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## Cutbacks protested

Northern Alberta Indian bands braved the frigid temperatures to parade the streets of Edmonton Wednesday as part of a nationwide rally to protest post-secondary cutbacks.

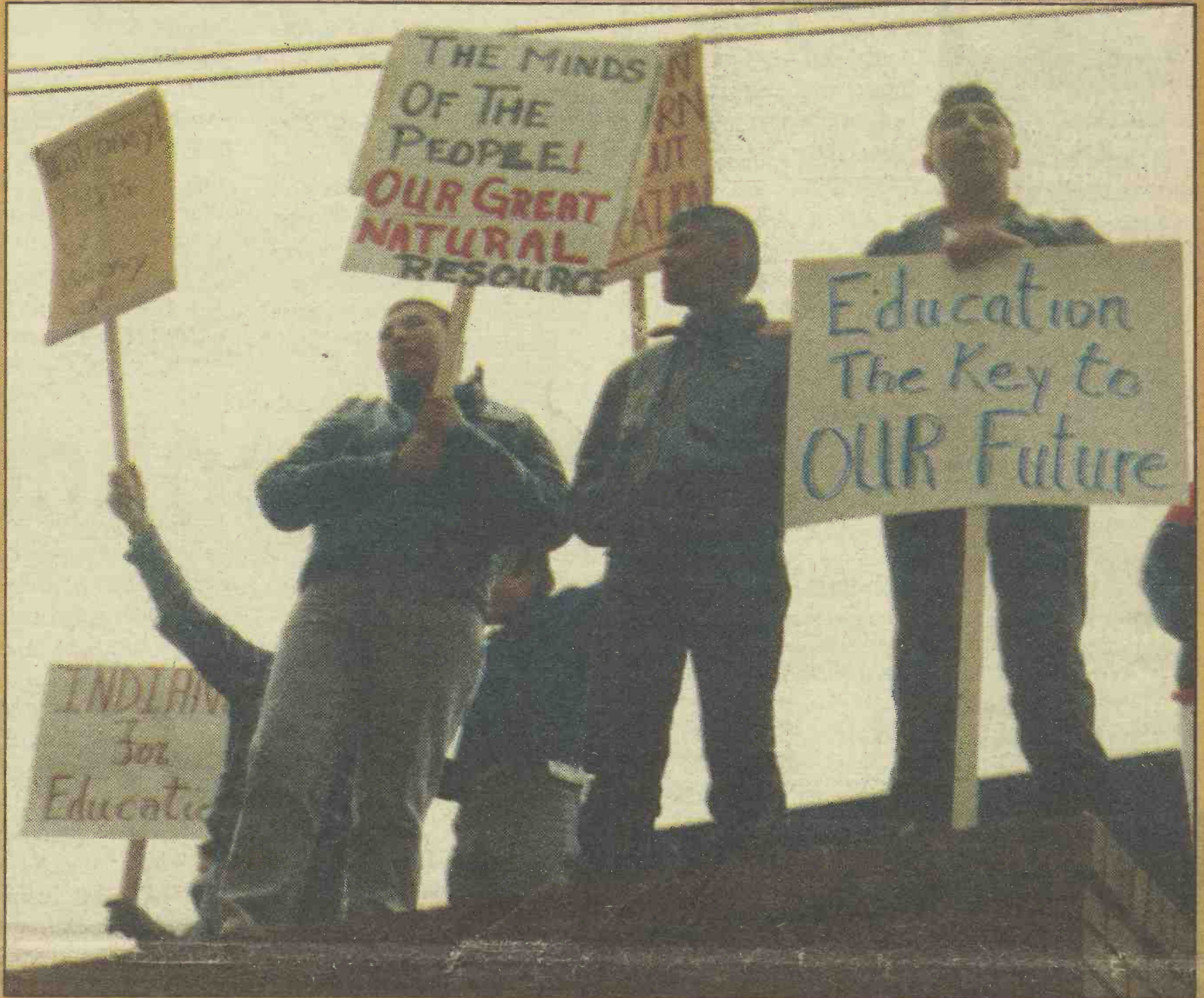
A crowd of 800 filtered into snow-covered Sir Winston Churchill Square before marching on Canada Place where the regional office of Indian and Northern Affairs is located.

After massing on the front steps of the federal building, Native leaders confronted government officials with their objections.

The government's new E-12 policy reduces post-secondary education funding and limits the number of years a student will be eligible to receive funding.

Band members from Treaty 8 and Treaty 6 crowded into Edmonton's downtown core while similar rallies were held in cities across the country, including Calgary and Lethbridge. A rally was also held in Ottawa which garnered over 400 protesters.

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KEITH MATTHEW, Windspeaker

## DIA kills new funding idea

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The decision to cut funding from Alberta's top Native political organization has been dropped, according to the Indian and Northern Affairs regional office.

Consultation and policy development funds will be allocated directly to the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA), instead of being given to bands who, in turn, would have handed it over to the IAA. Provincial Native leaders have rejected the plan to divide funding among Indian bands.

During an all-chiefs' meeting at the Enoch reserve March 18, a spokesman for the Indian Association of Alberta asked band leaders to support the IAA's efforts to have Elizabeth Turbayne relieved of her position as the regional director general of Indian Affairs.

Reacting to Turbayne's recent decision to cut IAA's consultation and policy development (CPD) funding, Percy Potts announced the association's intentions.

"I would like to make a request that the RDG (Elizabeth Turbayne) be removed. IAA is a membership organization and should remain as such."

He said chiefs should flatly deny Turbayne's effort to take political

power from the IAA by taking away its funding.

In a later vote, chiefs unanimously agreed to support the IAA's request. And that's all it took, said Indian Affairs finance director Albert Oostendorp.

Under the proposed fiscal policy, Indian bands were to be allocated federal funding to choose what organizations they want to have represent them in political negotiations. Oostendorp said the results of a study done last year indicated chiefs were dismayed at the IAA for its handling of CPD funds.

