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# Here's looking at you 1991—the news

Compiled by Cooper Langford  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

## JANUARY

### NORCERN REOPENS WELLS ON LUBICON LAND

Norcern Energy Resources decides to re-open 18 old oil wells on disputed Lubicon land prompting vague threats from Chief Bernard Ominayak. The wells had been inactive for more than two years. Company officials said the wells were being reopened for economic reasons and that their continued disuse was doing little to help the Lubicon land claim negotiations. Ominayak warned the developers they would need Lubicon Nation permits if they were to continue work. Norcern put security guards on patrol around the well fearing the company's equipment might be vandalized.

### LONEFIGHTERS LOSE OUT IN BAND ELECTIONS

Peigan Lonefighters failed to make a strong showing in band council elections. Glenn North Peigan, a leader of the hardline group, blamed the loss on community fears the council would become too aggressive and unwilling to negotiate without outside agencies. The Jan. 3 election saw 42 people vying for 13 seats. George Little Moustache was the only known Lonefighter supporter to win a spot on the council.

## FEBRUARY

### QUEBEC PLAN TO BUY TANKS WORRIES MOHAWKS

Quebec's notorious SQ provincial police force visited the United States to size up the purchase of three tanks. The move angered Mohawks who questioned the legality of the proposed buy. "If they buy tanks they might not be able to use them," said Mohawk lawyer Jacques Lacaille. A police spokesman said the tanks would be used for "humanitarian reasons" like escorting people from barricades.

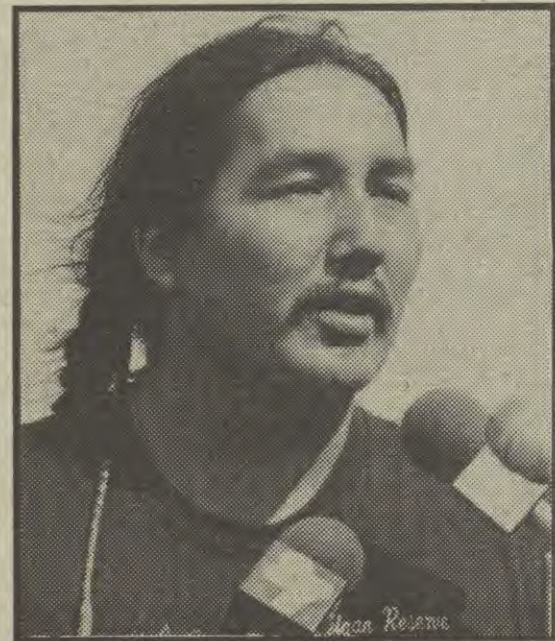
### MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE IN "RACIST" SHOOTING

The leader of a Saskatchewan white supremacist group was charged with manslaughter following the shooting death of a Native man. Church of Jesus Christ-Aryan leader Carney Nerland was arrested Jan. 30 in connection with the death of Leo LeChance, originally from Alberta's Saddle Lake reserve. LeChance was shot outside Nerland's Prince Albert, Sask., gun store two days earlier.

Albert, a city policeman said following the shooting death of Leo LeChance. Staff Sgt. Dave Demkiw called Prince Albert the "weakest link" in the organization's Saskatchewan chain, even though leader Carney Nerland lived in the community. "Let's not overestimate what's happened," he said. "We're beginning to think we have hundreds of people (involved in the Aryan Nations.) I don't think that's the case."

### BORN WITH A TOOTH FOUND GUILTY

Lonefighter leader Milton Born With A Tooth was found guilty of seven weapons charges stemming from the stand-off he led against construction of the



Milton Born With A Tooth

Oldman River Dam. He was sentenced to 18 months in jail. Karen Gainer, his lawyer, promised to appeal conviction on the grounds the jury had not been able to hear all of her defence arguments.

### APRIL SUPREMACIST GETS 4 YEARS FOR SHOOTING

Church of Jesus Christ Aryan Nations leader Carney Nerland was sentenced to four years in jail after being found guilty of manslaughter in the shooting death of a native man. Nerland said he deserved a medal for killing 48-year-old Leo LeChance outside Nerland's gun shop in Prince Albert, Sask.

### PROVINCE PULLS PLUG ON BANAC

The Alberta government announced it wouldn't continue funding a leading Native business support organization beyond the terms of its original agreement. A spokesman for the Business Assistance for Native Albertans Corporation, said the loss of funding would drive under seven of the organization's 20 client enterprises. Johan Louw said as many as 70 people would

exchange hypodermic needles to help prevent the spread of AIDS. The van was paid for out of nearly \$200,000 given by Ottawa to the National Association of Friendship Centres for AIDS programming. A survey of needle exchange programs in Vancouver showed 40 per cent of the people using the service were Native.

### MAY EVERYBODY TO BLAME FOR OKA: REPORT

Natives, non-Natives and all levels of government are to blame for the 78-day standoff at Oka, Que., a Commons committee concluded. Kahnawake band councillor Billy Two Rivers denounced the committee report saying Mohawk actions were justified because they were "defending their homelands."

### MARLBORO FAMILY THREATEND AT HOME

Russel Plante woke up one morning to find large, obscene message left on the hood of his car telling him to get out of town. One Marlboro resident speculated the message might have been left by people who thought Plante was behind a plan to bring 20 mobile homes to the community. RCMP said they were investigating the incident but were having trouble deciding what charges they could lay.

## JUNE

### "DEATH" OF OLDMAN RIVER MOURNED

Lonefighter leader Milton Born With A Tooth vowed to continue his fight to block the Oldman River dam project despite bail conditions that he remain on good behaviour. "That's another little weight added to my trail," Born With A Tooth said, adding that he didn't know what the conditions meant. "I'm going to continue what I'm doing. To slowly mentally and physically dismantle this dam." Milton led 40 people in a pipe ceremony on top of the dam to show opposition to the project.

### CALLING LAKE DIVORCES BIGSTONE

In a surprise move, Calling Lake treaty Indians under the control of the Bigstone Cree Nation at Wabasca voted to break away from the band. William Beaver, chief of the new band, said Calling Lake Indians were never taken seriously by the Bigstone band. The new band claimed the Bigstone band ignored housing, employment and social services needs at Calling Lake.

## JULY

### SARCEE C-31 BAND PROTESTS IN KANANASKIS

About 15 Sarcee Indians who regained their status under Bill C-31 set up a protest camp on their traditional grounds in Kananaskis Country to pressure Ottawa into recognizing their rights. "We will practise our inherent right to hunt and fish. We will reclaim and re-establish our cultural identity," said camp leader Fred Fraser. The Sarcee camped out in a similar protest last year that lasted several months.

### METIS ANGERED BY CONSTITUTIONAL MOVES

Canadian Metis set up their own constitutional committee in an angry response to being snubbed at a historic meeting between Constitutional Affairs Minister and the Assembly of First Nations.

"We were not invited. We were not notified. The AFN does not represent Metis people, but the constitutional talks will affect the Metis, too," said Ron Rivard, executive director of the Metis National Council. An AFN spokesman said the two groups have been having trouble for some time, but would not elaborate on the statement.

### AUGUST HUNGER STRIKE TO PROTEST SOCIAL SERVICES

A Calgary Native woman went on a hunger strike after learning Alberta child welfare officials planned to have outsiders adopt her two children even though family members wanted the kids. The woman, who was only identified as Sharon, vowed to "continue this action until I am on my deathbed." Sharon was joined by two Ontario Indians who have had problems with that province's child welfare departments.

### NEPOOSE CASE REOPENS TO DELAYS

A judicial review of the evidence against Wilson Nepoose for the murder of Marie Rose Dejarlais got off to a slow start in Edmonton. The first day of the special hearing had to be stopped because Nepoose was groggy from anti-depression drugs given to him by prison officials. The review further bogged down when RCMP objected some questions could jeopardize ongoing investigations.

## SEPTEMBER

### NATIVES DESERVE OWN JUSTICE SYSTEM: REPORT

A Native justice system is the only way to repair the raw deal Natives have got in the hands of Canadian courts, a Manitoba report on Natives and the justice system concluded. "Courts and jails are filled with Aboriginal people. The situation is getting worse, not better...(There are) sound reasons to establish a separate justice system," the report said. It also blamed racism for the death of J.J. Harper in a scuffle with Winnipeg police and the murder of 19-year-old Helen Betty Osborne in The Pas.

