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Saddle Lake pioneers own court system

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SADDLE LAKE, Alta.

The Saddle Lake band is dissatisfied with society's legal networks and is attempting to pioneer its own system of justice.

The Northern Alberta reserve has devised a model court to help settle its own problems with Native arbitration. It wants to set up a tribal justice system comprised of elders and members.

Tribal justice is the only answer in helping Native-Canadians cope with society's inadequate legal system, says band councillor Henry Quinney.

He says it's time Natives returned to the ways of their forefathers and listened to their own people instead of listening to the "white man's" court.

Quinney says the current justice system ignores the fact most Native crimes are alcohol-related. He says it isn't prepared to facilitate the help Natives need.

"We want it to take care

of our own conflicts. . . We should deal with our own problems," he explains.

The Saddle Lake band has submitted its proposal to the federal government for approval. Quinney says they seemed receptive of the idea, but hedged on any commitment to fund the unprecedented project.

The system will include a "peacemaker" role instead of a police force, and will be held in less formal surroundings than a contemporary courtroom.

"It will be done the way it used to. We will sit around and talk it over," says the band council member.

He says the chief and council may play a part in the system, but elders will be instrumental in the process.

The director of Alberta Human Rights and Civil Liberties Association, Allan Welsh, says the Saddle Lake move is well overdue.

After 20 years of studying the concept of Native justice and realizing it is

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BERT CROWFOOT, Windspeaker

Fashion show raises funds for Red Deer friendship centre

The Red Deer Native Friendship Society held a Native fashion show April 1 to raise funds to purchase and renovate Parson's House in Red Deer.

The show raised \$500 and featured fashions of Mary Perierd from Alberta Vocational Centre in Grouard and Ermineskin Arts and Crafts in Hobbema.

Parson's House was under a demolition order until the Red Deer Native Friendship Society made an offer for \$625,000.

A grant of \$100,000 was approved for the Red Deer Heritage-Fund.

At left, Joy Tambour and Kylie Robinson, 6, are wearing Slavey-style parkas made by her great-great-grandmother Cecilia Hall of Fort Norman, N.W.T. The parkas, made in 1955, were provided by the Waskasoo Women's Group.

Nurse and \$70,000 van

Heart Lake gets better health service

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker staff Writer

EDMONTON

A northern Alberta band is looking forward to strengthening its health-care process by providing much-needed services to band members.

After squabbling over price and need, the Canadian government has finally agreed to finance a \$70,000 medical van for the Heart Lake band and provide them a community health nurse.

Last month, Health and Welfare Canada approved the leasing of a medical van for the 145-member reserve near Lac La Biche. The Heart Lake band will also

be permitted to hire a nurse for its small community health unit.

"We're happy with the decision for now," said Chief Eugene Monias after his meeting with the department's regional director Maurice Aked.

Monias said the band's past pleas for adequate health services have been more of confrontations than civilized negotiations. "But this is a start. We'll probably be asking for more (meetings) later," he said.

The Heart Lake band fired its previous nurse because of poor service and has been relying on taxi service to transport band members to the health facility.

"We couldn't operate like

that any longer," Monias said, "but they (government officials) weren't willing to negotiate."

Monias said most of the difficulty came at the lower levels of government and it wasn't until meeting with the regional director of health and welfare Canada that anything was done.

Aked said he felt the final meeting went well and agreed the outcome was satisfactory.

"I'm quite pleased with what happened here today." He said his department is restricted on what it can do with the money allotted to its budget and sometimes it takes time before things can be worked out.



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Happy with decision: Chief Eugene Monias

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We might have a few rough spectators, but we don't have any stabbings, no...alcohol and drug abuse. You hear of that on other settlements and a lot of other reserves."

- Dean Thompson, Kikino player-coach. See story on page 12

Innu hunters fed up with jets

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

One of Canada's last remaining hunting cultures is being pushed to extinction, say peace groups waging a campaign to stop low-level, air force jet tests over the Quebec-Labrador peninsula.

They are imploring the Canadian government to cancel attempts to have an \$800 million international air base built in Goose Bay which would increase the number of training maneuvers.

Over 400 peace groups from across Canada are rallying to the side of 10,000 Innu of Nitassinan, Labrador who are fighting a military increase in the region.

The Innu of Nitassinan have been pushed to the very limits of human tolerance, said an Inuit lawyer during a press conference in Edmonton March 30.

David Ward said the federal government is finally succeeding in its attempts to destroy the last unblemished

segment of society. "All in the name of progress," he said.

He said the Goose Bay airfield, which has been in operation since the Second World War, is a testing range for British, West German and Dutch jet bombers. The planes, traveling 100 feet from the ground, scream by at 800 miles per hour, he said. In 1988 there were 7,500 low-level maneuvers over Nitassinan.

Ward said Canada is under negotiations with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to construct a tactical fighter and weapons training centre which could result in an increase of 25,000 flights a year.

"If that happens, the Innu will go the way of the Dodo bird. One hundred years from now, someone will ask do you remember the Innu—because they will be extinct. . . We are taking a chance of killing off a whole group of people," he explained.

The future of the Innu is being drowned out by government rhetoric as well as speeding aircraft, said She-

shatshiu band Chief Daniel Ashini from from their band office near Goose Bay.

Since the jets first penetrated their air space in 1980, the Innu people have pleaded with the defence department, but to no avail.

"They have ignored us completely. They view this as a low key issue" even though the effects of the flights are so apparent. "They want to keep the issue away from the (general) public."

Ashini said Innu children go running into the night, petrified of the intolerable noise, sometimes found days later roaming the woods. "Sometimes they're not found."

Innu hunters, a breed that has survived 9,000 years on

the wealth of the land, can no longer find adequate game because the animals are frightened off. Domestic live stock and fowl are not reproducing like they used to, he said.

"Our elders fear for our future," said Ashini.

Canadian Peace Alliance spokesperson Camille Fouillard, said her organization is spearheading the campaign to expose the government's complete disregard for its own people while creating a war zone on its own soil.

She said fasting, demonstrations and vigils will be held from March 30 to April 8 around the country to show contempt for the government's eagerness to establish a base that trains in

nuclear "first strike attack" maneuvers.

Dominic Young, Edmonton Youth for Peace organizer, says the campaign is being geared toward the preservation of the Innu people so the world can once again know the inhumanity of war. He says the militarization of Labrador can only be the prelude to World War Three. "And the Innu are the ones suffering."

Young, 21, says his group is planning an awareness blitz until the fall of 1989. He says many projects are presently being planned. For more information call Young at 458-5499.

A rally will be held in Calgary April 8 at 1 p.m. in Reilly Park.

JEFF MORROW, Windspeaker



Back from Geneva: Hobbema lawyer Judy Sayers

Innu jailed

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

GOOSE BAY, Labrador

For the past three weeks 100 Innu have been jailed while demonstrating against low-level jet flights over Nitassinan, Labrador.

Sheshatshiu band Chief Daniel Ashini says the civil disobedience will continue until the government listens to his people.

He says 40 Natives have been charged with mischief in protest of test flights originating from the Canadian Forces Base at Goose Bay. Native people fear the government will build a special test flight centre for

NATO which will result in an increase in the number of jet maneuvers over their traditional lands.

Ashini says the 140 decibel sounds from the jets are so severe, flying geese have been spotted dropping their eggs from the sky. He says pregnant Innu women have miscarried, and children have gone deaf because of the intense noise.

The Innu of Labrador have been protesting since 1979 when Ashini claims the flights started. "But we're stepping up the campaign now." The Canadian government has to recognize the Innu people exist, he says.

COURT SYSTEM

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essential to Aboriginal determination, the government should be receptive to the problem, he said.

Welsh admits Natives can't completely dismiss society's rules, but Saddle Lake is taking a step toward self-government by introducing its plan.

The Native system will help the young people adapt to their own culture rather than exist in fear of the Canadian court systems.

"You can't do away with

the judicial level altogether, but you can help to keep people out of the concrete blocks " of contemporary jails, he says.

Allan Phipps, regional director of the solicitor general's office, says he can't move in to help implement Saddle Lake's new system until Ottawa institutes an on-reserve law enforcement policy.

He acknowledged his department has been working with the band for two years on the system "but it rests with the department of Indian and Northern Affairs," he says.

UN recommends treaty study

Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEEMA

Alberta Natives may finally get the chance to tell the world of their fight for rights, says Hobbema lawyer Judy Sayers.

However, she fears some bands may not be willing to co-operate.

When the United Nations' Commission on Human Rights agreed to recommend an international treaty study be conducted, it was a major victory for Canadian Aboriginals.

Now, she says, there may be a battle to convince Alberta bands the study will be to their advantage.

Sayers, who represented the Four Bands Council in Geneva earlier this month, says Aboriginal human rights issues have never gotten as far on the UN agenda before.

She says if the resolution is passed by the General Assembly, there will be an international review of treaties and agreements.

A representative will be appointed to meet with

Aboriginal groups from Canada, United States, South America, New Zealand and Australia to determine if human rights violations are occurring.

Sayers says a human rights expert from Cuba, Miguel Martinez, will be meeting with governments and Natives from each country over the next three years.

"We're making real progress. It's a chance for Indigenous people to sit down and discuss the treaties."

But when Martinez comes to Alberta, she cautions, band members may not be willing to talk.

Whitefish Lake band chief Ernest Houle agrees the project will have important implications for Alberta Natives and says if bands don't have their information in-hand, the study won't be of value to them.

If Martinez isn't given full co-operation, or is given conflicting stories, the UN won't take Native claims seriously, he says.