He said his office was prepared to deny funding to the IAA because they thought that's what chiefs wanted.

"But I just presume they (chiefs) changed their minds. It was a surprise."

Potts told 15 chiefs in attendance at Enoch, Turbayne's initial action is another ploy in the federal government's plan to discredit the IAA and divide Alberta bands. Staying united, he said, is the only way Natives can address the government effectively.

"We've been jacked

around for too long. If we put our heads together and take the time necessary to plan a strategy and provide a political future, we can do anything we want."

Potts said later he doesn't believe the IAA announcement was made in vain.

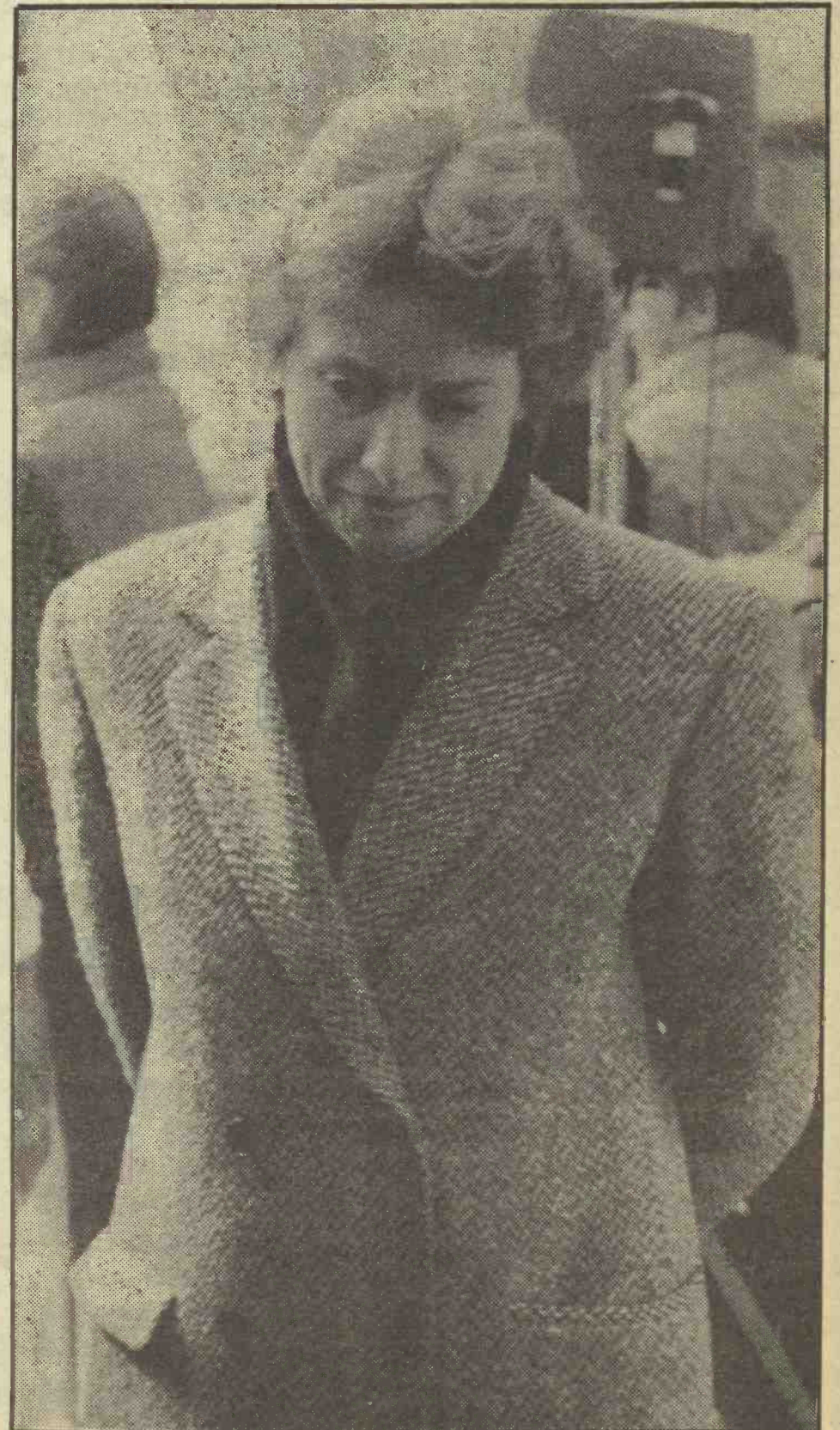
"Chiefs can stop her from doing it. It is my strong belief they will agree not to accept the Indian Affairs agreement...We're not going to let it happen."

In his all-chiefs address, IAA president Roy Louis warned band leaders a divisive approach in addressing Native issues could do more damage to Indian rights than good. He said there is a "common front" on all issues and there is no reason to make them separate.

"We do have a lot of problems to deal with, so we have to work together. We can't go our separate ways."

He said the chiefs resolution to deny Turbayne's proposal was an indication bands want to work together. He said it should be up to all the chiefs if Turbayne should quit.

Turbayne refused to comment.



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Plan to cut funds nixed: Elizabeth Turbayne

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"The cost of keeping them on welfare will be more than what it would cost to send them to university...there's no cap on welfare..."  
 — Georges Erasmus, grand chief of AFN. See Page 4

# Calahasen and Cardinal win seats

By Keith Matthew  
 Windspeaker Staff Writer

PROVINCIAL

Native voters in northern Alberta ridings flexed their newly-found political muscle as two Native candidates won seats in the legislature in a surprising election which also saw Premier Don Getty defeated in his own riding.

Progressive Conservative candidates Pearl Calahasen and Mike Cardinal both won convincing victo-

ries in ridings north of Edmonton to lead the five Native candidates who ran in the provincial election.

Cardinal, originally from the Native community of Calling Lake, says it will give him a chance to change perceptions in the Athabasca-Lac la Biche riding.

"Basically, I believe, what it means is it gives me the opportunity to work and possibly change a lot of attitudes in the constituency towards Native people."