### MERCREDI BLASTS CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS

Ottawa's proposals to rewrite the Canadian constitution drew swift and angry response from the nation's leading Native spokesman. "The constitutional proposals...are a betrayal of Aboriginal people," AFN Chief Ovide Mercredi said. "There is no recognition of our inherent right to self-government...what the government wants to do is grant us rights we have always had."

## OCTOBER

### NATIVE WOMEN'S CHAMPION DIES

Jenny Marie Margetts, who devoted her life to eliminating sex discrimination among Indian bands, died of cancer. She was 55. "She had a tremendous amount of energy," said friend and colleague Nellie Carlson. "She wanted desperately to end discrimination against Indian women who lost their Indian status after marrying white men or non-status Indian."

### QUEBEC CAN FORGET ABOUT THE NORTH—MERCREDI

Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Ovide Mercredi said Quebec can forget about keeping First Nation land if it

decides to separate from Canada. "If Quebec declares or negotiates independence from Canada it cannot include the two-thirds of the province which our people claim title and jurisdiction to." Mercredi also called on people to start a popular "quiet revolution" against Ottawa's constitutional package by "happily taking control of their lives."

## NOVEMBER

### BLACKFEET REMAINS RETURNED

Native veterans from Iraq's Desert Storm and Vietnam stood in silence as 32 Blackfeet remains were returned to Browning, Montana after spending 100 years "in captivity" at Chicago Museum. Drums beat softly and a special victory song was sung as the remains were lifted off the train that carried them home. "Our ancestors were shipped out



Jenny Marie Margetts

in freight cars. Now they are returned first class," said Curly Bear Wagner, one of the people responsible for the return.

### NATIONAL ADDICTIONS AWARENESS CELEBRATED

Assembly of First Nations Chief Ovide Mercredi joined an estimated 1,800 marchers at a kick-off rally for National Addictions Awareness Week in Edmonton. Mercredi warned the cheering crowd alcohol and drug abuse can cloud the judgment of Native people as they move towards self-government. "When your mental health is affected adversely, you cannot make choices that will result in the protection of the right to life."

## DECEMBER

### MISTAKES IN NEPOOSE INVESTIGATION—JUDGE

The Alberta Appeal Court justice reviewing Wilson Nepoose's murder conviction concluded the RCMP bungled the investigation of Marie Rose Dejarlais' death. But Justice William Sinclair said he didn't fully believe new testimony by Delma Bull, a key witness in putting Nepoose behind bars. Bull sparked the review when she recanted her testimony and said she did not see Nepoose with Dejarlais on the presumed date of Dejarlais' death.

### ROY LOUIS BLASTS OMINAYAK

Roy Louis, the regional top dog for the federal Conservative Party, accused the Lubicon of dicker with Ottawa over their land claim. In a meeting with Edmonton businessmen, the former president of the Alberta Indian Association said the Lubicon should accept the cash settlement Ottawa offered them three years ago. Lubicon chief Bernard Ominayak responded saying Louis is more interested in shoring up his party's image than dealing with Native people.



Courtesy Canadian Armed Forces

In February, Quebec planned to buy tanks

## MARCH

### AYRAN NATION WEAK IN PR. ALBERTA, POLICE SAY

The racist Church of Jesus Christ-Aryan Nation has a "very, very small" following in Prince

### lose their jobs. CONDOM AND NEEDLE VAN HITS THE STREETS

A Canadian Native Friendship Centre van hit Edmonton's streets distributing condoms and

Happy New Year

# A salute to Elders—past, present and future

By Rocky Woodward

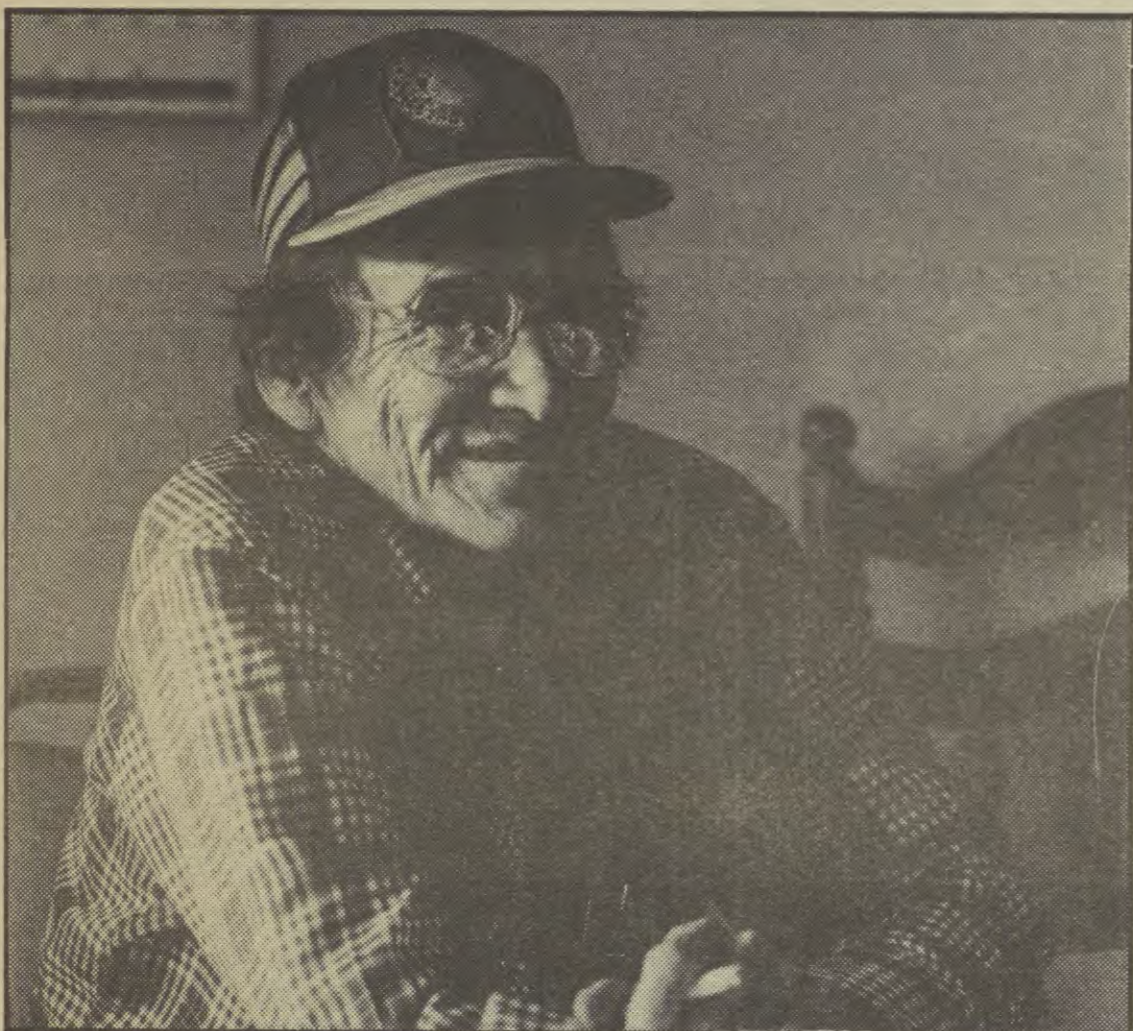
Look way back into Metis and First Nations history and you will always hear a story about the way it was. We know our Native past as a spiritual path, one that lived in harmony with nature and with the animals Mother Earth delivered. There are stories of great buffalo hunts by the Metis and First Nations, stories of great deeds, great leaders like Poundmaker, Louie Riel, Crowfoot, Gabriel Dumont and Big Bear. Today many Metis and First Nations people know the real truth about their heritage, their past, that isn't told in the white man's books. It is common knowledge in Aboriginal country how to live off the land, what to use for health purposes, or how to survive when hard times hit. Metis and First Nations have that knowledge for one simple reason — Elders! They can be thanked for that. If not for them much of our heritage, our traditional life and customs, would be lost forever. Wouldn't it be sad not to hear the tap tap tapping of many feet on a hard wood floor as the Metis jig to the tune of the traditional fiddle while it plays the Red River Jig? It would be sad if the drums that echo across the still evening sky quit drumming and nobody went to a gathering (powwow) anymore. If not for the Elders, much of the "old ways" like the explanation of what the sticks and poles of a tipi are for, why a Sundance is held, what a vision quest is, what pemmicanis, a sweatlodge and a red river cart are, or what the Metis figure eight flag and their sash represent.

