rec department. This month's dance will feature live band entertainment by Tequila.

Contact rec. director Eric Lameman at 623-4549 for details.

Also, this community's annual spring clean-up and picnic activities are slated for May 12. Gather at the beach for the kick off.

Michel band: (Number 132) is sponsoring an old-time fiddle dance at the Calihoo Community Hall beginning at 8 p.m. May 6.



DROPPIN' IN By Bea Lawrence

Telephone (403) 455-2700 to put your community happenings considered here free of charge...no news is too small.

Music will be provided by Chief Gilbert Anderson. The \$6 admission ticket includes a light lunch. For further details contact Bob or Diane Vandell at 435-6712.

Blue Quills School: The St. Paul Regional High School

Native club is sponsoring a Native youth volleyball tournament April 29-30 at the Blue Quills gymnasium.

The club is anticipating at least 10 boys and 10 girls teams to participate in the tournament.

Cash prizes will be awarded. These prizes are dependent on the amount of entries received.

Entry fee costs are \$100 per team. Contact Irene Fineday at 645-4491 or Sandy Jackson at 645-4455 for details.

Peace River: Renew your Sagitawa Friendship Centre memberships before April 31, 1989. Your membership renewal entitles you to qualify for a prize draw. Family or single memberships are available from the centre for \$5 and \$2 respectively.

Also, the centre's annual general meeting is slated for May 12, 1989. Plan to attend. A supper at 5:30 p.m. will precede the meeting.

Contact Sylvia Johnson at 624-2443 for information. **High Prairie:** The local friendship centre will hold its annual general meeting May 13 at the High Prairie Legion Hall beginning at 2 p.m.

Reports, resolutions and executive board elections are the listed topic discussions for the meeting.

Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. followed with a banquet and a live-band dance at 9 p.m. Patchwork will

provide the music for the dance.

Traditional Native dancers will also be present to provide entertainment for the group.

Goodfish Lake: St. Paul constituent MLA John Drobot presented this band's rec board with a \$2,261 cheque from the Alberta Sports Council to develop a fitness centre on the reserve.

"Hopefully, the fitness program will begin mid-May," says rec director Rene Houle. "We're also planning to provide a weight training program at the centre along with a nutritional session program."

Houle reports, the centre will be open to community members, organizations and for school purposes as well.

The rec director expressed his appreciation on behalf of the band to the Alberta Sports Council for helping to develop the fitness centre.

Calling Lake: This community is buzzing with activities during Education week April 23-29. The new community complex building site and school premises will accommodate most of the week's events.

A general assembly at the complex will kick off the events April 24 and the teachers are inviting parents and community board members to their open house April 26. A potluck supper will follow the open house. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Northlands Calling Lake School staff meeting is slated to begin at 2:30 p.m. April 27.

And, students will display their artworks at the complex and school areas for the duration of Education week.

Elders will also be visiting the classrooms and special guest speakers have also been invited to participate.

Noted: This bumper sticker sign posted on the back of a 1968 green (yuk!) Plymouth sedan the other day. 'This car's constipated - it hasn't passed a thing in two weeks!'

Have a safe week everyone. Smile!

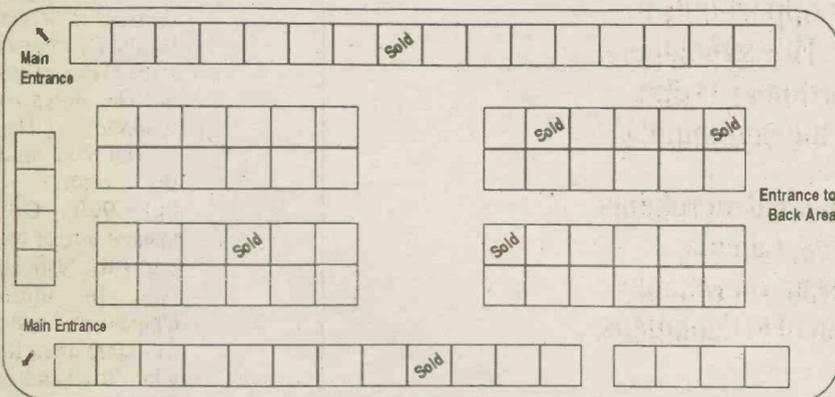
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Beating back the flames of ethnocide

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

"I want to get rid of the Indian problem. Our object is to continue until there is not a single Indian in Canada that has not been absorbed into the body politic and there is no Indian question, and no Indian Department."

When Deputy Superintendent-General Duncan Campbell Scott made his statements to the House of Commons 70 years ago, he ignited a fire of contention that still burns today.

His vision of ethnocide has not faded into back pages of Canadian history books, nor has it dissipated in the minds of government policy makers. Native leaders feel they are still beating back the flames that have hindered their advancement and co-existence with the environment around them.

Scott's proclamations paved the way for future incentives that, in theory, could bolster the nation's social and economic standards. For Native society it marked what was suppose to have been the beginning of the end for Indian culture.

Assimilation into mainstream Canada has never been more feared or more resented than today. The country's traditional Native people have never been more vocal.

But the sad fact still remains, insists Helen Gladue, chairperson of the Alberta Advisory Council of Treaty Women, the white man's will is the red man's fate.

The latest action by the Canadian government to incite the Native community to protest, came with announcement that funding-limitations would be placed on Native education programs. Gladue says the action is another attempt to undermine her people.

The attrition process is more apparent than ever, she says, and the present federal government is doing everything in its power to see it succeed.

"It's an assimilation tactic whether they say it or not. The time is coming faster and faster now. They just want us to be equal with the rest of society. It's their strategy to keep us in a world of confusion and make us comply. . . We can't let that happen," she vehemently states.

Education policy changes for Native students has been looked upon as another ploy in the government's on-going initiative to force Natives into the establishment.