"It has to be dealt with professionally. We need facts to present to this guy,

not opinion. Chiefs need to do their homework and get their facts together. If they don't it won't do any good."

Houle says he can understand why some chiefs may be suspicious about the study because it has never been done before. But he says it can only benefit them.

"There are pros and cons. By not giving the proper data, or not giving it at all, could be the downfall of everything we're trying to do."

Cold Lake First Nations Chief Francis Scanie indicated there was opposition to the study but wouldn't elaborate.

"They'll be notified of our position. I have no comment how," says Scanie.

Bigstone Chief Charles Beaver says there is a good reason to be cautious but not defensive. He says Native leaders should not only cooperate in the study but decide how it's conducted.

"If they don't, he could leave with the wrong signal. He should take direction from leaders from each country. He has to be made to understand"

CLOSE TO HOME

Public opposition halts Slave Lake mill

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SLAVE LAKE, Alta.

Public opposition has put the the \$168-million Slave Lake pulp mill in limbo for now, says Alberta Energy Company spokesman Dick Wilson.

He says his company was notified by the district's Development Appeal Board that five area residents launched formal complaints against the AEC and a hearing would have to take place before construction could proceed.

The appeal was a complete surprise to AEC officials, says Wilson. "I was

personally dismayed. I thought we were doing a really good job in explaining the project to people. Our schedule is messed up now...Everything has come to a halt."

He says it was the AEC's policy to work closely with the community while conducting the Environmental Impact Assessment study, and thought everything was administered to their satisfaction. "But after the initial shock of the appeal, we realized people had their reasons, and we have to respect them"

If the AEC officials were taken off guard by the complaints, it's their own fault, says pulp mill opponent

Dave McConnell.

He says much of the AEC studies, in both the environmental and economic context, were incomplete, and in some cases didn't address the real concerns of the public.

McConnell, a member of the environment awareness group Friends of the North, says there were a number of problems resulting in the appeal, and one of the most apparent was the disregard of the area's Native population.

According to McConnell, the AEC's employment breakdown placed Natives in the "hard work, low paying jobs. And the whites in the easy, high paying ones.

"They certainly haven't

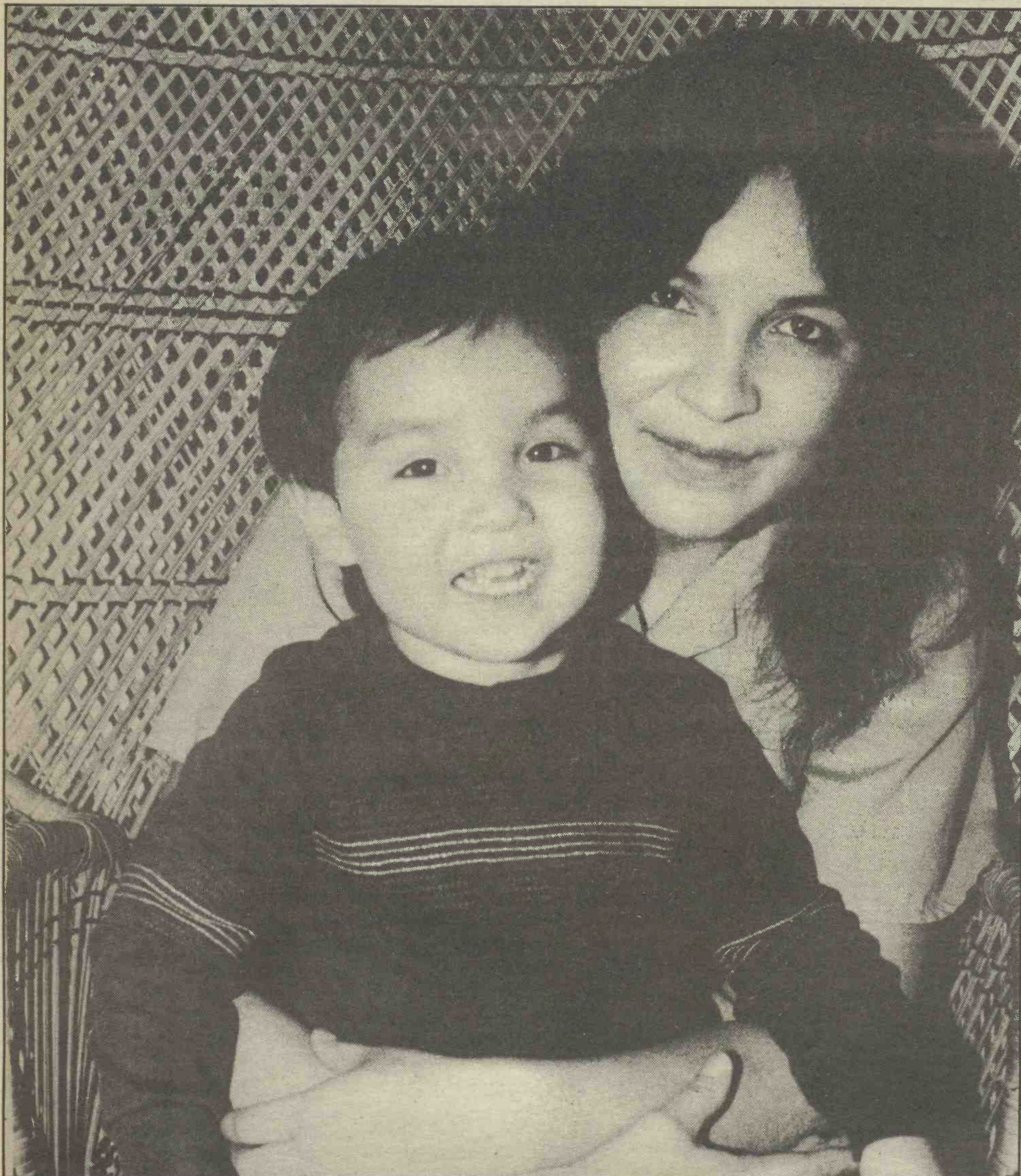
done anything in the their studies that convinces me or anyone else they are doing anything positive for Natives in the area." He says the AEC hasn't even made a commitment to offer Natives jobs.

Wilson says there is no mechanism in place that dictates who gets a particular job. "We aren't even that far yet."

He says if the project is allowed to continue, the AEC is going to help establish training programs. "Overall, there's going to be a net, positive affect."

The three-judge appeal board hearing is set for April 10 at the North West Inn in Slave Lake.

EXPRESSIONS



Travis Sidney Matthew Piche, 2, loves the simple life, says proud mom Beverly Piche.

His favorite things, says Beverly, are "fresh fruit and the TV program Alf."

The 22-year-old single mother lives in the town of Cold Lake, but hopes to move to Lac La Biche to train as an accountant.

Photo by Bea Lawrence

NEWS BRIEFS

Centre needs help

The Bissell Centre Food Hamper Program has a critical shortage of non-perishable food. Needed are canned goods, rice, sugar, oatmeal, milk, jello, peanut butter and coffee.

Bissell Centre, in Edmonton, provides a variety of services to the people who have nowhere else to turn.

The program provided 1,630 hampers to families and singles during 1988.

Items may be delivered to the Bissell Centre at 9560-103A Avenue. For more information please call Jackie at 423-2285.

Kathy McCurrach, public relations co-ordinator, acknowledged that many Native people use their services. "Tons and tons," she said.

Yukon claim ratified

Federal government officials recently ratified the Council of Yukon Indians' comprehensive land claim agreement-in-principle which guarantees Natives in the North many benefits.

The package includes cash compensation of \$232 million, almost 41,500 square kilometres of land, 25,900 square kilometres includes subsurface ownership, participation in management of renewable resources in the Yukon, and surrender of Aboriginal claims to over 92 per cent of the Yukon.

"Those people who keep themselves informed generally see it as a good agreement compared to what was presented to them in 1984," says Shirley Adamson, CYI communications coordinator.

The land claim was initiated in 1973 and accepted by the federal government. In 1984 all three parties in the negotiations, Council of Yukon Indians, the Yukon Territorial government and federal governments reached a tentative agreement that was not ratified by the communities of Yukon Indians.

The last agreement was scuttled because Natives were concerned about giving up Aboriginal claims to 92 per cent of the Yukon, says Adamson. However, the latest agreement tries to alleviate those concerns.

The latest deal will either be accepted or rejected later this summer at a special meeting of all Yukon Natives.

Writers' award announced

Canadian Press recently announced that they will be setting up an annual scholarship in journalism for Canadian Natives.

The announcement was made April 4 at an annual meeting for Canadian Press in Toronto. The \$4,000 scholarship will be available to a Native Canadian who has completed at least one year at a Canadian university and is expected to start by the fall of 1990.

Lawsuit on hold

The federal court case which will decide who controls band membership rights is on hold until lawyers can agree on the next court appearance.

The court case, known as Twinn et al versus Her Majesty the Queen, has stalled since Feb. 3 in Ottawa when Justice McNaair issued his statements regarding his understanding of the court case.

"The lawyers on all sides are still trying to understand the ruling," said Native Council of Canada (Alberta) president Doris Ronnenberg.

It has not been announced when or where the next court appearance will be.



In limbo: Ronnenberg



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YOUR WORDS

International politics encouraged

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reply to an article that was printed in the March 3, 1989, edition of Windspeaker, Volume 6, No. 52.

The article that caught my interest was on page three of said edition, titled, Canada's Stance Angers Chiefs.

I think it is about time that some of our leaders got involved in the international political arena. Especially when issues such as the Apartheid system in South Africa touches so close to home. I only wish that more of our leaders across this land of ours would come down to earth and become involved in some of our more important issues in a real way as well! Time is running out to secure a future for our people, if we are to remain a truly sovereign and distinct people!