Native people in his constituency can expect Cardi-

nal to focus on the issues of "economic recovery and on economic diversification" with a focus toward getting jobs and training.

Cardinal beat out nearest rival and incumbent New Democrat Leo Piquette by "almost 1,500" votes in taking the seat.

Calahasen, formerly of Grouard, won the Lesser Slave Lake riding by beating out Liberal Denise Wahlstrom by more than 1,000 votes.

The Metis woman says her win is gratifying and fulfills the dreams of a lot

of Native people.

"I want to get the people united — to go out and find out what their concerns are and bring those concerns and have them addressed in the legislature."

The Native people within her riding "can expect a voice, a representative who will listen to them and be able to carry their concerns to the legislature," she said.

She credits the Native Action Committee, a coalition of Indian and Metis groups, for much of her success.

"They went out and made people aware of the political process and tried to really make them aware that they should become involved in politics in some way, shape or form."

The unofficial results of the election show that the Progressive Conservative Party held onto their majority with 59 of the 83 seats in the legislature. The New Democrats finished with 16 elected representatives, while the Liberals surged behind leader Laurence Decore to win eight seats.

JEFF MORROW, Windspeaker

# Elder raps police

By Jeff Morrow  
 Windspeaker Staff Writer

GOODFISH LAKE, Alta.

Native Canadians are prisoners in their own land, similar to the blacks in South Africa, said a Louis Bull band member during an elders meeting in Goodfish Lake last week.

Former Saskatchewan penitentiary inmate Alex Twinn told a visiting RCMP constable Indians in Alberta are suffering under the same apartheid rule that has oppressed the black-majority population in South Africa.

"Some issues here are minor compared to South Africa. But it all comes down to the same thing — the rich white man is bringing us down."

Twinn, who served 17 years in prison in the 1950s,

said Natives have always been treated unfairly by the police and court systems. Jails are being filled with Native people and it's getting worse, he said.

"But we have a chance to do something about it now."

He hopes the time he served in prison could be an inspiration for bands to pull together to stop discrimination and police brutality.

"I've been kicked around and institutionalized...they tried to rob me of my dignity. But I still held my head up. I'm a sensitive man and I love my people. I want to see them do something so others won't suffer like I did. They have to get together to do it."

Inspector Lloyd Hickman from the St. Paul RCMP office said there has to be co-operation between the RCMP and Native com-

munities to keep discrimination from occurring.

"We want to open the lines of communication. I'm here to listen to your concerns and ideas and make our relationship better."

He said he's not familiar with anyone being falsely arrested or abused but if it happens in his jurisdiction, Native people will get satisfaction.

"We are here to assist people as well as enforce the law. I urge you to contact us if you're not convinced we are not doing our job at anytime. We'll look into it."

Hickman said his department has increased the number of calls officers are making to the Saddle Lake and Whitefish bands.

"If it's found our members did not act according to the law, they will be brought before the court the



Prisoners in our own land: Alex Twinn

same as anyone else."

He encouraged band members to report police violations as well as other criminal activities.

Whitefish band elder Edith Memnook, 69, said she's not convinced the RCMP are sincere about their intentions to help the Native people in her band. If they were, she said, police would help to lessen the cases of child and

women abuse on the reserve.

"We want action. There are lots of things I would like you to work with us on. It hurts my feelings when I see women hurt. You have to do something."

Hickman countered: "You have our word. If you want a policeman to speak at your school, you'll have it. If we're not on track, we'll deal with it. My ears are always open."

# Meech Lake threatens children's future

By Elaine O'Farrell  
 Windspeaker Staff Writer

MONTREAL

The Meech Lake accord threatens Native people's control over their children's future, charges National Indian leader George Erasmus.

"Meech Lake will severely limit our abilities to control child care services. Under its current provisions, provinces can opt out of federal programs and take that money for their own provincial programs," said Erasmus, national chief of the 700,000-member Assembly of First Nations.

Erasmus sees the accord as a "wholesale shift in Indian child care services" and suspects worse things are to come once the Meech Lake amendments are implemented.

Under the accord, Erasmus fears the federal government will try to control all programs coming to the First Nations.

"The federal and provincial government will work hand-in-hand to dictate the standards and provisions of First Nations child care and we won't be able to get the programs.

"The situation will continue (to the point) where children will be taken care of by non-First Nation institutions. This has to stop."

Erasmus believes the Meech Lake accord is a particularly bitter pill for Canada's 1.5 million Native people to have to swallow.

The accord to bring Quebec into the Constitutional fold recognizes Quebec as a distinct society and increases provincial powers in several areas. Meech Lake has been ratified by Parliament and eight provinces, but still needs approval from New Brunswick and Manitoba by June 1990 to become law.

As such, the National Inquiry into First Nation's child care (March 7-22) seems to have come at a critical time, Erasmus noted.

Indian children in Canada under the age of seven make up 15 per cent (109,000) of the total Native population. Since the landmark decision to reinstate status Indian women under Bill C-31, an estimated 10,000 additional children will be added to that number.

Another large group of children between the ages of seven and 14 also require services. Combined, they make up 40 per cent of Canada's Native population.

"The care of these children is no doubt an urgent matter with such other highlights

as language erosion, with 49 out of 53 (Indian) languages dying," states an AFN press release.

Erasmus is alarmed by the statistics and adamant that control over Native children's future be made a priority.

"In the long run, we are after more and sufficient resources, but in the short run, we are after better child care for our youngest generation.

"The First Nations must get control, otherwise, they will fall into some breakdown syndrome which look like failure when all it is, is the difficulty to cope with the (child care) system."