Elders show how to be quiet and listen to people when they talk. They use their gestures and wisdom to get their point across and it's a very important point. First Nations and Metis people are known for their caring, their understanding, and their love of the bush; and it's true that a Metis or First Nations would walk a hundred miles in his moccasins to rescue someone or to help someone. Metis and First Nations people are known for their laughter and humor — no matter what dangers they might face, they will always find a bright side to seek comfort in. And all of this can be credited to the Elders who passed on their wisdom and knowledge from generation to generation. It's here today, in the Elders at Peerless Lake, Meander River, Blood Reserve, Peigan, Mohawk, Ile la Cross, Beauval, Star Blanket, Mohawk Territory, Mic Mac, Chipewyan, Cree, Beaver and Objibway across North America. The Elders must be cherished, protected, loved and listened to. Without Elders...is to be like a flower without rain, or a forest without wind. salutes the Elders.



A great elder—Dr. Anne Anderson and her husband Alex Irvine

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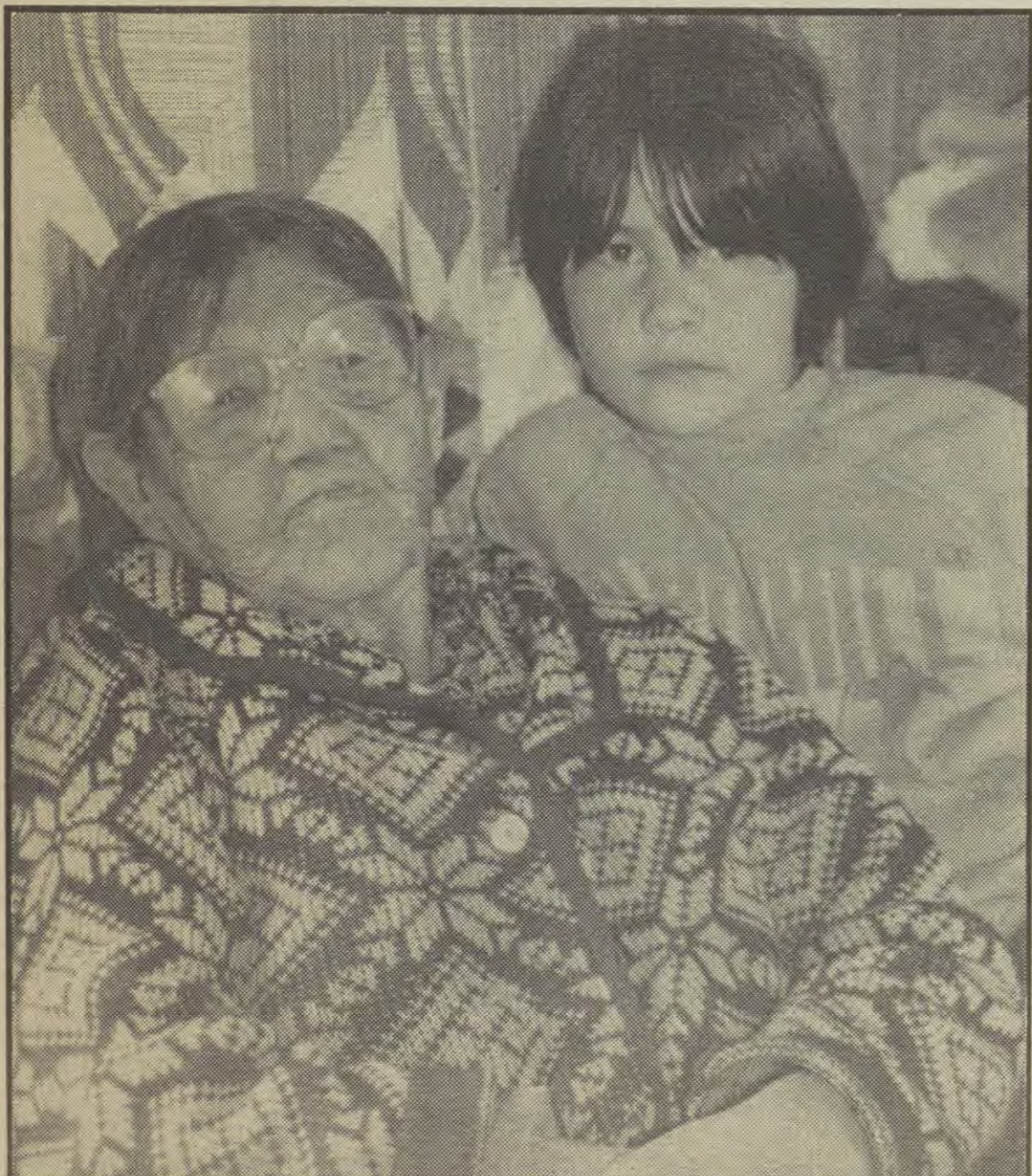
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Marlboro's Russel Plante a trapper most his life



Gordon Poitra, Henry Bedard and Vic L'Hirondelle (l to r)

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Rocky Woodward

Granny Joachim, loved by everyone



Rocky Woodward

Fred Mennell and Fred Gladue shared a few hilarious stories with Windspeaker

## Windspeaker welcomes 1992 with pleasure

This year *Windspeaker* celebrates nine years of coverage. Growing from the little paper that was to its present position—serving you, our readers, across Canada and subscribers in Europe, South America and the United States, for instance—is definitely something we can all be proud of.

Over the last nine years *Windspeaker* has reported on issues that have seen the growth of aboriginal people in Canada rise from an obscure group of people, to a voice in which our elders would describe as one that now "carries a big stick."

We have watched, listened and then reported on issues and people of the past who, in many great ways, were responsible for the successes our Native people have today. These successes would not have been born if not for forerunners we must never forget: Stan Daniels, David Ahenekew, Ernest House, Stan Sewell, Clarence Philips, Wilf McDougal, Elmer Ghostkeeper, Sol Sanderson, Harold Cardinal and Adrian Hope. There are so many more who contributed to the "Rise" of Native people.

*Windspeaker* never forgets the elders who kept a tight reign on all of us, making sure we would not stumble too often — it's their wisdom that has helped us overcome many obstacles we faced in the past and will face in the future.

*Windspeaker* has covered countless graduations and with each stroke of the pen, we continue to take pride in reporting on these young ambitious people who will, evidently, become our future leaders in the communities, in their careers and on the political stage.

We've seen our Native women, who are the back-bone of the Native community, come to the forefront offering what Native people always knew they had — leadership qualities. Some of our women became Chiefs of their bands while others like Regena Crowchild stepped forward to face the heat of the political world.

While visiting the Native communities we see the Regena Crowchilds, the Larry Desmeules and Bernard Ominayaks proudly sketched in the eyes of our Native children in the schools, and it makes *Windspeaker* proud to know we are a part of the movement towards a better life for us all — as Metis and First Nations together.

The future is not secure. There will be struggles, long and hard-fought battles, still more growing to be done—and *Windspeaker* will be there.

As we close off the old year, *Windspeaker* takes this opportunity to wish everyone; our readers, those who do good in the communities, the unsung heroes and our Native political leaders strength, understanding and happiness in this new year.

We hope the "winds of chance" smile favourably on our Sisters and Brothers as we step lightly but assuredly into 1992. *Windspeaker* is your voice — remember us. Happy New Year.



## A sober thought for 1992

It's a strange word, "recovery". Those of us afflicted with addictive natures bandy it about as casually as everyday vernacular. In fact, various psychologically oriented programs refer to the process of working back to a holistic state of being as recovery.

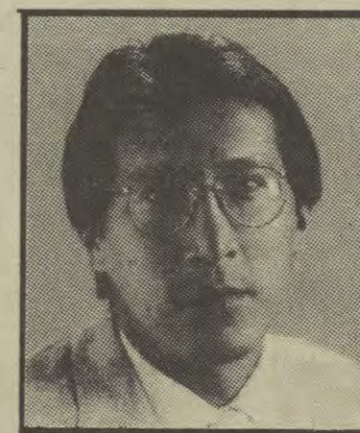
Far more than a simple buzzword, for me it has specific memories.

When I first began discovering the strength to face my own alcoholism and addictions squarely, the Old One and I had a very important conversation. As a radical, ethnocentric person at the time, I refused to participate in or accept anything that remotely smacked of non-Native institutions or philosophies.

Needless to say, I stumbled around for a long time trying to get straight. Finally the Old One took me for a long walk one summer morning. He talked to me of the needs to become open-minded, of the need to be strong and honest. He also spoke of the need for me to make myself available to the process of recovery.

When I became defensive at that work — I think I referred to it as "white-brainwashing" — he laughed and then told me that taken in the right way, recovery is very much an Indian word.