Since their forefathers first signed the treaties in the late nineteenth century, Gladue says Native people have been guided toward the status quo. But the government's senseless manipulation is as irrational as it is unjust.

The White Paper of 1969

It is so irrational, she says, the government's first formal statement of intent to assimilate Indian nations ran into a wall of contempt in 1969 when then prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau attempted to enact the white paper policy. According to Native leaders, its intention was to systematically do away with the treaties and all federal obligations pertaining to them.

In it, the white paper revealed a plan to give Treaty Indians control over their own lands which were to be respected as other municipalities or provincial governments. It offered them a lump sum payment of \$50 million to establish their own economic base and it called for the abolishment of the Indian and Northern Affairs Department. The most confusing of all the proposals, according to Gladue, was the dismantling of on-reserve schools and denial of the right to education.

"Without an education, how could they expect us to manage these things?" she asks.

The Liberal administration would have preferred to lump together Indian people with the rest of society. But chiefs and elders from Alberta proclaimed it a betrayal and set out to draft their own proposal to counteract the white paper.

The leaders fight back

They presented the red paper policy which developed a whole new train of reasoning for the federal government to follow.

The Citizens Plus document (red paper policy) became the most heralded Native declaration of the time. It defended Treaty Indian rights and set up the framework by which a special status for Natives could be maintained. It was later endorsed by all the chiefs in Canada in hopes of quashing the disparaging government proposal.

Eventually Citizens Plus was strong enough to stop the white paper in 1970, but wasn't enough to discourage the government's ultimate intentions.

Roy Piepenburg, who contributed to the education policy for the red paper, says the federal government has always admitted it had obligations to the Indian by providing benefits in the first place. If the government continues to deny these obligations it could mean the end to treaty rights all together, he says.

"In 1970, the government admitted it would slow down and reassess the white paper. . . But it is being implemented today. The current government is simply picking up where Trudeau left off."

A new treaty threat

Piepenburg points to the 1985 Nielson Task Force report as another means to bend the Native population into submission calling it "a revised addition of the white paper." The Nielson report calls for the slow eradication of Native services, including education. It describes treaties as unclear and outdated. But Piepenburg insists the government's poor interpretation of the treaties is no excuse to be irresponsible.

According to the director of the University of Alberta School of Native studies, the confusion has always stemmed from the ways the treaties were interpreted.

Richard Price says the diversity of views and understandings have depressed the relationship between Natives and government officials from the beginning. He acknowledged the importance of keeping a strong grasp on maintaining Native rights as called for in the treaties, but says the complexity of the agreements has caused problems. The fear of ethnocide, says Price, has arisen out of misunderstanding.

"Assimilation has been proven not to work. There is no forced integration into society. But what has to be understood is that there are now various streams of thought." What could be considered an act of oppression by one person, could be considered an opportunity by another, he says.

Price says many Natives have been successful in their bids to integrate with the general public, citing Wetaskwin Member of Parliament Willie Littlechild as an example.

He says the government's attitude toward Indians has changed dramatically, but Native leaders still need to monitor the adjustment even closer. The red paper was an effective tool in conveying Native treaty interpretation, but a follow-up document should be introduced.

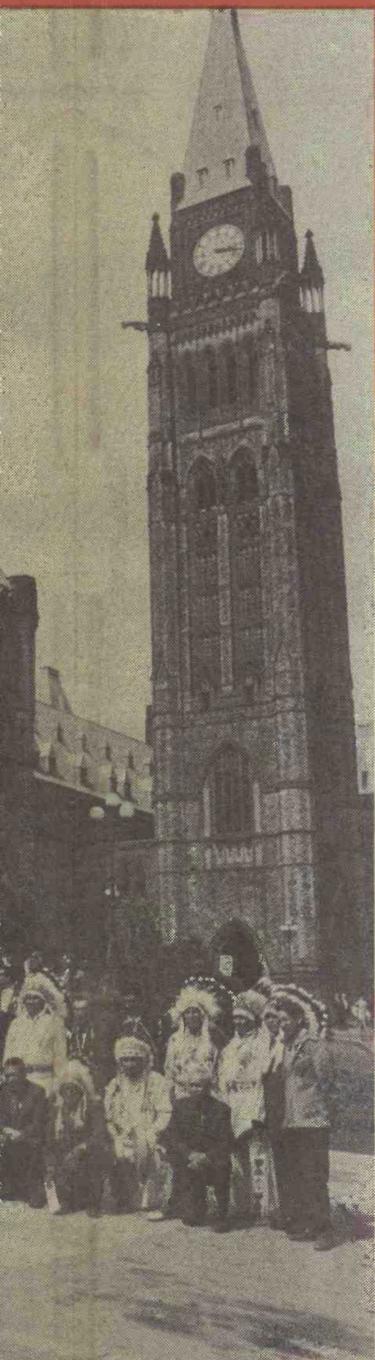
"It would be useful to go back and say this is what we think now and this is what we would like to see for the next 20 years." He says the process may be slow and aggravating but worth the time.

For Helen Gladue the time for talk and sporadic treaty adjustments is over. She says the federal government has twisted and defiled Native integrity for too long and the newest education strategy seems like a final chapter in Native culture.