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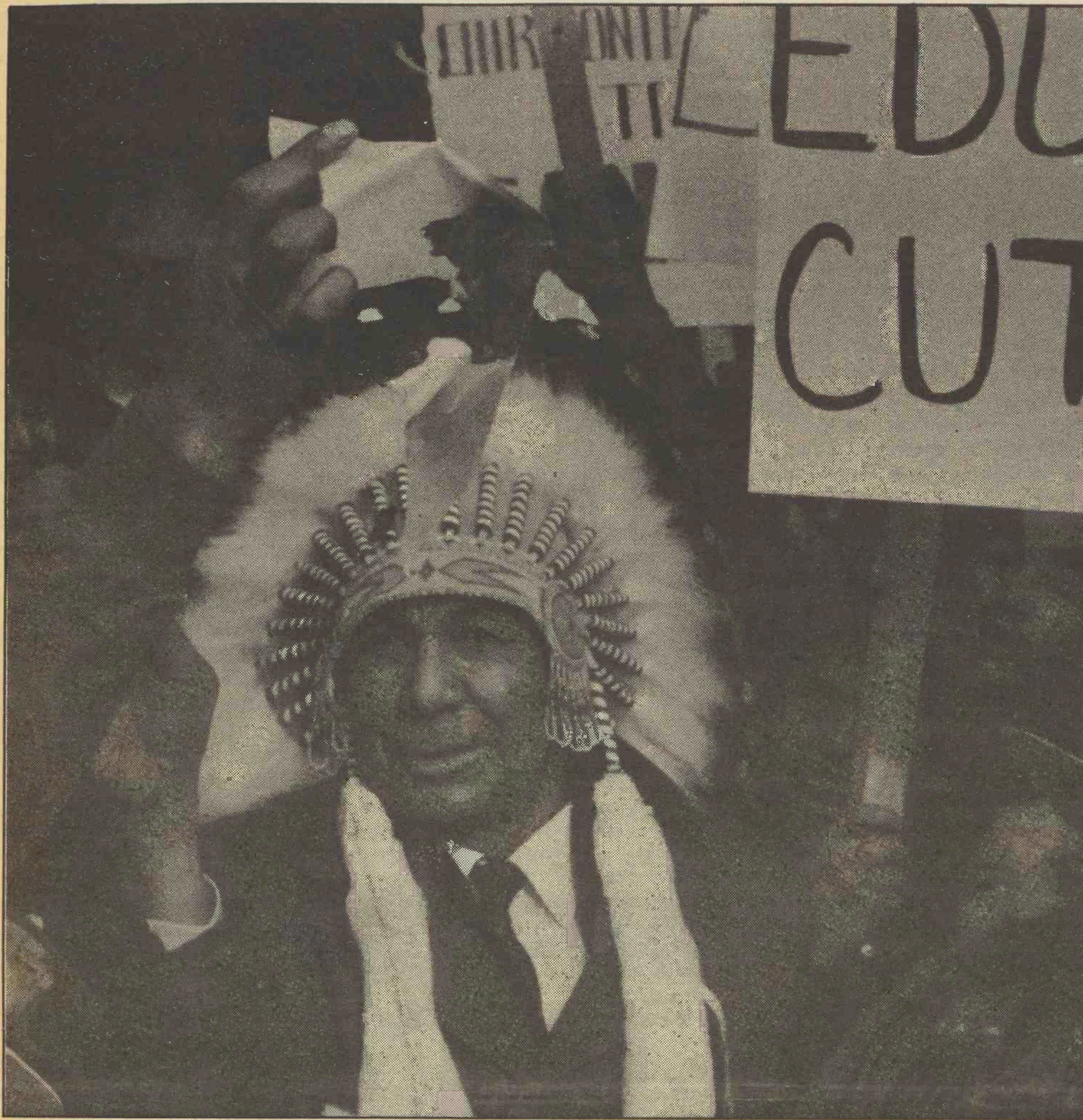
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NEWS BRIEFS

KEITH MATTHEW, Windspeaker



Watching in delight as policy burns: Arnup Louis

Work on mill suspended

An Alberta Energy Company pulp mill planned for the town of Slave Lake doesn't properly address Native concerns in its proposal, says a member of Friends of Athabasca, an environmental group located in Athabasca.

Mike Gismondi said, "There is a problem and they (the company) have to go an extra mile to meet the Native concerns. The broader scope of this thing is that sustainable development in northern Alberta cannot ignore the Native people — 65 per cent of all Native live in Northern Alberta in this province.

"What will happen to the poorest people?" he questioned. "They wouldn't commit to any more public meetings and the sentiment of the crowd was 'forget it, we want more public meetings'. It is coming much too quickly and there are many, many questions which must be answered," he said.

However, Alberta Energy Company director of public affairs Dick Wilson said otherwise, "What we are going to do right now is nothing because the project has been appealed. The development permit that is issued by the improvement district was appealed by two people from Jousard, two people from Smith and one person from Slave Lake."

Wilson pointed out that all preparatory work being done on the project is suspended until an appeal can be heard at a meeting April 10 at the Northwest Inn at Slave Lake at 1 p.m.

Lubicons 'clean house'

WINDSPEAKER PHOTO FILE

Since the breakdown of negotiations between the federal government officials and Lubicon Lake representatives mid-January over the Natives' land claim, the Lubicons have been cleaning house and working on technical agreements with the province of Alberta.



Negotiator: Lennarson

Lubicon negotiator Fred Lennarson said, "What we are doing is that we are getting the people who are concerned about this (situation) the information they need so they can actively support us.

"In the meantime, we are trying to tidy things up with the province in terms of access questions, substitute leases and water rights," he said, "all the technical matters which must be resolved. When all of our troops are properly supplied and in a position to actually do something, then the Lubicon people will be in a position to take action."

Lennarson would not elaborate on what kind of action or when they would take place and would only say, "I can't pre-judge that but I know things are being considered" and hinge, in part, on how negotiations proceed with the province.

Ashes spread on skid row

A Native elder who passed away recently was cremated and requested that his ashes be spread along Edmonton's skid row.

Julius McLean, born in Leduc, passed away in Edmonton's Charles Camsell Hospital because of heart complications and a lung infection at the age of 70.

McLean was one of the first liaison workers for Native Counselling Services of Alberta and was a self-admitted alcoholic. He drew himself up from skid row to work for the organization and that is one of the reasons for making the request to spread his ashes there.