I have been involved in the Native community for nearly twenty years now, mostly in the province of B.C. and for the last two years Apartheid in South

Africa has been a real bug to me.

Very few Canadians, especially those that are up in arms and screaming against Apartheid in South Africa, are even aware that the white South African government sent a delegation of their people to Canada during the 1960's to study Canada's policies and legislation over the Aboriginal First Nations of this country. After which, they returned to adopt and add to their already existing, racist policies and practises over the original owners of that country.

What's even harder to swallow is that those very same people, not to mention most Canadians, even understand their own governmental system and its laws and legislative policies. You ask most Anglo-Saxon or white Canadians, how does their system work, or what is criminal law verses civil law or what is environmental law? Or more specifically what is the Human Rights Act, then what is the Indian

Act? Most probably the answer you get back, will be what?

Most Canadians don't even know what laws and policies the Indian Act contains. They might know a little of what's in the Human Rights Act, but that's questionable too.

The unfortunate thing is that many of our own people don't understand the full implications of the Indian Act as well. This is by no fault of their own though.

One very stunning fact is that we are not even Canadian citizens at all, from the way I read it. According to the act, enfranchise means "to be set free, from slavery, bondage, from legal responsibility...to accept citizenship."

There is much to be said on the implementation of that specific clause as well, but we will perhaps, leave that for another time.

I am also aware that the argument would be, "but the

enfranchisement clause was removed in 1982." Well, the clause itself may have been deleted, but all its effects still remain. The Bill C-31 and all its rules and categories are the very proof of that fact.

What's even more appalling is that the very act itself, abrogates and derogates most treaties and agreements made between First Nations and the Queen, which we first signed those treaties and agreements with in the beginning.

However, I will leave this part of my letter on this note, our leaders today should be dealing with the Canadian government on the same level as our forefathers did. Let's quit beating around the bush. We are not "Canadians" we are First Nations in our own sovereign and distinct right. Let's start telling the whole world the real facts.

Aaron J. GreyCloud
Lubicon Lake Nation

AS I SEE IT...

The power of joining hands

I want to share with you a positive experience that I've had. On March 18, 19, the youth of the Cold Lake First Nations held their first ever youth conference. Being the coordinator of this event, it holds a special significance for me. This is because I have always wanted to have such an event on my reserve. Until a couple of weeks ago, it was only a dream. Through hard work, dedication, help from my friends, and a lot of hope, this dream became a reality.

The theme of the conference was Joining Hands for our Future. We, the all-youth committee that was responsible for putting up this event, chose this theme because it represented the goals that we were trying to achieve.

We wanted to create more awareness with the youth on the problems in our communities, and to let them know that there is help available if they want it. We wanted to show them that they can achieve their goals and dreams for better lives and communities if they work together. We wanted to show them how necessary it is to believe in yourself and to have hope that things can always get better, no matter how hopeless things seem. We wanted to improve the communication of the young people on our reserve between themselves and also between ourselves and our surrounding reserves. Through this, we had hoped to achieve a stronger unity.

There is a need in our Indian communities for unity. Not only is it needed politically, but it runs far deeper and has far more importance than that. We need unity within ourselves-spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically- and then within our families and communities.

This unity is absolutely necessary for the healing that must take place and for our very survival as the aboriginal people of this land. Through this unity, we will be able to one day fully recover from the problems that we face and we will be stronger and wiser for having gone through them.

Our guest speaker, Eddie Herman, is now a close friend of mine. We had known each other before, but we have been brought closer together by working and talking together during their youth conference. He was in a car accident a little over a year and a half ago that was alcohol-related and left

him paralyzed from the neck down. Since then, he has been a on a road to recovery that was (and still is at times) filled with physical, mental and emotional pain.

Now he is able to sit up, move his arms and talk. He now looks to his future with hope and a positive attitude and is a tremendous inspiration to me. A highlight of the conference was when Eddie told us about an experience he had with a friend of his who has multiple sclerosis. She is bedridden.

He told us about the time he gave her an eagle feather. He explained the significance of it to her and told her that she had earned it by her courage. Then, with a lot of effort, she strained as hard as she could to reach over and hold Eddie's hand. She made it and grasped his hand in hers. I guess the message he was trying to give us was that if they can hold hands in friendship and love, then so can we.

Also, all of the people that attended our conference joined hands and formed a large circle each morning when we asked our Creator for his strength and guidance and each afternoon when we thanked him for his help. When I saw all those people holding hands in a circle, it made me so happy that I felt like crying. To me, that circle represented the circle of healing that is taking place. With each person that decides to change their life for the better and with each person that follows their example, our circle of healing gets stronger along with our unity.

At the end of the conference and afterwards I was just flying high. I wasn't on any booze or drugs, I was just thrilled to see so many people with so much hope for a happier and stronger future for us as Indian people.

By being positive and working on myself, I have been able to take part in creating a positive experience for so many youths. That, in itself is a gift far greater to me than anything I could ever put a price on. It is also a feeling that everyone of you who reads this can also experience. All you have to do is believe in yourself and your dreams can also come true.

By Dean Janvier,
A Grateful Youth Worker

YOUR WORDS

Spring — the place of all beginnings

Tansi, ahnee and hello. The city slides from the darkness in a long electric line. You try to remember how many times you've ridden this highway before. As the neon glow grows closer and closer there's an older part of you that reminds you of how much they all look the same from a distance. An older part of you that speaks of moving. An older part of you that always felt the need to travel and discover. At least that's what it told you.

And for year's that's really how you were. Ducking through towns and people, leaving marks like Zorro. In those younger years it's like you existed in a state of constant motion. As if someone told you that you could find salvation in geography. That there wasn't a single problem that time and distance couldn't solve. And you believed it.

But there's another part of you that remembers other times. Times when home was merely something from someone else's life. Times when acceptance and belonging were terms that held no strength for you. Times when you could stand alone on some charcoal stretch of highway and realize that for you, the going back and the moving on were both the same direction.

It is the springtime. Outside my window this morning there's an old dog laying in a patch of sunshine. He's grown tired of the winter. Something about this sunshine seems to be taking him back to the carefree puppy days of long ago. We've been on a nodding acquaintance with each other for months now. But this morning it's as if we've finally found something we can share. Warmth, sunshine and a season of promise.

We both look forward to the



TOUCHING THE CIRCLE

By Richard Wagamese

changes. This is the season of renewal. The Old One has told me that in this season I stand in the eastern portion of the Medicine Wheel. This is the place of all beginnings. This is the place of innocence, of trust, of hope, and of the capacity to believe in that which is invisible.

I'm reminded of the spring of two years ago. I had just quit drinking and using drugs. The people who were there to help me suggested that I stay in treatment for a longer period. At that time the fear of being intoxicated again was great enough to get me to listen to them. I was willing.

The Sarcee Old Agency Lodge. I'd been to treatment centres before and they hadn't helped much. Looking back now I realize that the reason behind that was that I hadn't been willing to help myself. Anyway, the elders I came in contact with at the time suggested that it was time for me to get to know my creator again. They suggested I begin to believe.

I'd been existing on my own willpower for so many years that it seemed like an impossible task. I began walking down into a small river valley every morning at sunrise. It was about this same time of year. Each morning I would go and sit on a log which had fallen across the creek. It was here that I began to learn.

As I sat on that log and looked around me I began to see evidence of the world coming alive again. I

began to see the beginnings of leaves breaking out of the buds. I began to see birds searching for a place to build their nests. I began to see the water starting to flow again as the coating of ice and snow was melted away. I began to see growth and renewal.

I began to believe that if there was an unseen power that was capable of bringing all this to life again after it had been asleep through the winter, then maybe this power could bring me to life again too. I began to believe that this power which was all around me could also be within me if I only invited it. And I prayed.