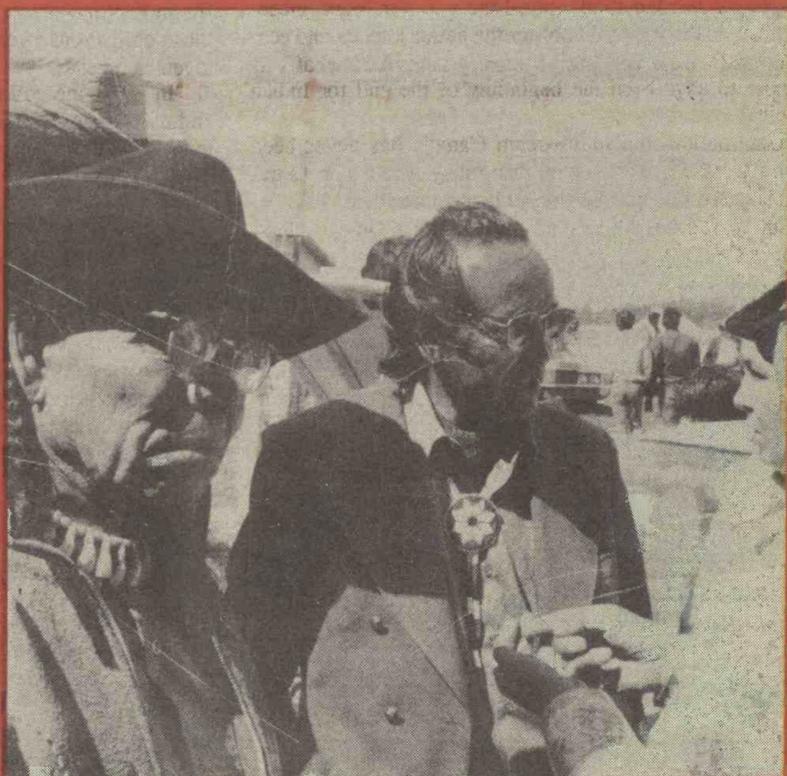
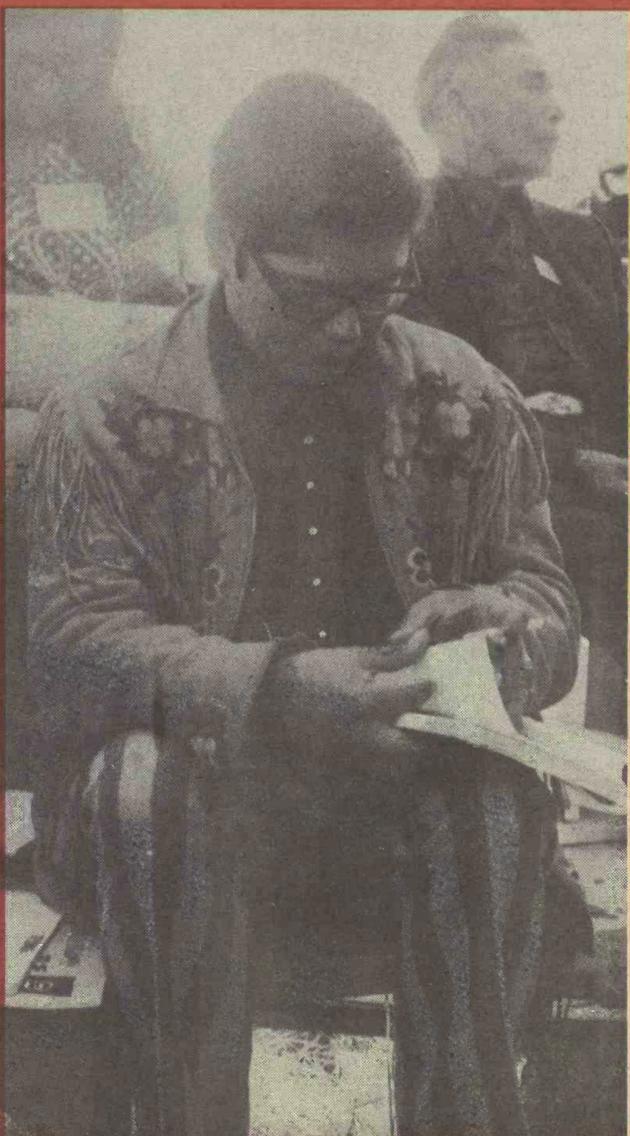
"It seems we are being punished for something— punished for having our lands and our rights. We have shared so much and have gotten so little in return."



ING BACK



Clockwise from top left: Native leaders force a meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau; Trudeau and Chretien; chiefs powwow on the Parliament grounds; the 1971 IAA general assembly at Saddle Lake, pictured are Albert Lightning and Eugene Steinhauer; Harold Cardinal; Native leaders in Ottawa, where they presented the Red Paper.



LIFESTYLE

Report: Discrimination still rampant

By Elaine O'Farrell
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Ont.

The treatment of Canada's Native people is a black mark on the country's human rights record, the Canadian Human Rights Commission has found.

"The situation faced by Canada's Native peoples is in many ways a national tragedy," says the commission's annual report issued last week.

"The grand promise of equality of opportunity that forms the central purpose of the Canadian Human Rights Act stands in stark contrast to the conditions in which many Native people live."

Chief Commissioner Max Yalden told reporters discrimination is still widespread in the country, putting abuses against Native people at the top of

and well in Canada," Yalden said. "There are still far too many people for whom legal promises of equality are empty phrases."

In the report, Yalden suggests the time is ripe to raise Native issues to the very top of the national agenda.

The report mentions there are "persuasive" arguments coming from the private sector that the situation warrants a royal commission of inquiry into Aboriginal rights.

From the justice system to government services and the job market, Native people are often faced with the worst cases of neglect and discrimination.

The report criticizes the Canadian justice system which it believes is heavily weighed against Native people.

The system has routinely

failed Natives, as evidenced by the number of provincial inquiries investigating injustices against Natives, including the highly-publicized Donald Marshall inquiry, the Manitoba justice inquiry and the upcoming Blood Inquiry in Alberta.

A report prepared for the Canadian Bar Association in 1988 shows that 10 per cent of the male and 13 per cent of the female population in federal penitentiaries are Native, although Natives make up only about two per cent of the general population. In provincial institutions, the situation is far worse.

"In fact, an Indian youngster in Canada has a better chance of being sent to prison than of completing university," the report says.

It recommends increased hiring of Native officers by municipal police forces and

lifting bans against Native spiritual ceremonies in federal prisons.