Each of us is a spiritual creation, he said. When the Creator sends us out into the world to travel with our brothers and sisters he sends us as spiritual copies of himself/herself. As such we enter the world covered in spiritual qualities like love, honesty, trust, faith, kindness and vulnerability.



**RICHARD WAGAMESE**

Once we begin our individual journeys through life, circumstances and the freedom to make our own decisions often result in those things rubbed off of us. Bit by bit, the difficulties encountered in the travel remove that protective and nurturing covering. When we abuse substances, he said, they are rinsed off us completely and we cease to be spiritual.

Anything that takes you away from your centre — the home of those spiritual qualities — acts the same way, whether they be negative attitudes or unhealthy emotions.

So as life has its way with us, we gradually move away from the "spiritually covered" entities we were born as. For addicts and alcoholics, he said treatment centres and the accompanying

programs offer them the chance to begin the process of "re-covering" themselves in those life sustaining qualities.

And that, he said, is the crux. Making myself available to the process of "re-covering" myself in those things is the only way to survive. Treatment centres and programs dedicated to helping people learn how to live life without the aid of substances are vital links in the process.

Since that day — despite some stubborn periods of denial — I have made myself available to the process.

Recovery, these days, is very much an Indian word.

Eagle Feathers: To the National Association of Native Treatment Directors for their dedication to the recovery of their communities.

May this season bring to all the world the peace and joy which is the real meaning of Christmas—and may it last throughout the New Year...in any language the sentiment is the same...Have a Merry Christmas

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## Exclusive Interview

## Sinclair receives prestigious boxing honor

By Ralph Leckie  
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

When Sam Sinclair received an invitation to the annual Edmonton Boxing and Wrestling Commission banquet, December 16, he said he was genuinely surprised but "very pleased" that his name is now entered on the commissions Honor Roll.

"I found out about this honor the day after Edna and the family celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary" said Sinclair.

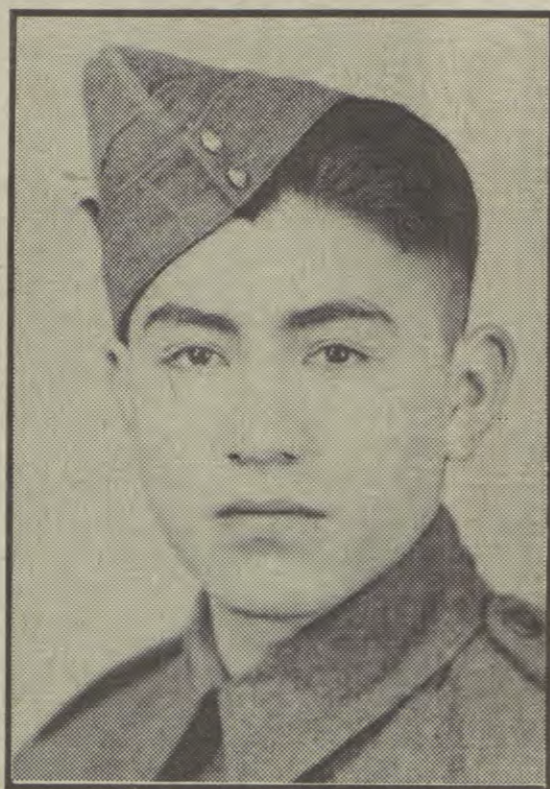
In January 1976, the EBWC decided to establish an Honor Roll to recognize persons who have made a valuable and significant contribution to boxing and wrestling in the city, both amateur and professional.

Sinclair fought at both levels and was also known as an outstanding amateur coach and trainer. He began his boxing career after lying about his age when he joined the Canadian army in 1942.

On January 15, 1943, when Sinclair was only 16 years of age, he won a three round decision at Edmonton's Prince of Wales Armory. It was his first fight. Later, he won two more bouts before moving to the Pacific command.

"I was in good condition before joining the Army because of my conditioning, running, walking, and I never smoked. It gave me a big edge" said Sinclair.

During his career in the armed



Sam Sinclair during the war years...World War II

forces (1942-1945) Sinclair won many fights. His most notable fight during that period was when he defeated George Martinek in Holland for the Canadian Army Middleweight Title. The win qualified Sinclair for the Inter-Allied Forces Championships, but unfortunately, he was transferred back to Canada and was unable to compete.

Following the Second World War Sam turned pro' and compiled a record of 14-2 from 1948 to 1954. He fought such opponents as Joe Popin, Louis Demers, Howard Murphy and long time friend, Gordon Russell.

"It was Gordon Russell I fought as a middle weight. He says we're still the same weight around the

middle" Sinclair laughs.

But it was as an amateur coach and trainer in Hinton, Slave Lake and Edmonton that Sam Sinclair left his greatest mark on the sport. With his Alberta team they won five Canadian Championships in 1968 at Expo '67—a record that still stands today. His son Gordon was part of the Alberta team.

"My method for training was simple—as long as the boys were willing to listen, ready to accept strict discipline for conditioning, they were always welcome to train under me," says Sinclair, who says he might just coach again in the heavyweight division, "boys who are about 18-years-old and want

to win."

Sinclair says although some parents oppose boxing, he sees it as a good incentive for kids who are a little on the wild side.

"Once a fighter is in the ring, he does his best, and the best conditioned will win. Win or lose I've seen boys go on to become better citizens" Sinclair said.

Sinclair sees himself as a good example that sports can be healthy. It was good for him.

"If I can make it anyone can," he smiles.

Although boxing has always been Sinclair's first love, during his army years, he was also on a track and field team. In 1945 the

team he was with competed in 10 events and they won the Canadian Championship.

"In the 100 yard dash I was in the 10 second range."

For more than 40 years, Sam Sinclair has made many valuable contributions to the community. He served as president of the Metis Association of Alberta from 1979 to 1987. Sam is still involved with community affairs as a board member of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre in Edmonton.

Sinclair's name will be inscribed on a plaque to be displayed at the new city hall, alongside other boxing and wrestling notables.

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a very Happy New Year—may it  
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which is love...