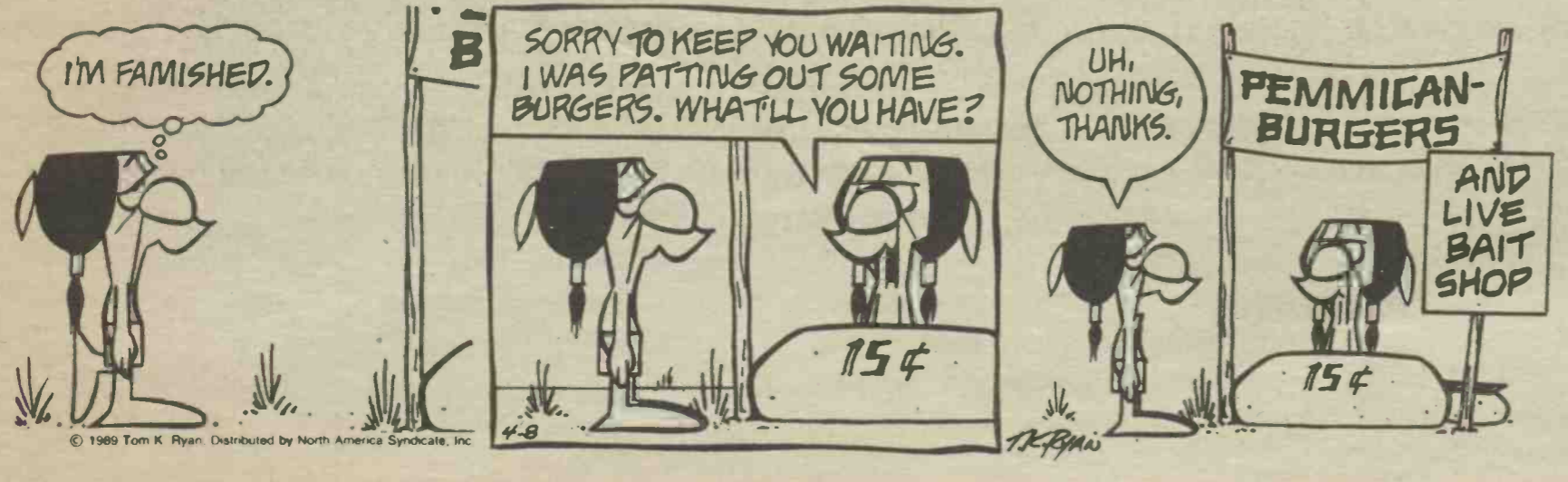
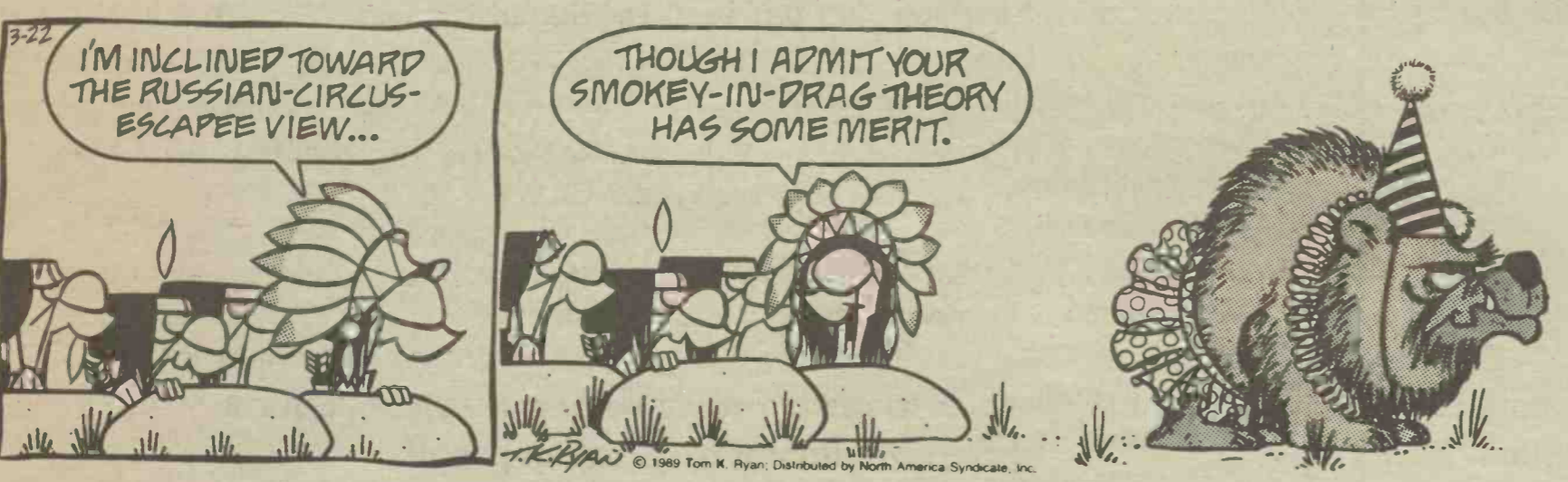
Like that old dog outside my window it sometimes seems like my carefree puppy days existed a long time ago too. Those days when I would suddenly get up and hit the highway and leave everything behind me still holds a touch of romantic adventure. These days however, the going back and moving on are totally separate directions. Every springtime reminds me of the springtime two years ago when I came to believe that even Zorro in his leaving dreamt of permanence.

I have learned much about this Red Road since then. And there is much that I still have to learn. But looking around me on a morning like this and feeling that feeling of aliveness, of growth, innocence and hope—the walking is easier and sometimes approaching graceful. Until next week, Meegwetch.

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Tumbleweeds

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ACROSS OUR LAND

Blueberry and Doig River

B.C. bands pressure for claim

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FT. ST. JOHN, B.C.

Two small Treaty 8 bands from northeastern B.C. are pressing their case to be compensated for land and resources, up to \$400 million, which was allegedly taken from them, says a spokesman for the bands.

Clarence Apsassin says land totalling about 18,000 acres was sold to the federal Veteran Affairs department about 40 years ago without proper consultation to the Cree and Beaver Indians who claim ownership to it.

Apsassin is the headman of the Treaty 8 Tribal Association located in Ft. St. John, B.C. and is from the Blueberry band near Ft. St. John.

He says that the land in question belonged to the Blueberry and Doig River bands used it for a summer residence in the past.

In the winter, the Natives would disperse into the bush where they would hunt, trap and shelter themselves.

The Doig people are Beaver Indians and the Blueberry band is Cree.

In the spring, they would return to the summer camping ground, which is known today as Montney.

Apsassin adds that the bands were once a single band but were separated by the Department of Indian Affairs.

"In 1945, this reserve was sold. The people were told that (the federal government) wanted to sell the reserve. Our people said 'no way.' So they went back into the bush.

"When they came back the reserve was fenced in. They didn't know what was going on."

The land had been sold to Veteran's Affairs and was then handed over to war veterans returning to the area from the Second World War.

Apsassin says the land is prime agricultural land, rich with oil and gas resources which have accumulated over \$400 million in revenues since being sold.

Apsassin explains that it wasn't until 1977 that the

Blueberry and Doig people found out that the "reserve was stolen. Our position was that we owned the reserve all the time."

But, because of a technicality, the judge ruled that the federal government's decision to sell the land would be upheld.

The judge told them that the band was allowed 30 years to dispute the sale of the land, allowing them only up until 1975 to take the matter to court.

He says, "If (the government) can't give us the land back, then they should give us land which is the same as the land they took. If they took 18,000 acres then we should be entitled to 18,000 acres."

He adds that the most recent development in the case was a \$25-million offer by the federal government to drop the case, which was turned down by the bands. "We said 'no way,' we're going to court."

Apsassin is also disappointed with other Indian bands who have been asked to help but haven't come

through.

Some \$200,000 is required to take the case to the Supreme Court of Canada.

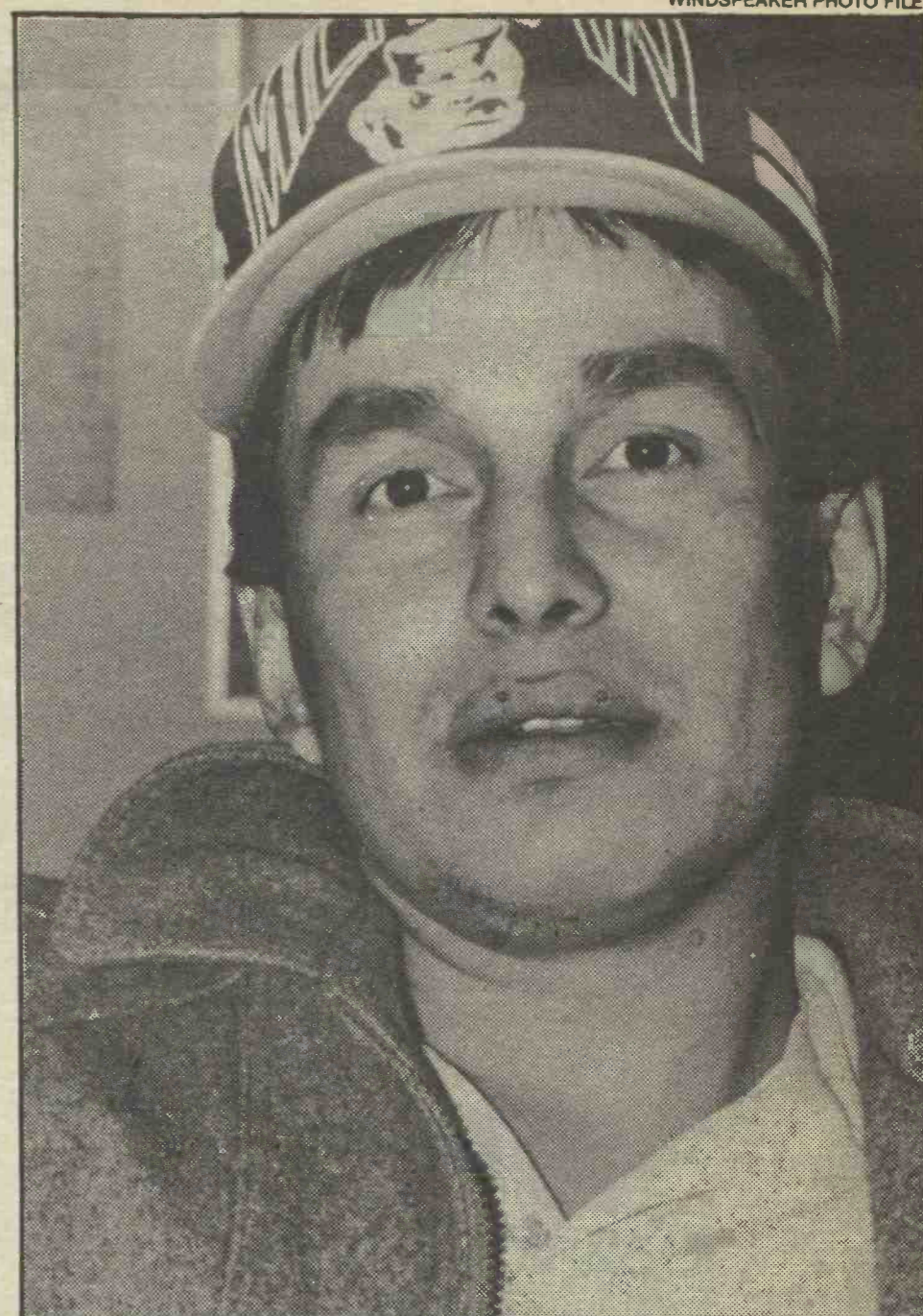
However, a more immediate concern is to raise about \$20,000 so the case can again be started in the courts.