However, the report praises the RCMP for taking some encouraging steps with its Special Constable Program, which has increased the visibility and representation of Natives on the force.

"Ways must be found to remove bias and to dispel the view of some Natives that the justice system is 'white law'," it concludes.

The report criticizes the federal public service for hiring too few Natives.

"Native peoples are drastically under-represented in employment in virtually every industrial sector and every occupation, even in locations like Winnipeg or Regina where there is a high concentration of Natives.

"Within the federal government departments themselves, where programs to promote Native hiring have been in place for some time

now, the representation of Native peoples is abysmal in all but the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development," it found.

The report found the discrimination of Native women is still widespread despite a 1985 amendment of the Indian Act, Bill C-31, aimed at restoring Indian status to women who had lost their status by marrying non-Natives.

Many women who regain status are still frozen out of reserve life, without houses on the reserves or any hopes of getting one in the near future.

"Their children cannot easily be fitted into an already overburdened school system and they are competing with long-standing band members for scarce resources," it says.

It blames the federal government for underestimating the numbers of Natives seeking reinstatement and underfunding the new demands for housing,

education and other services on the reserve.

"Lack of financial support from the government cannot excuse a failure to correct a discriminatory arrangement that was caused, in the first instance, by the (federal) government," the report charges.

A record number of complaints to the commission last year show that discrimination is still rampant in Canada.

In 1987, 493 complaints were received by the commission. In 1988 that figure nearly doubled to 850.

The commissioner attributed the increase to a heightened awareness of human rights in Canada.

As in other years, the commission urged the government to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation, to end mandatory retirement and to hasten the commission's ability to deal with complaints.

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Crow Shoe gets award at Ottawa

HEAD-SMASHED-IN, Alta. — Joe Crow Shoe Sr. of Brocket, Alberta was recently awarded a Citation for Citizenship in Ottawa, Ontario. A noted ceremonialist and spiritual leader, Crow Shoe received the honor April 18 on Parliament Hill from the Honourable Gerry Weiner, Minister of State, Multi-Culturalism and Citizenship.

Crow Shoe was nominated for this citation by Ken Hughes, Member of Parliament for Macleod; sponsored by Jan Daley, president of Friends of Heal-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Society; and co-sponsored by Leroy Fjordbotten MLA, Fort Macleod; Leonard Bastien, Peigan chief; and Hugh Craig of Fort Macleod. The purpose of this award is to honor those individuals demonstrating outstanding achievements in citizenship.

Crow Shoe has dedicated his life to preserving the culture and traditions of the Blackfoot people and building bridges of understanding between Native and non-Native peoples. Born on the Peigan reserve in 1909, Crow Shoe became a spiritual leader in the mid-1930s. He has held the tribe's sacred medicine bundle since that time, allowing him to officiate at Sundance

ceremonies. He continues to hold medicine bundle ceremonies at his home for Natives and non-Natives alike. Crow Shoe has been involved in the formation of many cultural societies on the Peigan reserve. He has also been part of cultural exchanges to work with the Aboriginal peoples of Australia, New Zealand, and China.

Crow Shoe's many achievements include his role in developing the Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre near Fort Macleod, Alberta. He has acted as a spiritual and cultural advisor there since 1981. His assistance to Alberta Culture and Multiculturalism in collecting and translating the oral traditions of the Blackfoot people was paramount in the development of the centre's philosophy, the reproduction of artifacts, and the authenticity of display text. Crow Shoe still plays an important role in the centre's operation today, providing spiritual guidance in many facets of the centre's operation.

Crow Shoe's life has been one of selflessness and devotion to his history and



Citation for citizenship: Crow Shoe, Blackfoot spiritual leader

culture. He is one of the last living links between traditional Indian culture and modern life. He worked throughout his life to share his culture and to pass it on to future generations of Natives and non-Natives.

He has always been mindful of the future and has actively pursued projects that will provide an opportunity for the traditional spiritual and cultural elements of Indian society to endure.

NOTICE

of Hearing for Permanent Guardianship to: Connie Willier

Take notice that on the 28th day of April at 9:30 a.m. a hearing will take place in Edmonton Family Court. A Director under the Child Welfare Act, will make an application for permanent guardianship of your child, born on Oct. 1, 1988. You are requested to be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by legal counsel. An Order may be made in your absence, and you have the right to appeal the Order within 30 days from the date the Order is made.

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Important Notice

On Saturday, April 29, a meeting will be held at the community hall in Marlboro, Alberta.

Zone IV Vice-President Joe Blyan will be on hand as will Alberta Municipal Affairs Capital Region Improvement District (ID) director, Peter de Vos.

The meeting is being designed to provide up-to-date information on the sewage treatment problems in the area. Also on the agenda for the meeting will be a study of "how to access employment and economic development opportunities in the region."

A dinner and dance is being planned for Saturday evening.

We urge all MAA members in the Hinton, Edson, Marlboro, Grande Cache, Drayton Valley, and Whitecourt regions to attend this important function.

The meeting will begin at noon. Further information can be obtained by calling the Metis Regional Council office at:

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Tragic and painful Littlechild paints past

By Elaine O'Farrell
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ART REVIEW

Cree artist George Littlechild brings a tragic family history to his recent exhibit Painted Beads, now showing at Edmonton's Front Gallery.

Son of a Cree mother and a New Brunswick Loyalist descendant father, Littlechild was born in Edmonton.

He was taken away from his alcoholic parents at the age of four and was raised in several different foster homes.

At 17, he began a genealogical search for his birth family and discovered both his parents had died young on skid row.

Littlechild told one interviewer: "Suddenly at 17, I found out my father was white, only part Natives. I had to rethink my identity. But I had a black-and-white photo of my mother hand-tinted in color and from that, I got my first sense of who I looked like."

Many of the 16 paintings bear testimony to his troubled youth. Several are a tribute to his mother, the late Rachel Littlechild.