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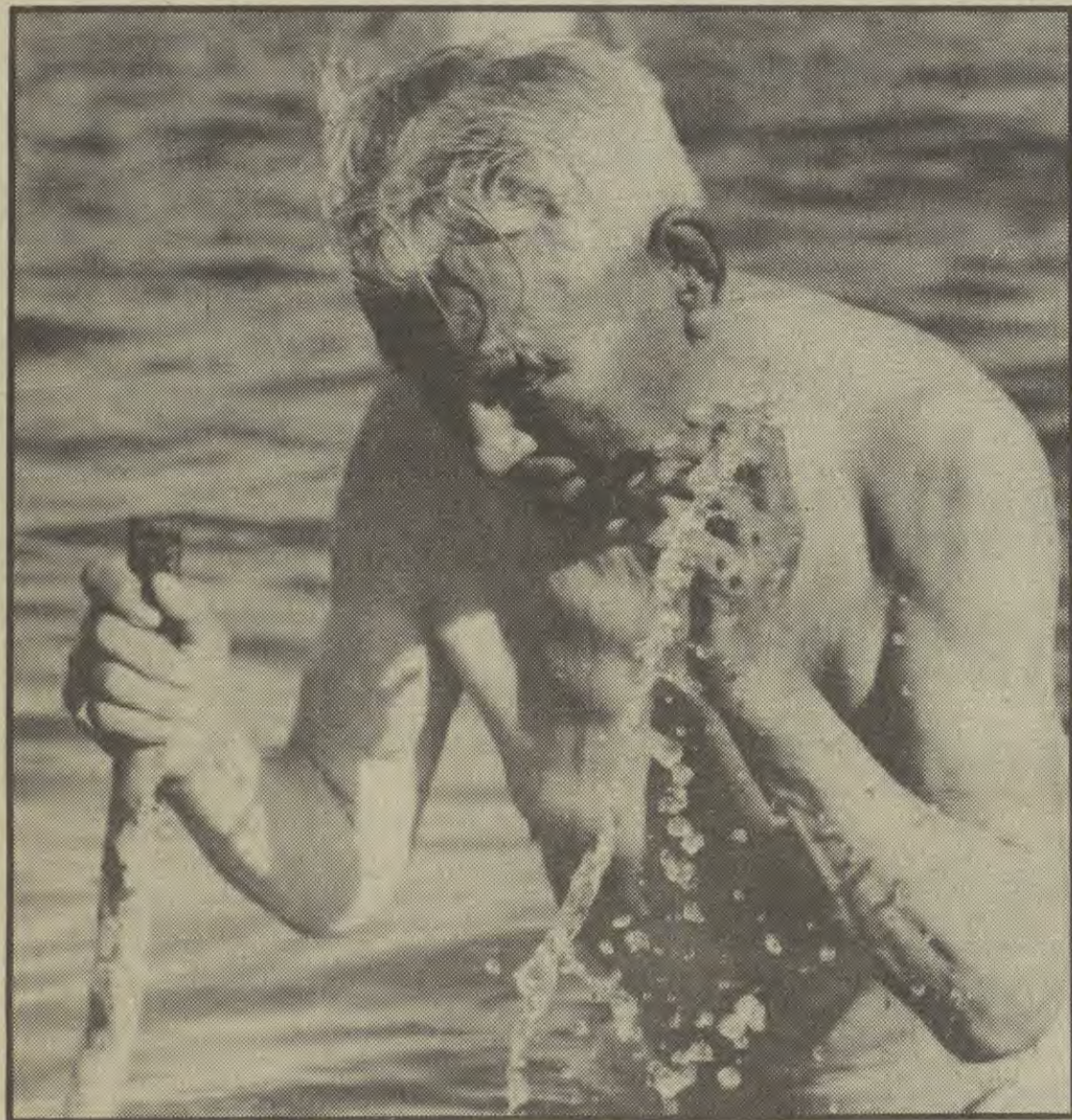
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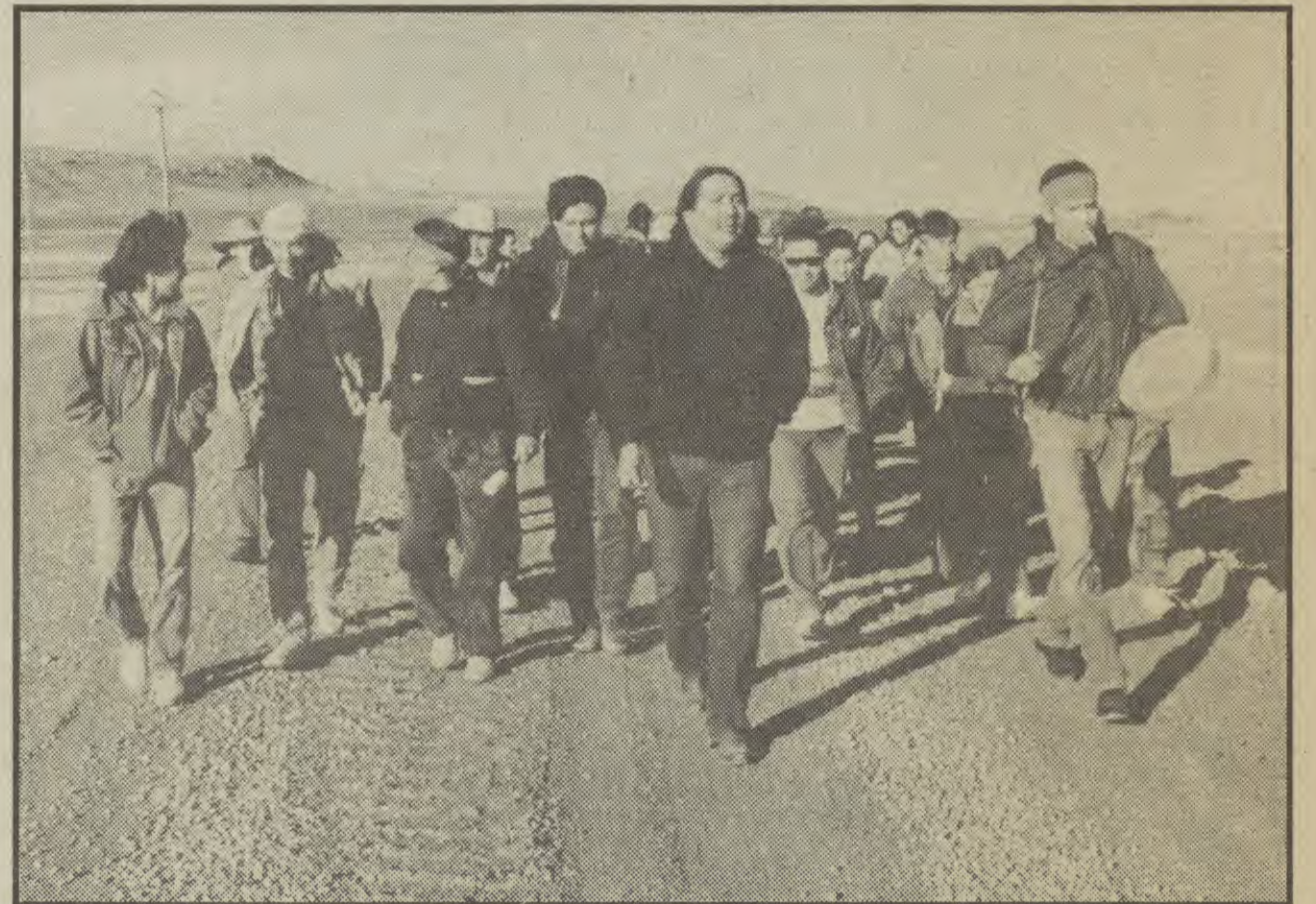
Sacred runners enter Edmonton during Vancouver to Oka, Quebec journey. They did it!



Ntoine Littewolfe washes himself in Lac Ste. Anne holy water at annual pilgrimage



Edmonton economic development conference saw little tykes model



Milton Born With A Tooth leads Lonefighters in protest of Oldman Dam



## Merry Christmas to all!

From the Chief,  
Council and  
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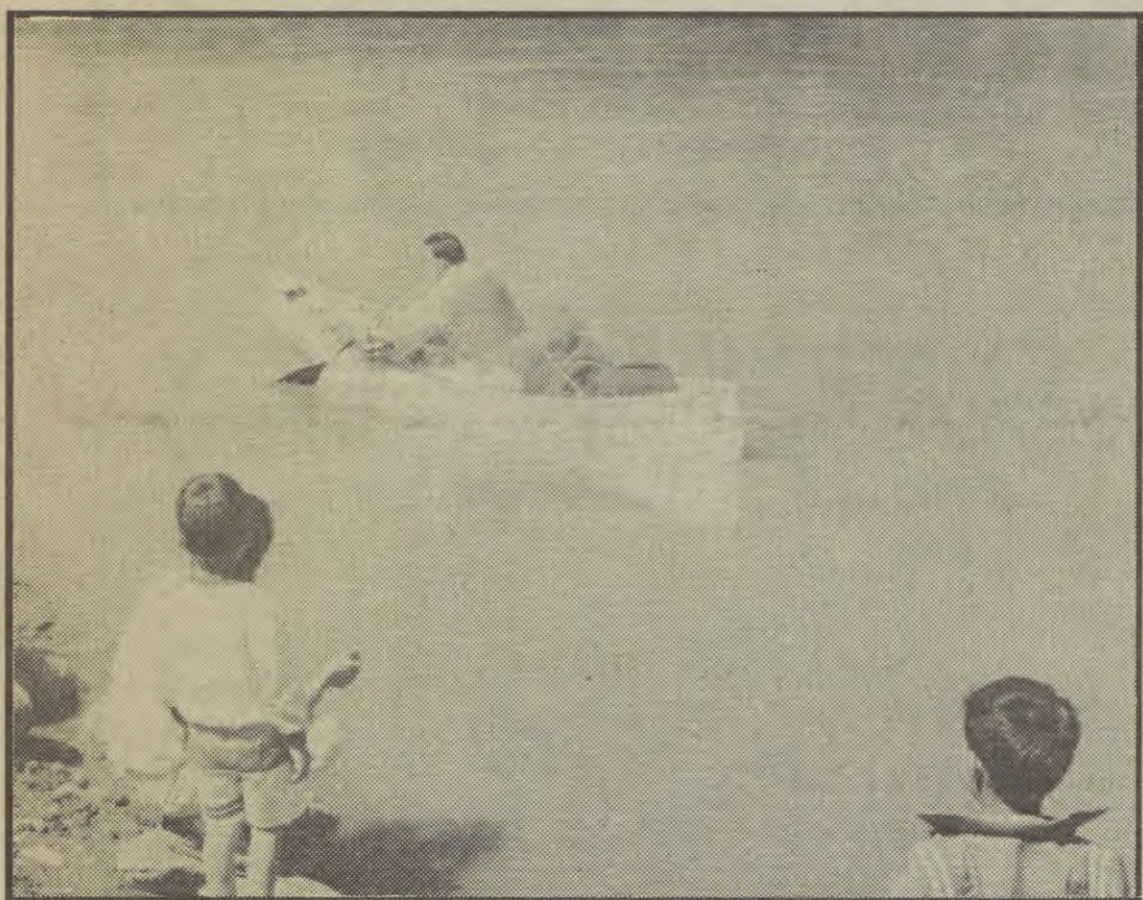
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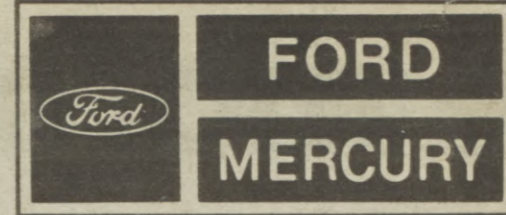
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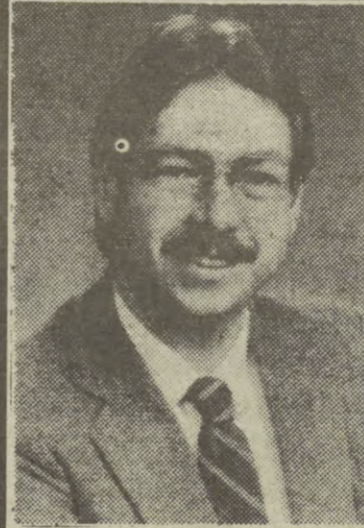