The respected Metis elder is survived by wife Annette, son James, sisters Florence Sauve and Gertrude McLean, his brothers William and wife Louise, Charles and wife Elsie. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

# Parents and students rally against E-12

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Native parents and student-protesters from Northern Alberta garnered the support they were looking for at Wednesday's rally in Edmonton.

Their struggle to halt the government's new E-12 policy has taken a giant leap forward, according to Indian Association of Alberta president Roy Louis.

He said Edmonton's contribution to the nationwide protest should help make the government of Canada sit up and take notice of Indian rights.

"This is a total rejection of the E-12 policy. It's something that needs to be taken back to (Indian Affairs Minister Pierre) Cadieux," he said, amid a throng of 800 demonstrators on the steps of Canada Place.

Placard-waving protestors and interested spectators listened to politi-

cians and band leaders condemn the federal government's newest proposal which would slash post-secondary funding.

The right to a post-secondary education is something that needs to be recognized, said Wetaskiwin Member of Parliament Willie Littlechild. "I wouldn't be here with out it...Education is the key to our success."

Federal New Democrat Ross Harvey was also on hand to show his party's support.

"There are people in Parliament who believe in human rights. The NDs are with you.

"I'm glad there's someone in this country who knows how to stage a rally," he said later.

But the politicians were upstaged when students from the University of Alberta shared their anguish at the government proposal.

Aboriginal Student Council member Brian Calliou said he could see inequality in the way

Natives are being represented at the university.

"Indian people are grossly under-represented" in every way. He said there are only 200 Native students attending the U of A.

"The only place we are over-represented in society is in prison...Indian Affairs has lost touch with the Indian people."

U of A student union vice-president David Tupper said the 26,000 students at the U of A relay their support.

"Education is the most basic of all rights. The union stands fully behind you."

The most brazen sign of civil disobedience occurred when Native Women's rights organizer Helen Gladue set fire to the government's newest policy.

"Mr. Cadieux. This is what I think of this," she said.

Indian groups from across the country want a moratorium on the new E-12 policy that will be put into effect April 1. Leaders

say education, including the post-secondary sector, is written in their treaties as a right and can not be changed by Indian Affairs. The federal government says this premise is a treaty misconception.

Regional Director General of Indian and Northern Affairs, Elizabeth Turbayne, told the jeering crowd E-12 policy changes were appropriately implemented by the government. She also said the funding has been increased from \$4 million to \$4.7 million in a decision made Monday. And it should be sufficient to address Native educational needs.

Samson band member Trevor Okeymow, 21, said the future no longer looks bright for Native students because of the government's education rollbacks.

"I don't know what they're trying to do to us. They want to keep us down. Keep us poor and uneducated. I don't know why. No one knows the answers."



# Wind speaker

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## YOUR WORDS

# Japanese investment brings opportunity

Dear Editor:

To my people, the Canadian Indians.

I am writing to you in response to an article in the Feb. 17, 1989 issue entitled Japanese investment gets mixed reaction. The article was about, Japanese investments and the mixed reaction they got. Well all I have to say is that I am not against Japanese investors and that we as Canadian Natives have a lot to gain from them.

I look at Japan, it is one of, if not the most successful industrialized nation in the world. So I ask myself, how did the Japanese ever accomplish such a goal? I can only in all honesty, attribute such achievements to hard work.

Now I ask myself, why non-native Canadians are so negative towards the Japanese? Well I am no expert on the Japanese but I do know that our environment has nothing to do with it. I think non-Native Canadians are not even concerned about our environment. Because if they did we would not

have any pulp and paper mills at all.

According to the story and Raymond to Rasmussen, Japanese companies could easily lobby for the use of destructive herbicides currently banned in Alberta. Well who is to say that Canadian companies are not lobbying for those same herbicides already?

The article said, "they don't care about the land or the people who live there." Well I don't believe that either. It was Japanese doctors who came to Canada in the mid-seventies to support the Native people and their plight against mercury poisoning which is known as Minamata disease.

I think that it would be safe to say that Japanese have a higher regard for the Canadian Native and their lands than non-Native Canadians give them credit for. Take another look at Japan, it is a lot smaller geographically than Canada is. The population is far higher than Canada's. So is my opinion I can't see how anyone

from a country that small, could not be think about the Canadian environment and ways to improve it for the future. I think that the Japanese are not only thinking of Canada as a place to invest their money but also as a place in which they could live.

Canada is in great need of foreign investment so why the big stink about Japanese investors? Could it be that maybe Japan is not located in northern Europe or

the United States of America?

I can go on and on about how we could benefit from the Japanese. And how the negative reaction towards them is nothing but rubbish and non-Native corporate fears. But I think you, my people, know it already.

So that is all I have to say for now.

*Jerry Fraser,  
A Canadian Native*

# Powwowers sought

Dear Editor:

I am the special projects coordinator for the Native Brotherhood Society here in Grande Cache Correctional Centre. We are hosting a powwow sometime in May of this year.

We, as the Native brotherhood, would appreciate it if we could count on you, to print an article about it. We need names of pow-

wow dancers, since we're so far up north and we are pretty well isolated we don't know who to turn to. If you have any information you can contact the Native Brotherhood through our Native liaison, Lorna Hanrahan, or letter to be written to: Special projects coordinator, Gordon Wayne Auger, Native Brotherhood, Bag 4000, Grande Cache, Alberta, T0E 0Y0.

## AS I SEE IT...



KEITH MATTHEW, Windspeaker

# Strength and pride result of unity

A buzz of excitement filled the crisp morning air as the sounds of drumming and singing reverberated off the concrete and steel of downtown Edmonton on March 22, as Natives from across northern Alberta gathered in protest of proposed cuts to post-secondary funding.

A feeling of pride rose among the crowd of Natives assembled in front the Centennial Library before the event kicked off at 1 a.m.

It was impressive to see that the crowd of almost 800 was made up of ordinary people — elders, children, mothers, fathers.