Front Gallery owner

Lynn Falman said the show represents an intensely personal statement by the artist.

"It's something he felt he had to do for a long time. He has brought a lot of family interest and family imagery to it."

She says nearly every painting sold out within a half-hour of the gallery's April 8 opening.

Falman sees a steady growth in Littlechild's work, especially since his graduation last April from the prestigious Nova Scotia School of Art and Design with a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

"George concentrates on his past and heritage with a very contemporary presentation," she said. "He's not afraid to use color and that's what makes his work interesting."

Littlechild's work is pictographic, relying on geometric shapes and powerful repeated Native imagery from his mother's Plains Cree culture.

A stylized horse frequently appears in his paintings, demonstrating his strong identification with the Horse Spirit. The circles he often uses represent unity in Native legend.

Littlechild favors warm, vibrant colors borrowed from the '60s era, hot pinks,



Indian Family Album: By George Littlechild

poison greens and neon yellows.

He likes to incorporate things like photographs and beads into his paintings.

Most of Littlechild's art springs from social and political issues that affect Native people's lives today.

The titles of several canvases touch on the pain of Natives' collective past but also reveal his wry sense of humor: Dot the i in the North American Indian, Boarding School Survivors, Targets and Mixed Racial Marriage.

According to the artist's statement: "My work documents my struggles and successes, along with the dangers and tragedies which have befallen my people, and my personal family in the wake of the colonization and urbanization of the 'New World.'"

In Dot the i in the North American Indian, a large stylized horse head appears to float above a patterned backdrop. In the background, tipis contain color photographs of Indians in full regalia.

The painting is alive with vivid brights of orange, green and turquoise and is almost childlike in its purity.

Boarding School Survivors shows hand-painted family portraits of George as a baby in his mother's arms. A neon pink school bears a banner reading "Rachel Littlechild's first communion."

Another survivor of the residential school legacy wears a striped prisoner's uniform.

In the ironic painting Targets, five photographic Indians are lined up for target practice behind a wagon decorated with silver saddle ornaments. A pink cross floats on a turquoise background near a jumping silver horse.

Me Chasing Mother is a wonderful mix of autobiographical fact and fantasy that features the pink house "we never lived in," with the artist as the circus clown or jester.

Littlechild, a nephew of the Wetaskiwin MP, was the first Native graduate of the two-year art and design program at Red Deer College.

He then moved to Saskatoon, where he worked as a graphic artist and art show organizer at the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College.

Last year, his painting Boarding School Angst won first prize in Asum Mena (a Cree term meaning once again) Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society's fifth annual juried Alberta Native arts festival.

The artist has exhibited widely in one-man and group shows and has just completed independent studies in painting and printmaking at the Banff Centre for Fine Arts.

Littlechild was recently commissioned to do the illustrations for two children's books about Cree Indian legends. How the Mouse Got Brown Teeth and How the Birch Tree Got Its Stripes (Fifth House) are available in both English and Cree.

He has recently moved to Calgary, the hub of the Prairie art scene, where he plans to establish his own studio.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Vibrant children's book teaches belief in self

By Elaine O'Farrell
Windspeaker Staff Writer

BOOK REVIEW

The paintings by Yukon artist Ted Harrison in his latest children's book are like broken stained-glass windows of brilliant color.

In *The Blue Raven*, Harrison captures the magic and mystery of the North in his bold, distinctive canvasses.

His bright colors and sweeping lines suggest the rhythm of the North as well as its bitter cold and isolation.

The picture book, illustrated with ten original paintings, tells the adventure story of a young lad named Nik.

After his village on the banks of the Yukon River is threatened by drought and disease, Nik bravely sets out to find the wise Shaman of the West, who, according to legend had assisted the people of the valley many years before.

During his quest, Nik encounters steep mountain

crags, rock falls, grizzly bears and violent storms.

On a narrow mountain pass, Nik rescues his faithful pack-dog Taku from falling in a flood-swollen creek.

Only his early training allows the boy to stave off starvation by trapping small animals and collecting roots and berries.

After finally reaching the country of the Great Shaman, Nik is greeted by a quick-witted, magical raven, central to many Aboriginal legends.

The raven serves as the eyes of the Great Shaman, flying over the villages of the North to observe "who is born and who dies, who is kind and who is mean."

Nik is rewarded by the Shaman for his courage with two rare and magical gifts, a magnificent caribou cloak and a pair of moosehide mukluks.

On the condition they are not abused, the cloak will protect Nik from the fiercest storms and the mukluks will help him run faster on the

hunt, the boy is told.

The Shaman offers the boy an important lesson that will teach all youngsters to trust their own feelings and to face life's challenges with courage.

"Remember, the magic will always be within yourself. The happiness these gifts will bring depends on your own courage and leadership," the Shaman instructs him.

Nik travels home on a flying cloak borne by a flock of ravens to find prosperity has returned to his village.

As the years passed, Nik grows to become a wise and respected chief of the Athapaskan people.

Each year, a celebration is held to honor his triumphant return to the village and to set an example for the younger generation to follow.

The story of Nik's pilgrimage grows in stature until it becomes a treasured legend of the tribe.

The *Blue Raven* teaches children of all ages the important lesson of believ-



The Blue Raven: A book about the adventures of Nik

ing in yourself.

Although best suited to older children aged five to nine, even the very young will delight in the bold vibrancy of Harrison's work.

The Blue Raven is the sixth children's book by Harrison, all of which have received international awards and acclaim.

The prolific painter, who

produces some 75 paintings a year, describes his own work as closest to cloissonne, the enamel and copper work done in the Cloisson region of France and in China, which uses black lines filled in with planes of color.

As he writes in the preface to his book *The Last Horizon*: "The Yukon is to me what Arles and Tahiti

were to Van Gogh and Gaughin. It is the last horizon of my experience...its influence will never be erased or forgotten wherever I may live."