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# The Last Christmas Story—a western duster

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

He was a hunter — proud and strong — and this night he would have to prove his skill. Tonight he would hunt like a wolf — alone.

He sat away from his horse and looked down on the small camp in the valley below him. With one hand he rubbed the scar, a cut from a sabre battles ago, which ran across his face from his eye to his chin. A small wind whipped against his long black hair and quickly he brushed it from his eyes. Moonlight danced across his face as he raised himself to a standing position. The light caught the cold steel of his rifle barrel. He knew it could be seen from the camp. Alone with the night wind, alone in the wilderness, and all because of the people below. To live or die.

For a moment his face grew taut. Then just as sudden, he relaxed. "Let them see it," he smiled to himself — for Greyhorse was a hunter.

The brown-haired lady poured coffee for each of the four men sitting near the fire. Another woman, older, filled their wagon's grub-box with food left over from an early supper. Another man, with holstered gun, quiet, black felt hat, stood just outside the firelight and listened to the night. One of the four men sitting reached for a harmonica and began to play — Silent Night. Slowly the group turned towards him and listened. The older woman began to sing, "all is calm, all is bright."

The man in the darkness listened but his eyes never wavered from his vigilance towards the distant hills.

The harmonica player finished.

"That was nice Martha," said a boyish face with a grin. "Real pretty."

Martha smiled from the corner of her mouth. "Thanks. Hell, it's almost Christmas ain't it!" she suddenly broke the silence. "So why the heck we all sitting around here like we was at a wake or something!" she laughed.

Grunting, an older man, drew himself to his feet.

"Martha's right boys. I'm gonna get us some of Toby's sweet Kentucky moonshine from the wagon. We is gonna celebrate," he laughed.

The brown haired lady walked into the darkness and stood by the gunman.

"Aren't you going to celebrate with the rest of them?" she smiled, the cool night wind fluttering her hair.

The man stood silent for a while, then said softly. "He's out there, you know."

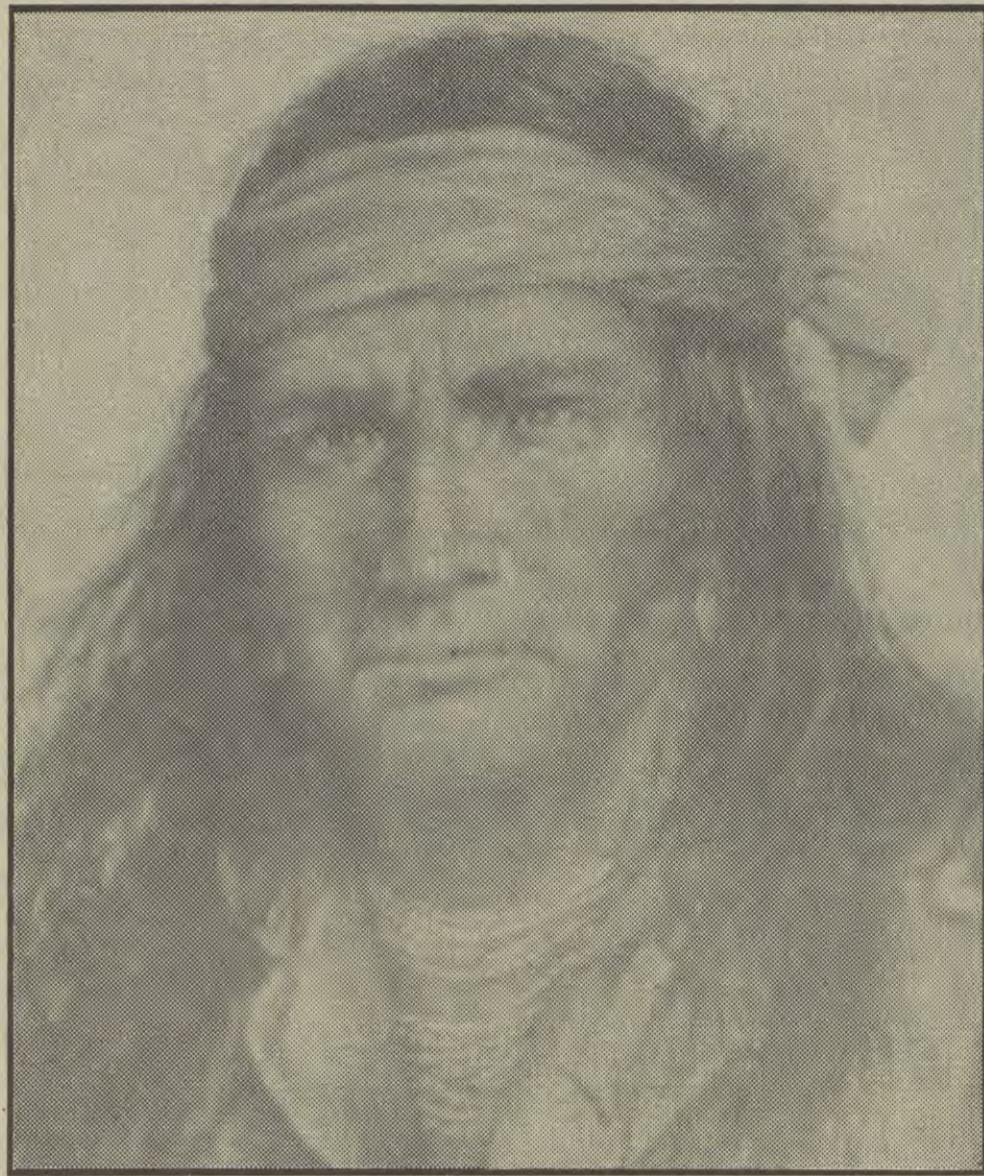
Carrie paused. "It wasn't our fault," she simply said, looking towards the ground.

"Maybe not. But we didn't have to do it," he stopped. "Toby, Hank, Sammy, hell, even the old man, and Martha," he said angrily.

"And you Martin? What about you? You shot the old Indian man, you killed him!" Carrie said, looking up into the

gunman's eyes.

The two of them stood in silence, each in their own thoughts. The gunman turned



Painting by Bill Hampton

to look at her. "I killed before, but I've never killed an old man, women and kids before! And what for? For a bunch of stolen fur and buffalo hides!" he said between clenched teeth.

Again she looked into his eyes. Seconds passed between them. "They shot at us, remember?" she said. Carrie touched him and smiled. "Anyway, come on. Papa wants to sing." Carrie spoke louder. "Papa wants to sing about nice things, about angels, don't you papa," she hollered, dragging the gunman by his arm towards the fire. "Come on. Papa wants to sing!" she laughed.

Greyhorse rode his pony slowly down the hill. He could hear the strange music coming from the camp, the laughter. He didn't understand how these people could laugh after what they did. They had killed two teenage boys, an old man and a woman...they had killed his woman.

He gripped his rifle tightly. Yesterday, before following their wagon and horse tracks, he had sang his death song. He had sang near the smouldering ashes of the old one's camp where he had held his woman in his arms and carried her to the trees. He had knelt with her in his arms and asked the Creator why would people do this? There in the trees he had looked into his women's dead eyes and Greyhorse cried.