The Wabumun Lake Singers sang the song Gathering of Nations amid whoops and hollers of people who are tired of fighting Indian and Northern Affairs policy.

It was a magnificent sight to see the long procession Natives, united and strong, marching through the streets of the normally sedate downtown core.

Upon reaching Canada Place, where Indian and Northern Affairs is housed, the bars and brickbats were taken out and dusted off in preparation of attacking proposed policy changes.

With Wabumun Lake Singers pounding out a steady backbeat, Native politicians took center stage and blasted the proposed changes. Regional Director General Elizabeth Turbayne — called the "Iron Lady" by one demonstrator — was drowned out by jeers and catcalls.

The feeling of strength was evident and real. It is important to remember this day for that special feeling. The so-called enemies of

Native people are not other Indians but bureaucrats, afraid of losing their pay cheques, who wish to see us under their thumbs and continually begging for our rights.

Many non-Native people refer to post-secondary funding as "free," but Aboriginal Student Council member from the University of Alberta, Brian Calliou, pointed out that is a misconception he would like cleared up.

He pointed out that Natives paid the price for this right by signing treaties which allowed non-Native settlers onto traditional Indian lands — it is a price which Natives continue to pay for today by having to stand up for those rights and publicly demonstrate.

Assembly of First Nations leader Georges Erasmus said in a public debate between himself and Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs Kim Campbell that government officials are more likely to keep Natives on social assistance than give them an education.

"The cost of keeping them on welfare will be more than what it would cost to send them to university," he charged. "There's no cap on welfare. The government is willing to spend as much as they want on welfare but not on education."

Retorted Campbell, "We don't accept that position. I think \$130 million is enough meet the needs."

*By Keith Matthew, Windspeaker Assistant Editor*







# Micro loans take Ontario Natives by storm

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

## PROVINCIAL

Aspiring entrepreneurs no longer need an exceptional sense for success or enormous capital assets to make it in today's competitive market place. All they need is an idea, self-confidence and support, says Gord Cunningham, spokesman for Calmeadow Charitable Foundation in Toronto.

Community-based business groups are the wave of the future and the new concept is ready to pour into Alberta's Native communities, he says.

The Native Self-Employment Loan Program (NSELP) has taken three Ontario communities by storm. They are now beginning to feed off their own success. Because, Cunningham says, keeping business ventures small and to the point, makes it easier for them to keep their heads above water.

Micro-enterprises were already an important feature to many small Canadian communities, but Native bands weren't quite able to master the techniques of acquiring bank loans to set them up.

Cunningham, Calmeadow field officer, says his foundation devised a plan which would allow bands to control their own financial base of operation. Given the willingness and co-operation of the communities involved,

the NSELP can help Natives take stake in their own lives.

By putting financial planning at the communities' fingertips, it is easier for a start-up business to have a chance. Cunningham says a "borrowers' circle" can be established where community members decide who gets a loan and who doesn't.

After establishing Phase I of their three-year pilot project (1987-89), Cunningham says it has become time to vest interest in other parts of the country. The Ontario communities of Wikwemikong, Sachigo Lake and Kettle Point have managed to overcome the obstacle that has previously hindered potential Native entrepreneurs — lack of formal credit access. Now there are about 150 businesses operating on these reserves.

While Calmeadow finances a revolving loan-base at the local bank for \$3,000, it is up to circle members to make sure the loans are appropriately distributed among borrowers. This way, says Cunningham, entrepreneurs don't need all the requirements that come with a commercial bank loan, including collateral and a financial track records.

Extensive research indicated micro-businesses create a solid bonding between local enterprises and local residents by providing affordable goods and services and by creating employment opportunities.

Not only is the NSELP good for the thriving small businessmen, but it's good for the whole community, Cunningham stresses.

"It has a positive impact on the self-confidence of the whole society it's in. It's doing good for people. And it won't be something where they'll lose their shirts."

Whether it be a backyard mechanic or basement toaster repairman, the community borrower circles can help develop an idea and put it into action. The initial loans for approved operations are \$1,000 maximum. As soon as the borrower pays off that loan they are eligible for another \$1,500. Third loans have a ceiling of \$3,000.

Phase II of the NSELP is designed to establish credit delivery mechanisms with financial institutions in other parts of the country in preparation for additional Native community-based loan circles.