Autographed copies of *The Blue Raven* are now available at the Village Bookshop at 12433 102 Avenue.

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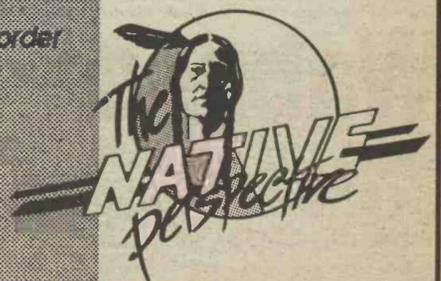
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| 1st: South Dakota Ball Hogs | 5th: Northern Cheyenne, Montana |
| 2nd: Peabody Arizona | 6th: White Swan, Washington |
| 3rd: Oklahomna Red | MVP: Lolly Speele, Ball Hogs |
| 4th: Tuscon Red Skins, Arizona | |

RESULTS

16th ANNUAL NIAA NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS (32 Men's Teams)

APRIL 11-15, 1989, Rapid City, South Dakota

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| 1st: Oklahoma Indians | 5th: Santa Clara, California |
| 2nd: Chico California | 6th: Crow Hawks, Montana |
| 3rd: Great Plains Indians | MVP: Monty Larson, Oklahoma Indians |
| 4th: North Dakota Warriors | |

SPORTS & LEISURE

Newcomers take title at emotional Canada West

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEEMA, Alta.

Hobbema Top Gun and Edmonton's Friends of Carmine can both lay claim to being the top women's and men's Native volleyball teams in Western Canada after taking on anybody and everybody at the Canada West Native and Metis Volleyball tournament in Hobbema April 15-16.

Friends of Carmine were hot and wouldn't be denied the men's championship and the \$1,200 that went along with the title. Team captain Carmine Maglione says that his team were mad going into the final game against Saskatchewan Indian Federated College and took it out on them.

"We were pretty hot because of the way they treated us," he stated. They protested against us (SIFC). They wanted treaty cards and two of my guys didn't bring their cards and they wouldn't let them play."

The protest came in earlier rounds of the tournament before the final game.

But Friends of Carmine were not to be denied. They whipped Slavey Connection and Moosomin Huskies before they got even with SIFC by thumping them two games straight. The losses relegated SIFC to the back door of the draw.

The next game for FOC

was with the High Prairie Cruisers. FOC were on a search-and-destroy mission and knocked them off two straight.

FOC sat and waited for the final game as SIFC clawed their way through the back door to the final game against the A-side victors.

The final game wasn't even close as the fired up FOC team crushed SIFC 15-4 and 15-2 to claim the top spot.

The women's side of the tournament featured teams from northern Alberta and Saskatchewan who were in the hunt for \$2,500 in prize money.

According to Hobbema all-tournament player Traci Lee they had the home court advantage in the final game over Saskatoon Classics but Hobbema had not beat them in a tournament earlier in the year. In fact, Lee says, the Classics team hadn't lost any games this year.

That was before Top Gun got a hold of them in the final and whipped them four straight games to wrestle the top money of \$1,200 from them.

But it wasn't easy as Hobbema had to fight back through the back door of the tournament. After losing the first game to the Classics they had to beat four teams to get to the final.

The Classics, on the other hand, only had to play



Ladies' side action: A Saskatoon Classic attempts to block Top Gun Darla Ferguson's spike

three games to get to the final game. Their schedule was comparatively easy as they played twice on Saturday and won both games. Their next game was noon Sunday against the Edmonton Snowbirds which they won to advance to the final game.

On the other hand, Hobbema had to play three consecutive matches on Sun-

day to advance to the final against a well-rested Classics team.

The ladies all-stars were: Darla Ferguson, Hobbema Top Gun; Traci Lee, Hobbema Top Gun; Ruby Bear, Saskatoon Classics; Donna Lafreniere, Saskatoon Classics; Cynthia Muskwa, Saskatoon Classics; and Janet Trotter, Nighthawks.

The men's all-stars were: Gary Wulfe, Edmonton Friends of Carmine; Delbert Wapass, SIFC; Tony Shirt, Edmonton Friends of Carmine; David Willier, High Prairie Cruisers; Kimbell Ironstar, SIFC; Verne Lamoche, High Prairie Cruisers.

Individual awards were given out to Colleen Venne of Hobbema Top Gun for

ladies spiker, Carmine Maglione of Friends of Carmine for men's spiker, Poki Currie of Hobbema Top Gun for ladies setter, Rocky Mackay of Friends of Carmine for men's setter.

Most valuable player for the ladies was Elaine Lafreniere of Saskatoon Classics and most valuable player for the men was Ted Flett of SIFC.

Wabasca roars with snowmobile races

By Marcel Gladue
Windspeaker Correspondent

WABASCA, Alta.

The snowmobile races held the weekend of April 1, 2 in Wabasca was an exciting event for the participants and spectators

alike.

There were a total of 15 snowmobiles in the competition which were split up into two main classifications. The first group consisted of the 250 cc class and included Elans and Citations. This category had the most entries and

both classes for men and female competitions were held.

The main event was the category of 400 cc and upwards. There were only four participants in this class but it was exciting and close right up to the check-

ered flag.

The final event involved the kids and adults in the Poker Rally. The adult winner of this event was William Yellowknee and in the 15 and under age group Dale Beaver was the winner.

The list of winners in the

400 cc category were: Leonard Bigstone (day one); Paul Sinclair (day two, drag race); Raymond Cardinal (day two); Tony McLeod (day one, two-time champion).

The Elan 250 Citations winners were: William Yellowknee (day two);

Dorothy Beaver (day one); Dorothy Beaver (day two, three-time champion).