He cried because he loved her, he cried because the young one's would never know the true meaning of the hunt, he cried because the old one's wisdom was lost, and he cried because he wasn't there to protect them when the men road into the camp and killed them all.

Greyhorse nudged his pony gently and the animal began to trot. Now the tears were gone. Now, only his horse's breathing could be heard. Now it was time.

The men were enjoying themselves. They were a rough breed, and they knew how to enjoy themselves. Earlier in the day, they had laughed when Martin told them about an Indian they'd missed.

"So what! He's only one agin' us," Papa Jake had said.

Martin watched the men drink. He watched Martha and Carrie as they twirled each other

around. He watched Sammy, with two teeth missing, grinning his way into drunken oblivion. And Toby and Hank, acting as if killing was routine. It was, and it was for Martin, and he knew it would always be this way.

"Sing another Christmas song Martha," the young Hank yelped, staggering near the fire. "Sing silent night agin'," Hank grinned, and then he fell into the fire. But it wasn't from being drunk. The bullet came out of the night and tore through his chest, lifting him up and into the burning wood.

Carrie screamed as Greyhorse rode madly through their camp.

Martin's gun was out, Toby and Sammy dove for cover. Papa Jake stood there in disbelief, looking at the burning body of his nephew.

Greyhorse swung his pony around. He knew the old one was no threat. Not yet. He levelled his rifle at Martin. Martin fired. Greyhorse fired and Martin fell dead. Martin's bullet had gone through the flesh of Greyhorse's thigh and entered his pony's chest. The horse reared and Greyhorse jumped.

Papa Jake stood still.

Greyhorse lifted himself from the ground and aimed the rifle at Papa Jake. "Don't!" Martha screamed. Greyhorse froze. He looked quickly at Sammy and Toby and saw Toby's 45 colt coming up. Greyhorse fired and Toby fell backwards, a bullet in his head. Mouth open, Sammy raised his arms in the air. He looked at Martha. "Tell him not to shoot!" Sammy hollered. "Tell him!" Martha pleaded. "Don't kill him. Don't kill us...please," she cried.

Greyhorse paused. He motioned with his rifle for the cowboy to move into the firelight. Carrie reached for the burning Hank and Greyhorse pointed his rifle at her. She stopped.

Greyhorse looked at her. He remembered his woman...she was dead. He looked at Carrie for a long moment, clenching and unclenching the rifle in his hands. He looked at the man he had shot and back at Carrie. Then he motioned to her with his rifle, and Carrie pulled Hank from the fire.

The four of them stood staring at Greyhorse, wondering what he'd do next. Greyhorse looked at them...his eyes met theirs. He saw the fear in their eyes. He looked at the old one and slowly walked towards Papa Jake. Inches from Papa Jake's face, Greyhorse spit on him. Papa Jake stood still. Greyhorse walked to the others, looking each in the face, hating these strange people.

He could kill them. He could have his revenge for what they did, but Greyhorse was of the land, a hunter, killing only when hunger demanded it. His people were never cold blooded killers, his people were not what these people called them at the trading posts and bluecoat forts — savages.

He had counted coup in battle. Three were dead.

Frightened, Martha began to sing quickly in a high pitched tone.

"Silent night, holy night, all is calm..." Greyhorse walked towards her. He stopped in front of her and listened.

"All is bright. Round yon Virgin, Mother and child..."

Greyhorse pressed his hand to Martha's mouth. He turned his head and looked at the others. He looked back at Martha. He remembered the strange music. Letting Martha go, Greyhorse backed up to the fire. He found what he was looking for — the harmonica.

He looked at them, smiled and killed their spirit.

The harmonica lay busted from his bullet and Greyhorse laughed. They stood in silence as Greyhorse laughed.

Reaching down, he took a piece of burning wood from the fire and held it to the wagon's canvas top. He watched as the fire caught. Loading his rifle

from the cartridge belt he wore, Greyhorse looked at them, turned and shot their horses, one by one, each time looking at his prisoners.

Then he walked up to Martha and pointing the rifle at her, he pushed her.

"Whaaaat?" Martha stuttered.

Greyhorse pushed her again. "I think he wants you to sing,"

Carrie said. Martha began singing the Christmas carol. Greyhorse listened and nodded to himself. She did not sound good. He had killed their spirit. Greyhorse backed away into the night.

Greyhorse watched from the hill. The moon was high. The people below were crying. The old one was bent over a body. It must be his son, Greyhorse thought, then he turned and began walking to where his woman, the old one and the young ones were.