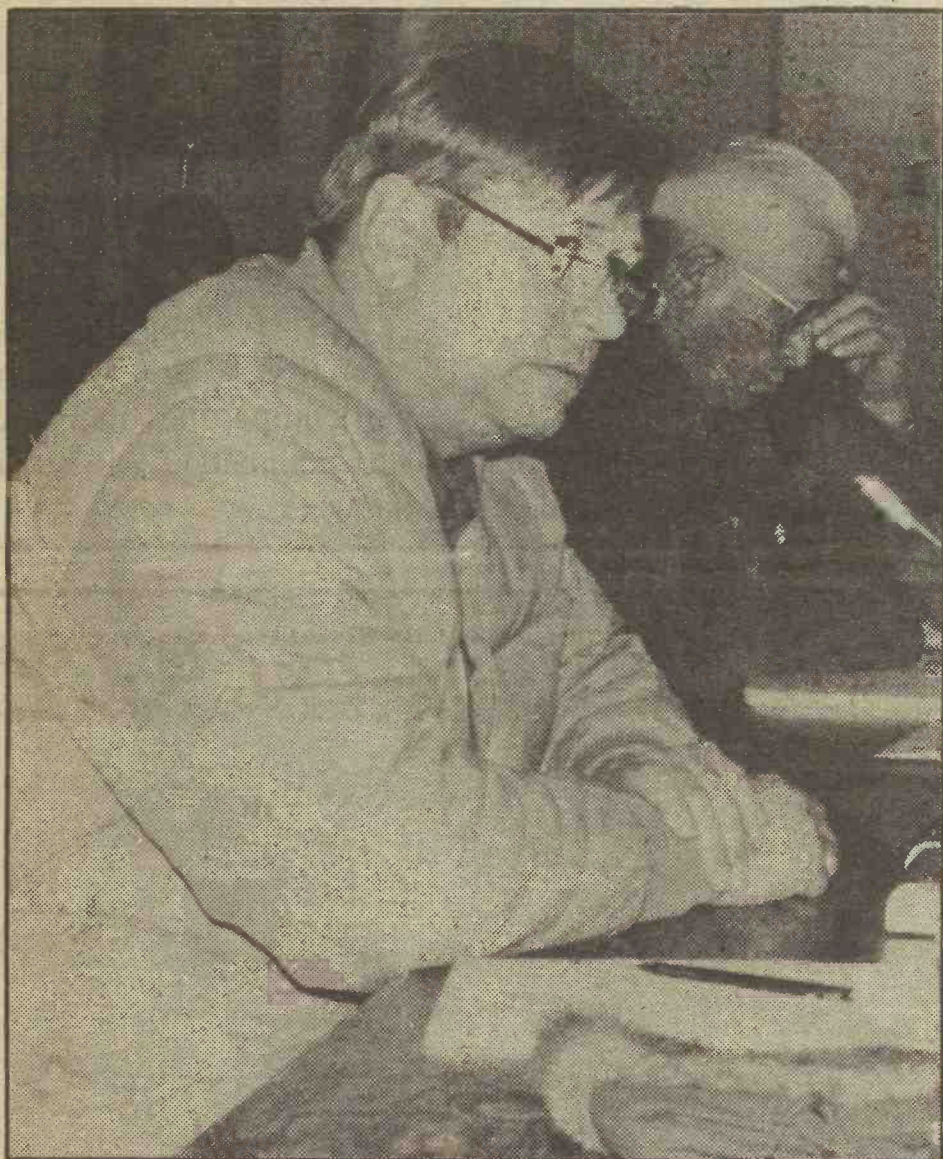
Ronda Groom, executive director of the Lesser Slave Lake Community Futures Committee, says she's already looking forward to setting up loan circles in her area.

Groom says she is in the process of evaluating the NSELP for implementation in the Northern Alberta region even though her organization already has a loan program in place.

"The businesses we deal with now— many Native owned— are larger, more established companies.

"It all depends on what your trying to do. Sometimes it's good to start small and then maybe get bigger." Establishing a credit base with the bank through micro-loans is essential for some businesses.

"There's room for both types of business here."



Listening to concerns: Ron Hanson

## New forestry training plan criticized

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

GOODFISH LAKE, Alta.

Native students will be given the opportunity to teach while they learn, said a Forestry, Lands and Wildlife official during an elders' conference in Whitefish Lake March 10.

Fish and Wildlife Native liaison officer Ron Hanson announced his department's new Native resource management assistants' program during an intense question period with elders from across the province.

While warding off queries concerning fishing rights for Natives, Hanson revealed the government's

new initiative offering high school graduates training opportunities in the fish and wildlife department. He said the program would also benefit wildlife officers.

The training program would offer Native and Metis students practical experience in the functions of the department for one year, then they could go on to college, he said.

"They can learn to be technicians and biologists."

Hanson said it's important for the Natives to share their culture.

"We can learn from them."

Cold Lake First Nations council member Vic Machatis criticized the plan

for evading the real issue.

"We have our fishing rights to begin with. They (game wardens) act like they don't know. What do they want to train our people for?"

They should be training their own people, he said.

Machatis said he and other band members have been chased off Cold Lake for fishing by provincial officers. He said the government needs to learn more about Native fishing rights than Natives do.

But according to Hanson, working closely with game wardens makes understanding much easier for both sides.

"We want them to work close to where they live

(for the first year). There's no reason why we can't learn while they do. It's only hard if they're far away from home."

Hanson said he also wants to set up seminars with his officers and band elders to iron out past problems with fishing and trapping rights.

Later, Hanson acknowledged it may have been too early to announce the new program saying it is unofficial until after the provincial election.

"I just like to keep them informed...it is something that would have an impact on the Native community. There are loose ends to tie up (concerning the plan)."



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GRASSROOTS

# Calling Lake focuses on alcohol and drug abuse

By Bea Lawrence and Rose Houle  
Windspeaker Correspondents

CALLING LAKE, Alta.

A series of workshops intended to bring the people from the community together and to help each other to overcome the problems of alcohol and drug abuse were facilitated at Calling Lake Feb. 24-25 and March 3.

Special guest speakers included: Paul Hanki, Nechako treatment centre in Prince George, B.C.; David Belleau, Alkali Lake, B.C.; Theresa and Phyllis Strawberry and Albert Whitford, O'Chiese reserve; addictions counsellor, Josephine Beaver and community association president Victor Gladue, Calling Lake.

Following the opening prayer by Francis Cardinal at the onset of the workshops, Gladue urged everyone in attendance to pay heed to the workshop slogan, 'Mamawihkamatotak' (Let's work together and

help each other).

Hanki, who has worked in the addictions field since 1975, talked about the mobile treatment program. He stressed this type of program is not intended to replace existing residential treatment centres. The program is a 30 day workshop designed to bring the community closer together through realization of the affects of substance abuse.

Alkali Lake's Belleau, a reformed alcoholic, explained that life is truthful and painful.

"Pain is the greatest gift in life. You can accept the pain only when you can understand the fear. This is the way out of alcoholism."

The southern O'Chiese reserve members talked mainly about their own personal experiences with alcohol and drug related problems in relation to their theme, "To help others you have to be able to help yourself first."

The group's main concern dealt with the children

of the community. They felt the main problem for the children was education. They found most children who attended school were there to escape their home life situations and not necessarily there for their school lessons.

Similar to that of B.C.'s Alkali Lake reserve, the O'Chiese reserve in Alberta has also achieved sobriety.

"Once the majority of the community became sober, the alcohol and drug related problems were lessened and are still improving," said the group.

Distinguished guests, Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak from Little Buffalo and Bigstone Cree Band counsellor Dennis Auger from Wabasca were in attendance for the audience's traditional tea dance celebrations Friday evening.