The event was organized by J.B. Gambler with assistance from Paul Sinclair, Robert Gambler, Theresa Merrier, Percy Quintal and Malcolm Powder.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **New Residents** are invited to contact High Prairie Area Community Welcome by phoning 523-4441.
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- **Team Roping School**, April 21-23, Panee Memorial Agriplex, Hobbema. Contact Dennis Ward at 585-3770 for more.
- **Native Recreational Hockey Tournament**, April 21-23, Enoch Recreation Centre. Call 470-5645.
- **Native Youth Conference & Competition Powwow**, April 21-22, Saddle Lake. Contact Person: Linda Makokis 726-3730.
- **Spring Classic 1989 All-Native Hockey Tournament**, April 22 & 23, Saskatoon, Sask. Call Elaine or Norris at (306) 244-0174.
- **Healing Mass**, April 24, 7:30 p.m., 10829-105 Ave., Native Pastoral Centre, Edmonton. Phone 424-1431 or 428-0846.
- **Bull Riding & Boys Steer Riding School**, April 25-27, Panee Memorial Agriplex, Hobbema. Call

- Dennis Ward at 585-3770.
- **Native Spiritual Day**, April 16, Recreation Complex, Enoch. Call 424-1431 or 428-0846 (Edmonton) or 470-5447 (Enoch).
- **Sports Awards Banquet**, April 27, 5:30 p.m., Sarcee 7-Chiefs Sportsplex, Sarcee Reserve, Calgary. For information call 281-4833.
- **Blue Quills Native Awareness Days**, April 27, For more information call Janet or Daryl at 645-4455.
- **Sik-Ooh Kotokl Jr. Girls Basketball Tournament**, April 28 & 29, Stand Off School, Blood Reserve. Call Delphine at 328-2414 for more.
- **World Music Concert**, April 29, 8 p.m., Convocation Hall, Arts Building, U of A. Featuring the Whitebraided Society Dancers & Drummers. Call 492-3263.
- **Baseball Clinic**, May 9 & 10, Goodfish Lake.
- **8th Annual Powwow**, May 13, Ben Calf Robe School, Edmonton. Call 451-6066 for more.
- **Calgary Native Awareness Week**, May 8-14. For more information call 292-3900.
- **Men's & Ladies Fastball and Men's Baseball Early Bird Tournament**, May 20 & 21, Goodfish Lake. Contact: Rene Houle at 676-3622 for more.
- **2nd Annual Trade Fair & Exhibition**, May 19-21, Panee Agriplex. Call 585-3765 for more.
- **Memorial Round Dance**, May 19 & 20, Frog

- Lake. For more information call Karen Abraham at 943-3777.
- **Parimutual & Chuckwagon Races**, May 19-21, Panee Agriplex. Call 585-3770 for more.
- **Memorial Day Handgame Tournament**, May 26-29, 1989, Fort Hall, Idaho. Call (208) 237-5239.
- **Prince Albert Indian & Metis Friendship Centre Jamboree**, June 30-July 3, Prince Albert, Sask. Contact Eugene Arcand 1-306-764-3431.
- **Indian Days Celebrations**, July 7, 8 & 9, Alexis Reserve. Contact: Dan Alexis 967-2225 (office) or 967-5762 & Dennis Cardinal at 967-5344 (home).
- **Powwow**, July 21-23, Enoch Band. For further info contact Vi Peacock at 470-5666.
- **Powwow**, Aug. 15-17, Prince Albert, Sask. Hosted by Prince Albert Indian & Metis Friendship Centre. Contact Brenda 1-306-764-3431.
- **Moosehorn Lodge School Reunion**, this summer at Grouard. Call or write Mary Cardinal-Rizzoli (403) 456-0539 or 483-2348 (work) - 17278 - 104 St., Edmonton, AB T5X 3Z5.

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— Bridging the Gap: Calgary Native Awareness Week May 8-14, 1989 —
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DAILY EVENTS (MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Native Art Exhibit: "Transformers"
Harry Hays Building and City Hall
Noon - 6 p.m.
Historical Display
Native Arts Demonstration
Pin Trading
Soup and Bannock
Calgary Native Friendship Centre
Noon - 1 p.m.
Demonstration Dancing (Upon Request)
Speakers Bureau (Upon Request)

MONDAY, May 8
Noon - 1 p.m. - OPENING CEREMONY
Olympic Plaza
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Native Foods Luncheon
The Commerce Club (Chamber Members Only)
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Wild Rose Forum - CBC Radio - 1010
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Native Awareness Week Coloring Contest
Coordinating Centre
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Film Festival: "Voices From The Circle"
Glenbow Museum

TUESDAY, May 9
8:30 a.m. - Noon
Breakfast and Seminar: "Bridging The Employment Gap"
Delta Bow Valley Hotel
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Workshop: "Contemporary Issues in Native Law and Social Services" - City Hall
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Business Forum: "A New Awareness"
Incentives in the Native Community - The Commerce Club
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Talent Contest, Calgary Native Friendship Centre
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Film Festival: "Voices From the Circle" - Glenbow Museum

WEDNESDAY, May 10

9 a.m. - Noon
Workshop: "Contemporary Issues in Native Law and Social Services" - City Hall
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Youth Conference: "Bridging The Gap by Planning For the Future" - Calgary Convention Centre
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Chief David Crowchild Awards Day/Trade Show - City Hall
Noon - 4 p.m.
Open House - Plains Indian Cultural Survival School
4 p.m. - 12 a.m.
Powwow - Plains Indian Cultural Survival School
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Native Education Workshop - Alberta Vocational Centre
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Talent Contest/Princess Pageant
Calgary Native Friendship Centre

THURSDAY, May 11

7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Lecture/Discussion Breakfast: "The Electronic Teepee: Native People in the Information Age" - The Commerce Club
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Youth Conference: "Bridging The Gap By Planning For the Future" - Calgary Convention Centre
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Princess Pageant Banquet & Dance (Talent Contest Winners Announced at Banquet)
Calgary Native Friendship Centre
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Film Festival: "Voices From the Circle"
Glenbow Museum
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Native Women Authors - University of Calgary Faculty Club