Laurel Clow is the director of legal liaison for the Department of Indian Affairs in Ottawa.

She did not wish to comment on the type of transaction which took place. She commented that the information could be accessed through the courts concerning the case known as Apsassin and Attachie versus the Queen.

She did comment that the transaction was "complicated to explain" and that "a sale was involved and there was money paid."

When asked if there was a \$25 million dollar offer made by the government to the Indians to drop the case, she replied that "there were discussions, I don't want to get into details of those discussions."



Four year impasse: Chief Walter Janvier

Negotiations turn sour

Negotiations between the Janvier Band and federal government over mineral rights are still at an impasse after four years, says Chief Walter Bruce Janvier.

He says his band has been up front with its demands but talks with the Calgary-based Indian Oil and Gas department are again turning sour.

There's nothing to report at this time says Janvier, "but it's in the works...it's confidential now because we're right in the middle of an election."

Janvier won't elaborate on the details but says he hasn't been happy with the way the government office has been handling the situation.

Our Environment — Our World

The CWS studies the caribou...
Many herds down

The numbers of some caribou herds have been dropping severely, yet others are holding their own.

Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) caribou research has focused on population estimates for various herds, age and sex composition of the herds, migration patterns, feeding habits and range and the animals' reaction to harassment.

The Kaminuriak caribou herd ranges through the southeastern Northwest Territories and parts of northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In the last 30 years, herd numbers have dropped from an estimated 150,000 to 34,000. These animals were intensely studied by CWS scientists during the late 1960s, providing data necessary for good management.

The Porcupine caribou herd, some 110,000 animals, ranges across the Arctic plains of northeastern Alaska through the northern Yukon and just into the Northwest Territories, annually migrating over a round trip of roughly 3,200 km. The discovery of gas and oil at Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, led to widespread resource exploration throughout most of the range of this herd. Airstrips, roads and other exploration activities presented many ecological problems and precipitated a great deal of research, including work on the caribou. From 1971 to 1975, the movements and distribution of

these animals received much attention.

In 1979, the Dempster Highway was opened between Dawson City in the Yukon and Fort McPherson on the Peel River, not far into the Northwest Territories. It was an important link for oil and gas operations in the north. Unfortunately, the work was done without preliminary environmental studies and the route taken bisects the main winter range of the Porcupine herd. The full effect of the road on the caribou is not known but wildlife scientists are concerned. They are also apprehensive about plans to build a gas pipeline beside the highway over most of its length. Evidence from Alaska, Scandinavia and the Soviet Union indicates that major transportation corridors through caribou or reindeer range have had long-term adverse effects on the animals.

Other herds have been holding their own in recent years, such as the Beverly herd just to the west of Kaminuriak, the Bathurst herd further north near Bathurst Inlet and the Bluenose herd north of Great Bear Lake. In Ungava, the distribution and movements of marked caribou were studied from 1973 to 1975 by CWS scientists, in cooperation with the Quebec and Newfoundland wildlife services. They gathered information needed to prepare an interprovincial management plan for that prolific herd.



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GRASSROOTS

Hats off to community volunteers

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Volunteers help to make
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integral part of any caring
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people with special needs. Maybe they've helped you or
your family. Or maybe you've been a volunteer yourself.

April 9-15 is national volunteer week. To find out how
you can get involved, call your local volunteer centre or
public library. Support your community programs, give
them your time and talents.

East Prairie Settlement: Louis Haggerty is the
new settlement manager. Haggerty took over office from
previous manager, Harold Bellrose. Bellrose who enjoys
farming, served the community for almost two years
before his resignation.

Calling Lake: The grand opening of the Calling
Lake Community Complex building is slated for April 22.

Advance tickets (\$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12
and under) are available for the supper and dance (live-
band) following the opening ceremonies. Ticket sales at
the door will cost you \$5 and \$3 respectively.

Contact Cindy LeCler at 331-3777 for further
information.

Also, elections for the Community Association are
slated for April 24 from 12-7 p.m. at the new community
complex building.

Presidential candidates are: Francis Cardinal and
Clifford R. Cardinal. Candidates vying for the other two



DROPPIN' IN By Bea Lawrence

Telephone (403)455-2700 to have your
community happenings considered here
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board member positions
include: Randy Auger,
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Peter Bigstone.

**Paul Band and
Hobbema:** Barry and
Blair Dunkley direct the
life skills training centre
programs for these
two bands.

During the
course of their first

year of operation, 20 people successfully completed
the program according to the managers.

"Our first objective is to try to get everybody
together to work from a common-base with their
community projects. That way everybody is
pulling in the same direction," said Barry.

The life skills training centre is concentrating on
providing additional training for the staff to
encourage and establish self-sufficient programs.

University of Alberta: A graduation
banquet and dance reunion is slated for May 5,
1989 for all the students who attended the
university from 1986-1989.

The reunion will be held in the penthouse of the
Sheraton Plaza hotel at 10010-104 St. For further
details contact Delores Lapratt-Johns at 436-3875
or Carolyn Buffalo at 425-1699.

CNFC (Edmonton): Membership fees are
now available. \$3 per person or \$10 for the entire family.
These can be picked up from the office at 11016-127 St.
For further details contact 452-7811.

NOTE: You must purchase your memberships prior to
May 12, 1989 in order to vote at the 27th annual CNFC
general meeting.

Your continued support and co-operation is greatly
appreciated.

Wanted: Volunteers — Call 435-4424.

"We will need a lot of volunteers to make this a
success," says Big John Fletcher, interim manager of the
North American Indigenous Games.

The games are slated to be held in Edmonton July 1-8,
1990. The city is proud to host and facilitate this Olympic-
style major sports event.

BEA LAWRENCE, Windspeaker



The North American Indigenous Games Committee:
Left to right, interim manager John Fletcher, Edmonton
Mayor Terry Cavanaugh, interim chairman Charles
Wood and MP Willie Littlechild.

Happy Birthday: Leo D. Lemaigre, (April 10,
1960). Remember, you are never alone. But, I believe
you know that already eh? Good, I'm glad we speak the
same language.

Have a good week everyone. And, smile ... I'll be
talking to you all again real soon.



Calgary Native Awareness Week — "Bridging the Gap"

May 8-14, 1989

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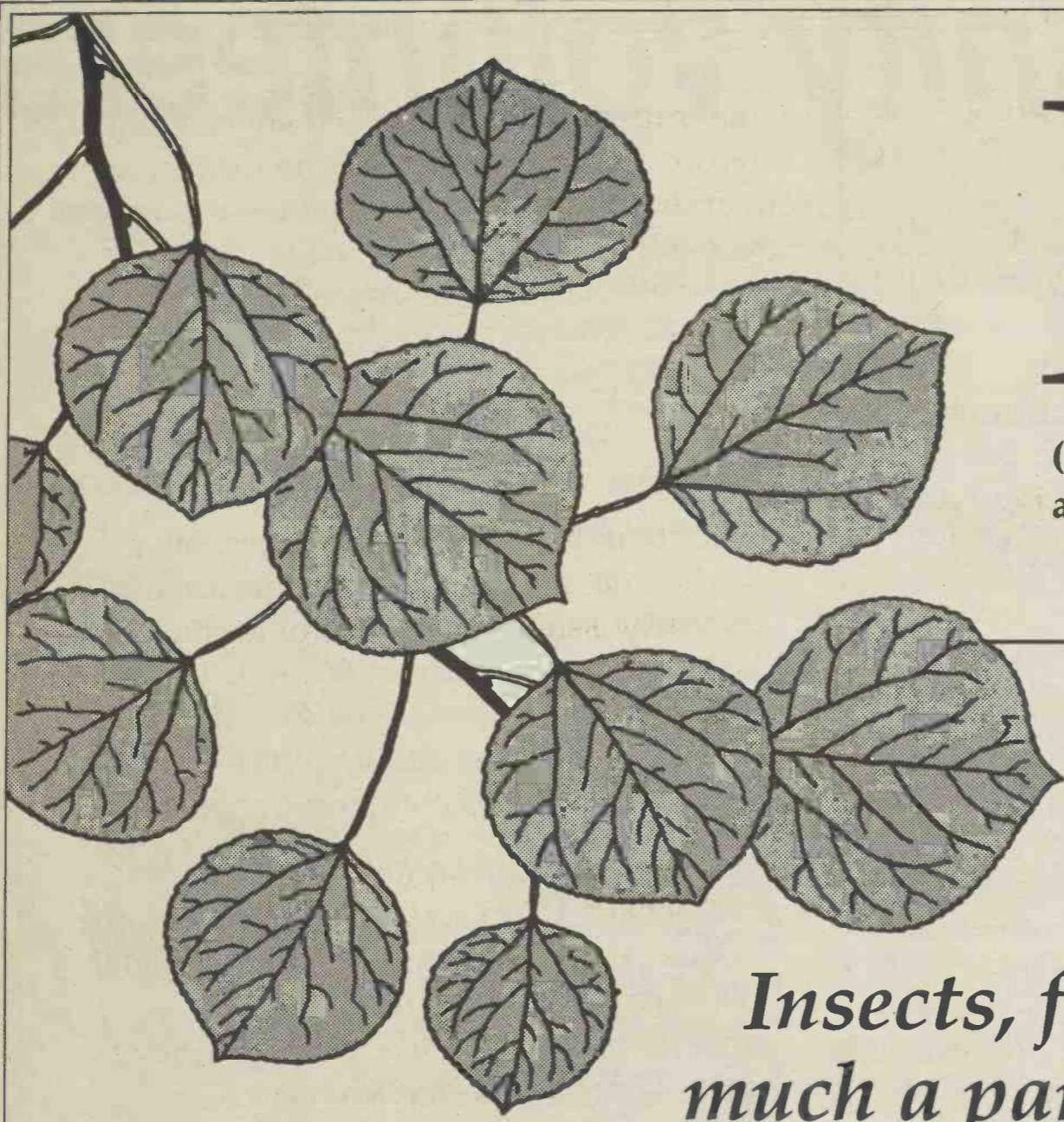
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In-sites

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

1. Forest Management

Insects, fungi, birds and animals are as much a part of the forest as trees, shrubs and mosses. This "forest community" shares the soil, air, water and nutrients which are its life blood.

Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries believes that healthy forest management means the entire ecosystem can flourish and be enjoyed by the people who live here.

Alberta-Pacific forest management practices will be based on two complementary principles: multiple use and sustained yield.

Multiple use management ensures that recreational, environmental and other commercial users' interests are considered along with wood harvesting. These include fishing, hunting, wildlife habitat and trapping.

Sustained yield management ensures that the amount of timber cut will not exceed the growing capacity of the land base. Alberta-Pacific relies on intensive management — through reforestation and cooperative protection of forested lands — to secure the future supply of the wood resource.

Both multiple use and sustained yield management involve the cooperation of government, area residents, local organizations — and Alberta-Pacific.

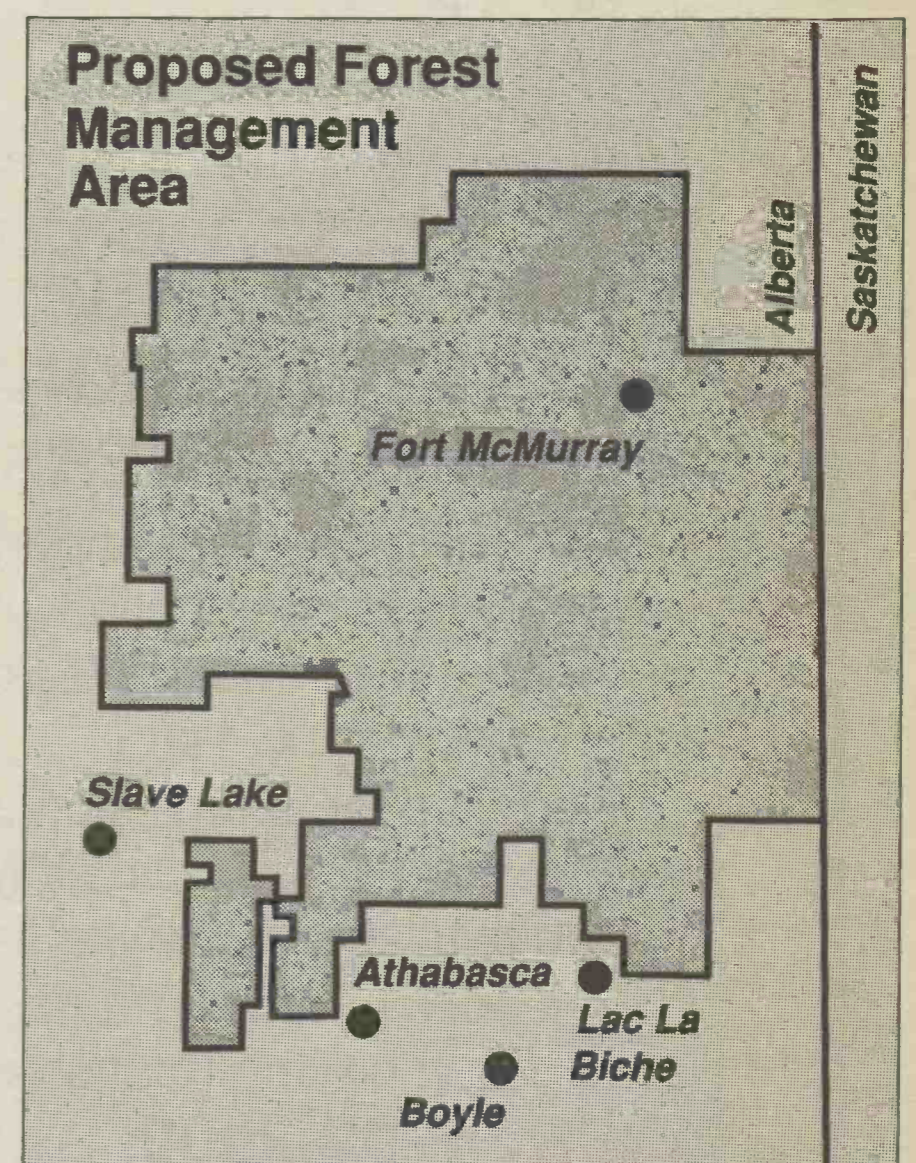
Q. Could you give more detail on the boundaries of the Alberta-Pacific Forestry Management Area (FMA), the amount of productive forest land and the size of the cut blocks being contemplated?

A. The FMA boundaries are still being negotiated, but the area under consideration is approximately 100,000 sq. km, as shown on the map below. Approximately half (55,000 sq. km.) of the proposed FMA area is productive forest land. A significant portion of the conifer forest is committed to existing sawmill quota holders. Other land is privately owned, or municipally owned and some areas are reserved natural areas.

Size and design of the cut blocks will be subject to negotiations with the Alberta Forest Service and will depend on timber conditions, wildlife habitat and recreation use in each area. The cut blocks will range from 10 hectares to 100 hectares. The annual wood harvest will be about 0.2 per cent of the FMA. At all times, 99.8 per cent of the productive forest area will be in various stages of regenerating or awaiting future harvest.

In Alberta, more than 90% of the productive forest lands are publicly owned. The province is legally responsible for their management. Alberta-

Pacific Forest Industries is entering into a Forestry Management Agreement with Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife for the right to harvest and the obligation to manage this area of forest on behalf of the Alberta government. This agreement will not be a sale of land to Alberta-Pacific, but rather an agreement to manage and protect the forest as we harvest it.



Q. Will this mill put local sawmill operators out of business?

A. No, quite the opposite. Coniferous timber quotas that existed before the Alberta-Pacific announcement will be maintained. Additional coniferous timber has been identified within the area for future quota sales. These quota areas are over and above what is needed for the proposed mill. Also, coniferous timber has been reserved for smaller operations under timber permits, through the Alberta Forest Service miscellaneous timber use program (MTU).

This continuing timber supply ensures that local mills can remain viable, especially since Alberta-Pacific is prepared to purchase by-product chips from these operations.

Q. How will logging access roads be controlled after you've finished logging in an area?

A. Alberta-Pacific cannot decide on the use and control of access roads when logging is complete. Government will play a lead role in cooperative planning for different uses of the roads and the areas they lead to. Alberta-Pacific could control access or closure only through coordination with government and other interests.

Q. How will trappers be compensated for loss of traplines?

A. We will hold formal meetings with trappers at both the Forest Management Agreement stage, in connection with our Annual Operating Plan and before the trappers' annual license renewal dates. Alberta-Pacific operations will minimize interference with trapping if we plan together. Trappers will be made aware of our cut blocks well in advance. Where trappers' physical assets (such as cabins and registered trails) are unavoidably damaged, we will be favorably inclined to compensate for them - but not for future foregone revenues as we firmly believe joint planning will maintain trapping values on a broad area basis. Alberta-Pacific staff are committed to good relations with district trappers. The doors are open to the Chief Forester and the Woodlands Manager.

Q. Are there regulations to control how close to rivers and lakes the trees can be harvested?

A. Yes, Alberta Forest Service timber harvesting guidelines require that buffer strips of uncut timber be left around lakes and along streams in the approved cutting areas. Watercourses are evaluated and classified according to approved "ground rules" that are part of the FMA Agreement that we will sign with the government. These protection requirements are established to prevent erosion and to maintain wildlife habitat.

Q. Will you be looking at water quality for all streams in the FMA?

A. A strong company policy is to ensure that the effect of the mill on water quality will be minimal. The details of stream and watershed management will be negotiated with the provincial government as part of the FMA.

Q. Would you consider going to bridges at all stream crossings which require fish passage? Portable bridges?

A. The company has used portable bridges and we would plan to ensure fish passage where fish streams and roads intersect. This will be negotiated with the provincial government as part of the project approval process. Our company policy is to try to maintain or enhance other resource values in the forest.

Q. What of our fears that the trees will be gone and will never grow back to normal again?

A. This will not happen. Alberta is recognized as a leader in reforestation standards. The forest management policy of both Alberta-Pacific and the Alberta Forest Service is based upon the principle of sustained yield. All timber harvested areas are reforested either by tree planting or natural regrowth to ensure complete renewal of the forest. Strict harvesting and regrowth standards are continually enforced through regulations and monitoring.

Q. Could you give more detail on your reforestation plans, specifically in regard to the percentage to be replanted, the time span for completion and the types of methods used for reforestation?

A. The forest management policy of both Alberta-Pacific and the Alberta Forest Service is based on the principle of sustained yield, which ensures that the amount of timber cut never exceeds forest growing capacity. The government of Alberta requires all harvested areas to be reforested by artificial or natural means, to ensure renewal.

The provincial government requires that reforestation activity be started within two years of logging. After seven years, the cutover areas must all be stocked with three-year-old trees.