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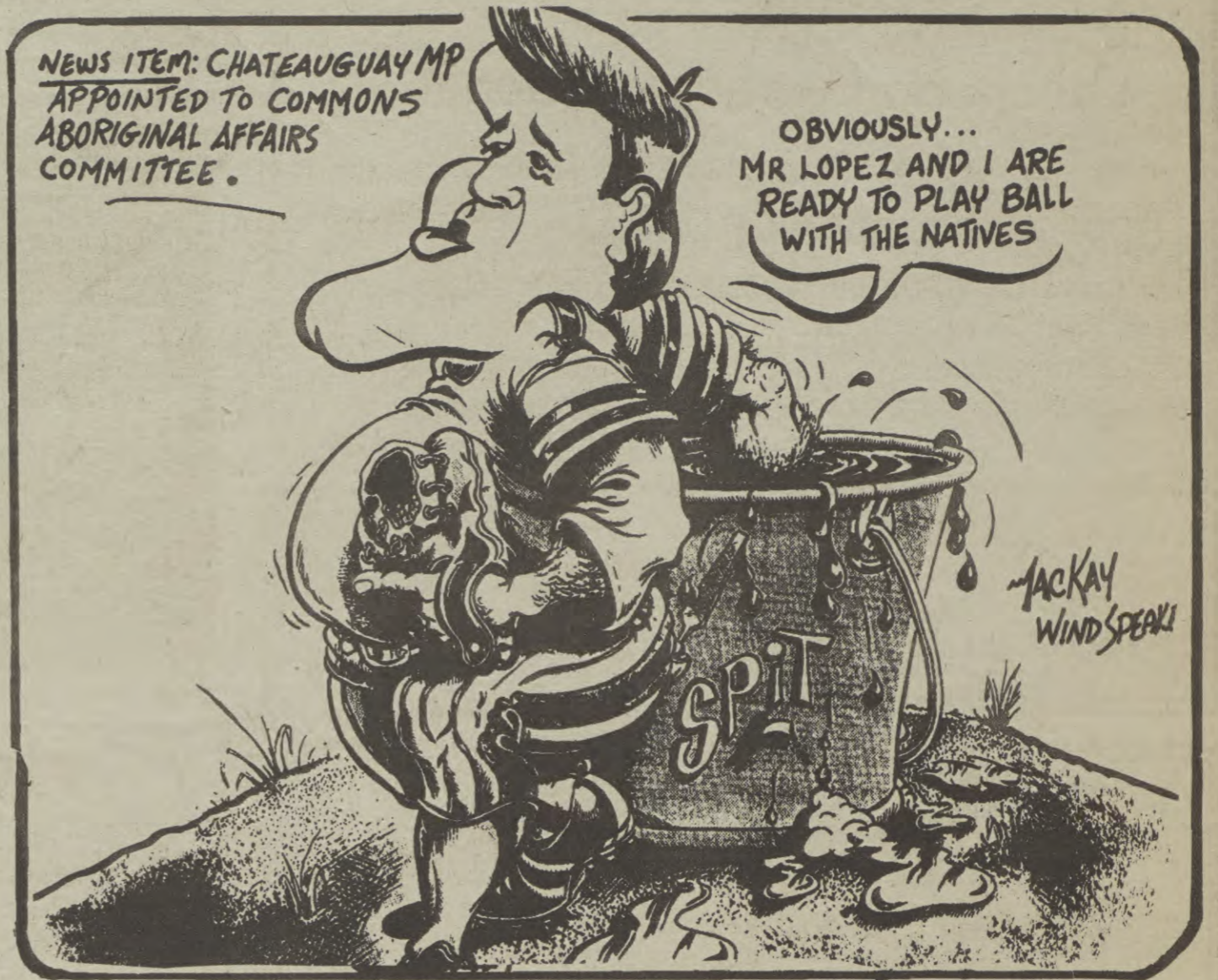
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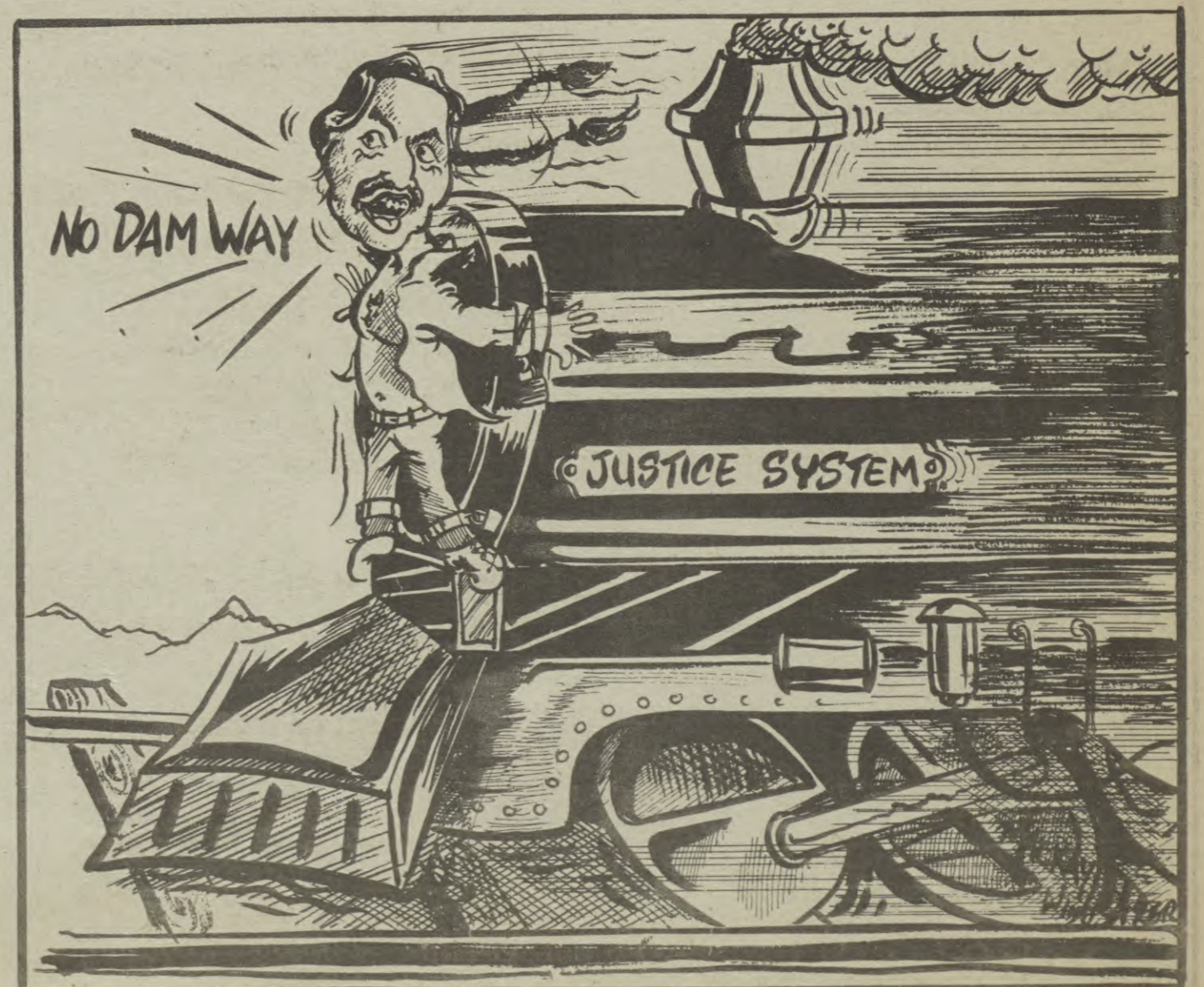
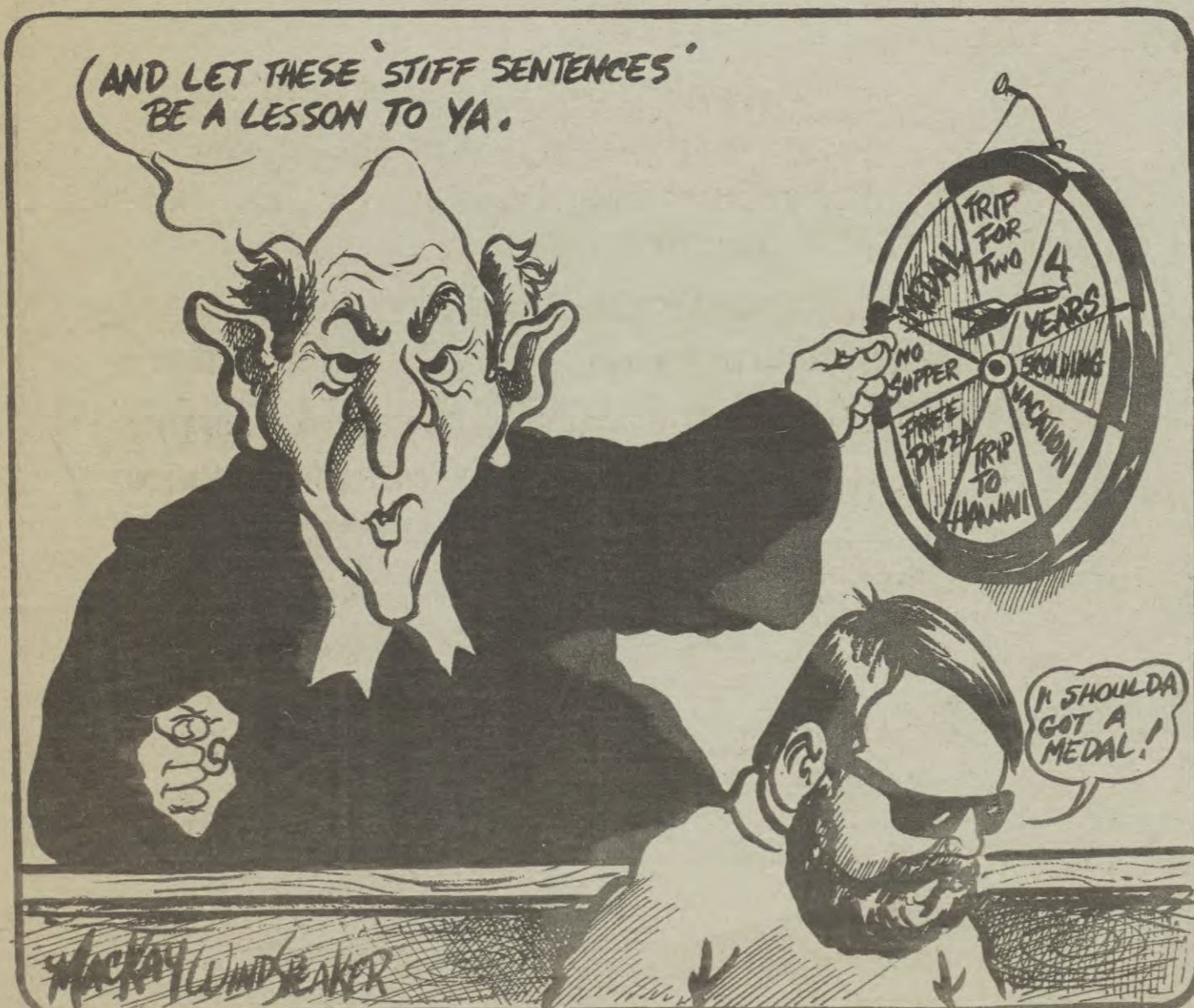
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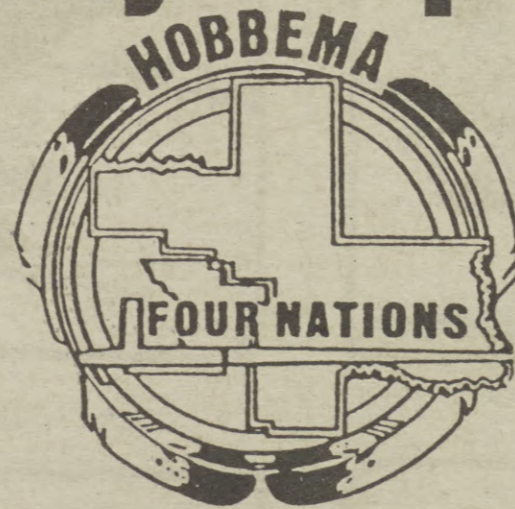
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