FRIDAY, May 12

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Open House - Native Alcohol Services
1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Open House - Native Counselling Services of Alberta
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Princess Pageant

Calgary Native Friendship Centre

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Film Festival: "Voices From The Circle"
Glenbow Museum

SATURDAY, May 13
8:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

"Bridging the Cultural Gap" (by invitation only)
Calgary Native Friendship Centre
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Practical Management Skills Course
Alberta Vocational Centre
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Travois Tour - R.S.V.P.
Nakoda Lodge, Morley Reserve
Noon - 12 a.m.
Competition Powwow/Crowning of Princess
Max Bell Arena
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Film Festival: "Voices From The Circle"
Glenbow Museum
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Native Dance Performance - Alberta Children's Hospital

SUNDAY, May 14

11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Powwow/Arts and Crafts Show & Sale - Max Bell Arena
9 p.m.
CLOSING CEREMONY - Max Bell Arena

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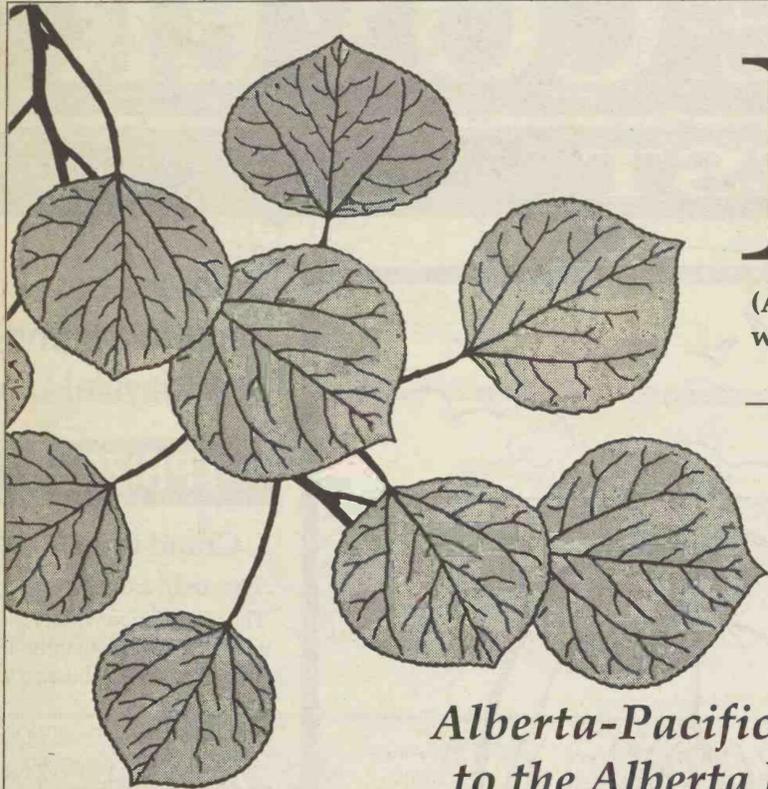
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(An Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. information series which answers questions received from area residents.)

3. Environmental Impact Assessment

Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries is fully committed to the Alberta Environment mandate "to achieve the protection, improvement and wise use of our environment, now and in the future." Part of this commitment is conducting an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on the various effects our proposed pulp mill will have in this area. We have prepared a draft EIA report and will be making it available to the public for review.

Q. Can you explain what an EIA actually is, and how you go about doing it?

A. An EIA is basically a report on the research we have done and the data we have gathered to assess the environmental effects of the Alberta-Pacific proposed project. We present this information — about existing conditions and how they may change with the pulp mill — to both the government and the public, as a first step in gaining approval for the project.

The EIA identifies the main environmental, community and economic impacts expected during construction and after the mill is in operation. The concerns of municipal governments and provincial government agencies and departments are dealt with, in each of these potential impact areas.

The EIA describes the proposed mill facilities, the roads, railways and pipelines that will support it, the manufacturing process, and the environmental management systems we will use.

Q. What about community concerns?

A. The EIA identifies, by means of a public consultation program that we are carrying out, the issues of concern to people living in the plant area communities.

Our report describes how Alberta-Pacific will address the concerns of the public and government, how we will minimize

or eliminate possible negative effects and also outlines what the favorable impacts of the mill will be.

Alberta-Pacific has placed a major emphasis in the EIA on the impact on the Athabasca River, air quality and the socio-economic assessment and public consultation program.

Q. Is forest management part of the EIA?

A. Environmental impacts associated with forestry operations are not part of this EIA but will be part of the forest management agreement (FMA) to be negotiated with Alberta Forestry.

Q. What is the role of government in this process?

A. Alberta Environment requires that the EIA be conducted according to goals and guidelines set by the department.

When the EIA is completed, it is forwarded to the government to allow all relevant departments to review the content. They identify any areas where more information is required. Alberta-Pacific must provide any additional information requested by government and/or make changes as required in any area.

Q. Will work begin on the plant after Alberta Environment accepts the EIA as complete.

A. Alberta-Pacific also must apply for permits under seven various Acts of the provincial government. These are: Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Water Resources Act, Natural Areas Act, Historical Resources Act, Land Surface and Reclamation Act and the Occupational Health and Safety Act. In addition, the company must apply for licenses under the Fisheries Act and the Navigable Water Act, which are the responsibility of the federal government.

The government sets the terms and conditions for approval of these permits, based on details of the pulp mill project. All these permits and licenses are public documents.

When Alberta-Pacific receives a "Permit to Construct", preliminary construction work would begin. This permit is issued only after all design specifications, monitoring systems and emission levels have been reviewed and approved by government. Toward the end of the construction phase, the monitoring system and reporting requirements are once again reviewed in their entirety. A license to operate is then approved.

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