Aspen and poplar stands regenerate naturally with little difficulty in most cases. Within four to five years after harvest, we expect 95% of these stands will have regrown again, through natural suckering. Spruce and pine stands may require artificial reforestation, by planting seedlings or aerial seeding.

Q. Will herbicide spraying be required for Alberta-Pacific to ensure wood supply to the mill?

A. We do not expect a need to apply herbicides in order to establish a new forest in the deciduous areas we harvest. Since the

majority of our logging and subsequent reforestation efforts will be in deciduous stands (predominantly aspen and poplar), we will rely on the aggressive nature of these species to achieve natural restocking of our cut-over areas. Control of competing vegetation may be required to re-establish the forest in the coniferous stands (spruce and pine).

Other than for experimental work on a small scale, government permits are not currently issued for the use of herbicides in the forests of Alberta. We will be using mechanical or manual methods to achieve any vegetation control necessary in both the deciduous and coniferous stands.

Q. How will private landowners be contacted? What will be done concerning sustained management on private lands? What portion will private lands contribute to the total sustained timber needs of the entire operation?

A. Alberta-Pacific is currently developing a private lands wood purchase policy. Our view is that there is a significant unmanaged timber resource on public and private lands in the proposed FMA. We wish to work with government and the landowners to develop a program that will encourage tree farming as a viable, renewable crop. We expect five to ten percent of our wood supply could come from this source.

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LIFESTYLE

DIARY OF A... Pregnant teenager

January 1, 1988

Happy New Year! Great, my boyfriend is working in Edmonton now and I'm home alone. (I quit school). I miss him. Do I love him? It feels like love. (Love, is confusing to me.)

Dave has asked me to join him there. I want to, of course, and I'm making plans to join him there at the end of the month.

Dave is 10 years my senior, a good man, and he's non-Native.

This has got to be that chance of a lifetime — my chance to escape from this reserve.

I have to escape. I cannot stand the boozing and sexual abuse I'd been subjected to.

I feel sad about leaving my family. If only I had brothers and sister to look after things while I'm gone. But, I'm an only child.

I'll miss my father too, but I'll also be glad to get away from him — he's so loud when he's drinking.

Don't get me wrong, father is a good man. He's never made a sexual pass at me like other fathers on this reserve.

March 13, 1988

I'm pregnant.

But I'm not surprised. Talk about sex was forbidden at home. I'd never taken any birth control. I was lucky I didn't get pregnant earlier.

Dave said we might as well live together.

His support is overwhelmingly warm and tender.

He gives me a sense of security. And, he's smart. I could learn a lot from this guy.

And learn, I do. I want to know everything about this new mainstream society — from making a simple tossed salad to speaking good English.

May 6, 1988

I got pregnant too young. I know it.

I won't even consider abortion. Besides, my strong Catholic upbringing makes me abhor such a thought.

June 8, 1988

I'm getting bored with this domestic life.

Dave thinks it's better if I stay at home during pregnancy while he works all day.

Often I get depressed and lonely.

I'm missing out on normal teenaged life.

June 26, 1988

Dave got transferred again. This time, his new job would take him to Eastern Canada. It's a great career opportunity for him. So he's going.

I have to go back home to the reserve. We can only afford airfare for one. Ouch! I dread the thought of returning.

But I'll be joining Dave just as soon as he can send me enough money for a plane ticket.

August 4, 1988

I'm back on the reserve. And, as much as I hate the thought of being here, I'm happy to see everyone again.

Wish I wasn't pregnant though. All of the girls I used to hang out with seemed to be having the time of their lives.

And, of course, my father never lets up with his, "oh yeah, that guy got you pregnant. You'll never hear from him again."

I'm feeling bad. Really sad. Here I am in my father's house and he's always shouting these accusations at me. I can't stand it much longer. I wish Dave would hurry with the airfare.

September 12, 1988

Again, my thoughts of loving Dave return to me. These thoughts are haunting me. What is, love, anyway?

To date, I'd learned to harbor my trust and love from everyone.

Would I eventually know the meaning of this love? Probably, but first, I must leave this reserve. But, I'm pregnant.

November 18, 1988

What a blissful wintery month. She came into the world at noon. Four days before my eighteenth birthday. She's beautiful!

Mom came by to see us minutes later. We're all so happy with our new family addition. We called her Katie Lynne. Katie will carry her great-grandmother's namesake, as well as mine.

January 21, 1989

Father has toned down his self-righteous accusations. I think he's fallen in love with Katie.

February 11, 1989

This is scary. I don't know how to care for a baby. I can only rely on my parents' help.

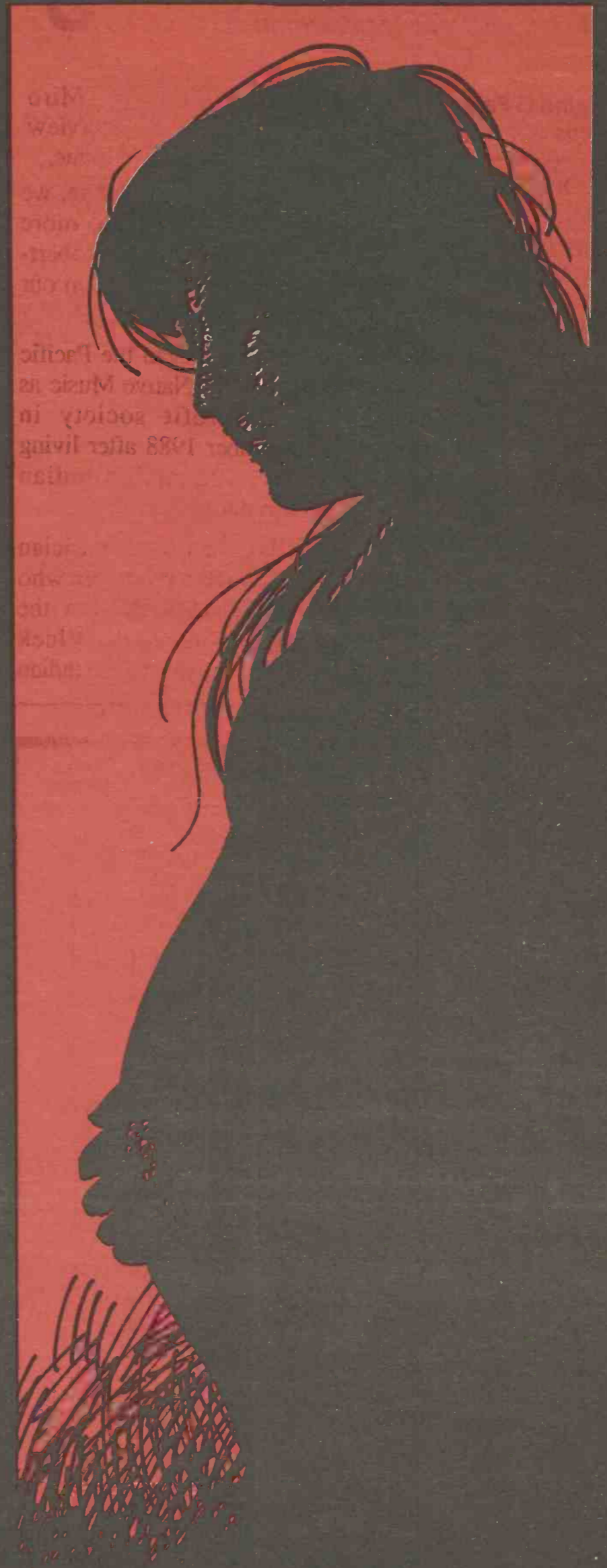
I have responsibilities no normal teenage girl should have.

March 17, 1989

Dave sent airfare for Katie and I today.

March 19, 1989

My old haunting feelings are back.



Do I love Dave? Do I really want to leave the reserve?

March 21, 1989

I honestly feel I love Dave. We have a daughter together. And, life has more to offer elsewhere.

March 30, 1989

Katie and I are on the plane. Thirty minutes ago I said goodbye to our family. The tears are heartbreaking.

But my goal of leaving the reserve is accomplished. I'm gone.

This diary is real. The names, places and dates have been changed to protect the identity of the writer. Diary compiled by Bea Lawrence.

Services available

● A much greater percentage of pregnant teenagers will choose to keep their babies rather than abort or give up their child, according to **Adoption Option**, a private adoption agency.

Their address in Edmonton is: Room 30, 7340-78 St., in the Avonmore elementary school (465-1238) or Calgary (270-8228).

● Edmonton's **Terra School** for young unwed mothers is another agency which offers weekly pre-natal classes aside from the regular school curriculum. There are 70 teens (ages 13-20) registered in the school currently. The school is located at 10435-76 St., in the St. Brides

elementary school (465-9272).

● **Birth Right**, is a volunteer organization that caters to pregnant women.

The volunteers here offer pre-natal classes with the assistance of a public health nurse. Their location is: Room 108, 11520-100 Ave. (488-0681).

● Another referral service outlet for young mothers is **Pregnancy Help** in St. Albert (459-4357). Their address is: 269 Rivercrest Crescent, St. Albert, Alta., T8N 3B9.

● Contact your local social service and health unit offices for assistance regarding these outlets or call the organizations directly.

ENTERTAINMENT

Society brings Native musicians together

By Elaine O'Farrell
Windspeaker Staff Writer

VANCOUVER, B.C.

The Canadian Native music industry may suffer from poor promotion and distribution but it doesn't lack for talent, says the executive-director of the Vancouver-based Pacific Society for Native Music.

"The Native music industry here is still too segmented.

"There are pockets of talent all over the country but there is no sense of community, no where these artists

can turn for help," Miro Vlcek said in an interview from her Vancouver home.

"Hopefully, in future, we will be seeing a lot more videos like Robbie Robertson's *Fallen Angel* from our Native music industry."

Vlcek began the Pacific Society for Native Music as a non-profit society in November 1988 after living on the Squamish Indian reserve for 10 years.

A Czech-born musician and concert promoter who defected in 1968 after the Russian invasion, Vlcek became interested in Indian

music after marrying a Shuswap woman. His children are members of the Alkali Lake band.

The society's goal is to raise awareness of the Native music industry and to educate Native artists about the entertainment business.

"The music industry has become much more complex, nothing like it was during the '60s. Today, you need videos now to sell records and it takes much more money to launch a new artist," he explained.

The society keeps abreast of new releases and demo tapes from Native artists and helps with promotion and distribution.

It sponsors seminars on various facets of the Canadian music industry with highly qualified speakers. Videotapes of how-to workshops and seminars are then distributed to reserves.

The society is also playing a key role in establishing distribution centres in Germany and Japan for emerging Native artists.

Among the competitions promoted by the society for Native artists is Pro Can, the

annual Gordon F. Henderson copyright competition open to all Canadian law students or articling lawyers.

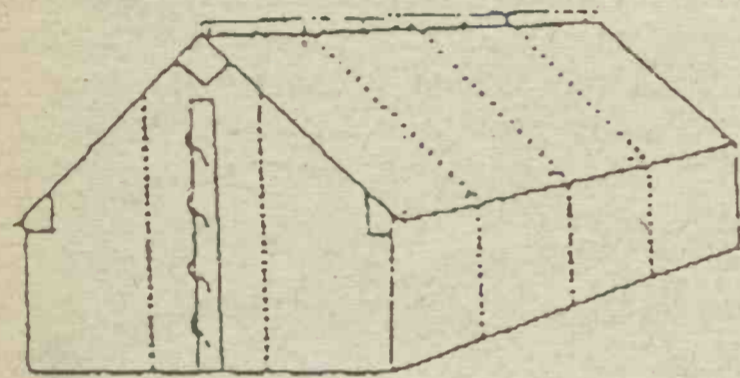
"Native artists really need a specialist to sign a contract with publishers or record companies," said Vlcek, who is discouraged by the recent revision of the Canadian Copyright Act, Bill C-60, which contains no special provisions or representation for Native artists.

The society is encouraging socially-conscious Native songwriters to take advantage of the Amnesty

International Authors Department to increase their chances of having their songs recorded by Canada's top performers.

Other competitions of note include the Yamaha Music Foundation International Festival in Tokyo for artists with recording contracts to their credit. The first prize winner will take home \$10,000 U.S.

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RESULTS

14th Annual Kehewin Voyageur's Rec. Hockey Tournament
March 31 - April 2, 1989, Elk Point Arena

A side: 1st: Cold Lake Grizzlies; 2nd: Onion Lake Border Chiefs; 3rd: Pimee Well Services
B side: 1st: Heinzburg; 2nd: Kehewin Rod Wings; 3rd: Hobbema Battleiver Spurs
MVP: Centre - Ivan Krook - Cold Lake Grizzlies
All-Stars: Best Centre: Rene Hunter - Pimee Well Services; Left Defense: Bill Davidson - Cold Lake Grizzlies; Right Defense: Randy Whitstone - Onion Lake Border Chiefs; Right Wing: Gerald Krook - Cold Lake Grizzlies; Goalie: Les Beupre - Cold Lake Grizzlies
Most Sportsmanlike Player: Rocky Sharky - Heinzburg
High scorer: Boris Ursic - Grizzlies

RESULTS

1st Annual Buffalo Narrows Rec. Board Hockey Tournament
March 31 - April 2, 1989

A side: 1st: Buffalo Narrows Huskies; 2nd: Dog Lake Raiders; 3rd: I'Lex Colts; 4th: Patanak Pats
MVPs: Joe McKay, Huskies & Eric Moberly - Turner Lake
B side: 1st: Turner Lake Aces; 2nd: Dillon Dena; 3rd: Sturgeon Lake; 4th: Laloche Raiders;
Best goalie: Randy Clarke, Huskies
High scorer: Penny Norton, Dog Lake

RESULTS

10th Annual Slave Lake Regional Council Curling Bonspiel
March 24-26, 1989

A side: 1st: Peter Freeman - Driftpile; 2nd: Richard Davis - Swan River; 3rd: Gabe Isadore - Driftpile; 4th: Preston Sound - Swan River
B side: 1st: Lawrence (Chine) Willier - Kinuso; 2nd: April Giroux - Swan River
C side: 1st: Vital Giroux - Driftpile; 2nd: Rolly Giroux - Swan River; 3rd: Chief Gordon Courtoireille - Swan River; 4th: LaBatts Collins - Faust
Skunk prize (wineskin) winner: Doris Domack -

SPORTS & LEISURE

Hockey ruling unfair, says Kikino player

WINDSPEAKER PHOTO FILE



Hockey altercations: Out of hand?

By Jerome Yellowdirt and Keith Matthew

ALEXANDER RESERVE, Alta.

According to the Alexander Knights hockey club, who hosted a non-contact commercial hockey tournament on March 24-26, the RCMP were called in to settle things down after an on-ice brawl between the Kikino Chiefs and Alexander Braves.

The Chiefs were leading 1-0 in the first period of the semi-final game against Braves when Art Peterson of the Chiefs was called for hooking down Vaughn Paul and he disagreed with the call.

Peterson then cross-checked Paul, which then saw Braves' player Brent Noyes come into the picture and muscle it up with Peterson.

Both Noyes and Peterson were ejected from the game. Again, Peterson disagreed with the call and decided to

go after the referee. At this point, a member from the Braves sided with the referee and went after Peterson and a bench-clearing brawl ensued.

The game was then awarded to Alexander to which the Chiefs decided to stage a protest by not leaving the ice surface.

"Even the Kikino fans were very abusive in their comments" said one of the tournament organizers.

The RCMP were called in and the lights were turned off. Tournament organizers decided to give back some of the entry fee money so the team would leave.

Then the RCMP escorted the team and their fans out of the building to which one of the fans said, "Don't phone Windspeaker now."

However, Kikino player-coach Dean Thompson says that is not exactly what happened and says the decision to throw his whole team out of the tournament just because of one player was

not fair.

Thompson said, "Alexander's bench cleared and all they had was about eight players. We had 15, none of our players left the bench. There was 10 of us who were still on the bench. It was just the line that was out there."

"Arthur Peterson wouldn't leave right away so he threw one of his hockey gloves in the ref's face and the refs left and called the cops to lay charges against Peterson," he explained.

"We told them if they were going to kick us out that they should give us back our money because (if we won) that game we would have been into \$700 and I thought it was really unfair, but Alexander didn't want nothing to do with us because of one player...I thought it was really unfair because we were leading the game and we were into the money," said Thompson.

"Maybe Arthur deserved what he got but the rest of

the team didn't. Their rule stated at the start, if any player hit the referee the player would be kicked out of the game not the whole damn team," he charged.

Thompson was also critical of a letter to the editor which criticized the sportsmanship of Kikino residents. "I don't think he should put down the whole community because we have 900 people here and there are only about 30 hockey fans who go to the tournaments and he shouldn't put down our whole community."

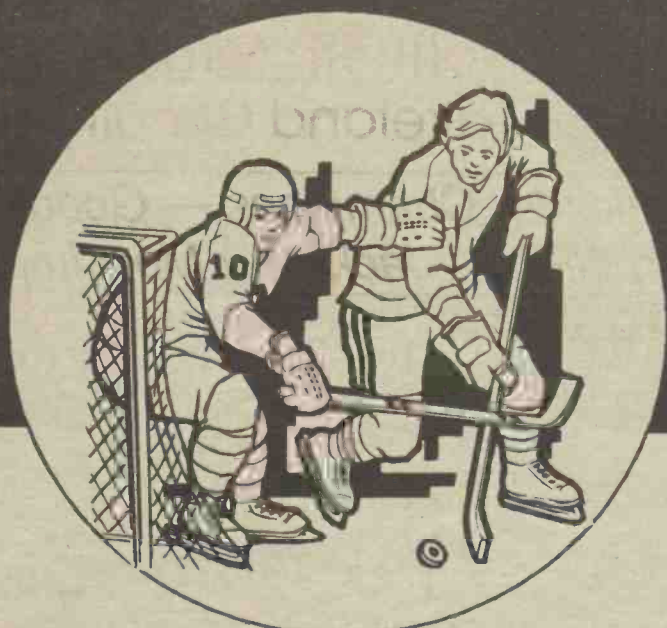
"We might have a few rough spectators but we don't have any stabbings, no bunch of alcohol and drug abuse. You hear of that on other settlements and a lot of other reserves," explained Thompson.

"Me, I'm kind of glad that all we have is some loud-mouthed fans but our community as a whole is a good place to raise kids."

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- **Stick & Handgame Tournament**, April 14-16, Panee Agriplex, Hobbema. For more info call Charlie Roasting at 585-3884 or 585-3770.
- **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.
- **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).
- **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.
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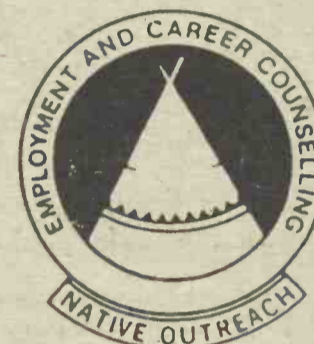
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