The momentum and intensity of the weekend workshops and festivities was maintained throughout the week.



Youth form ties at conference: Organizer Janvier, far right

# Youth speak out

By Kim McLain  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

COLD LAKE RESERVE, Alta.

Youth at Cold Lake are tearing down the walls of silence that surround homes where family violence is a part of everyday life.

About 50 teens — from Cold Lake, Goodfish Lake, Hobbema, Lac La Biche and Pigeon Lake — gathered at the Cold Lake band hall to discuss family violence, education and the law last weekend. The reserve hosted the first-ever youth conference, Joining Hands For Our Future.

The delegates — most who had never been to a youth conference — quietly formed a semi-circle of chairs, shy and unsure of

what to expect. But by the second day, the teens were eager to talk.

During the final hour, in a "Donahue-style" discussion, youth rifled off their ideas and visions for improved communities, families and selves. High on their list of hopes were: more family talk, less bingo, a drop-in centre, a place for youth counselling, and parents who do what they preach. Conference organizers will present the list at a family violence conference for adults this week at the Cold Lake reserve.

Eddie Herman, a 27-year-old Cold Laker who is paralyzed from the neck down because of an car accident involving alcohol, got a standing ovation for his talk about disability, alcohol and education.

Andy Thomas, a Grande Centre lawyer, got a lukewarm response from most youth during his talk about the law. However, discussion about Treaty rights perked up the audience.

The Rapid Fire Players, an Edmonton theatre sports troupe, gave the conference comic relief.

A school liaison person from the Cold Lake Family Support Services began the weekend putting the youth into small discussion groups and abuse in the home.

The conference closed with a sacred circle and prayer. Afterwards, teary-eyed delegates hugged and exchanged phone numbers.

The conference was organized by an all-youth committee spearheaded by Dean Janvier.

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GRASSROOTS

# Development bank offers student business loans

This summer will be another successful season for student entrepreneurs as the Federal Business Development Bank (FBDB) prepares to launch the fifth edition of its Student Business Loans program.

Building on the program's past successes, the FBDB will once again offer interest-free loans of up to \$3,000 to encourage Alberta students to start their own

businesses and put their creative ideas to work.

It is part of the federal government's summer employment program for students called Challenge '89 and will provide young entrepreneurs with start-up money for their summer-time businesses. The loans program means jobs for the province's students and an opportunity to learn about starting and operating their

own businesses.

Interested students must first pick up an application and applicant's guide from a Canada Employment Centre, Canada Employment Centre for Students, or at the branches of the Federal Business Development Bank and the Royal Bank of Canada. The application covers such items as the type of business the student intends to start, the number

of employees, projected revenues and the repayment plan for the loan.

Completed applications must then be returned to a local FBDB branch for analysis. If the idea seems sound, students receive a letter of approval which they present to a participating chartered bank and the authorized amount is deposited in the student's account.

The loans are based solely on the business merits of each application and students must repay their loans in full. Participants who repay their loans before September 8, 1989 are eligible for a \$100 rebate.

The number and amount of loans as well as the number of jobs created under the program have increased every year since the program began in 1985. Last year, 566 loans representing \$1.4 million created 1,290 jobs in Canada or 2.3 jobs for each loan. In 1987, 490 loans were granted for 1.2 million. On average, the businesses supported made \$2,000 net profit over the summer.

A survey of last year's participants revealed that three out of four plan to run their own business again next summer, and four out of five feel they are more

likely to start their own business on a permanent basis in the future as a result of the Student Business Loans Program.

The program will serve students in Newfoundland, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Yukon and the Northwest Territories. Assistance is also available to student entrepreneurs in other areas through provincially administered programs of a similar nature.

The Federal Business Development Bank (FBDB) is a Crown corporation that promotes the creation and development of businesses in Canada, especially small and medium-sized businesses. It provides term loans and loan guarantees, venture capital, and a board range of management training, counselling, planning and information services.

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- The Mainstream Move, March, 1989, NOVA Gallery, Calgary, featuring new works by Alberta Native artists.
- Miss Buffalo Jump Princess Pageant "89", March 26. Call Louisa Crowshoe 553-2731 for more.
- 14th Annual Kehewin Voyageur's Recreational Hockey Tournament, March 31, April 1 & 2, Kehewin. Call 826-3333 or 826-4933 evenings.
- All-Indian Basketball Tournament, March 30, 31 & April 1, Blackfoot Reserve, Gleichen.
- Friendship Centre Dance, March 31, Rocky Mountain Friendship Centre. Call 845-2788.
- Native Adult Literacy Workshop, March 29 & 30, Continental Inn, Edmonton. Hosted by INAC.
- Fashion Show, April 1, 5 p.m. Great West Inn, Red Deer. Sponsored by Native Friendship Society.
- Canadian Native All-Star Hockey Tournament, April 7-9, Enoch Rec Centre. Call Robert or Harvey Morin at 470-5645, 470-5646 or 470-5647.
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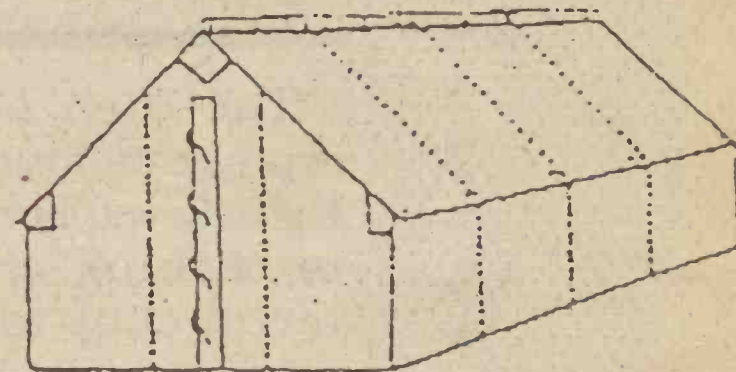
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# Ex-editor turns actress in play called SKIN

Hello everyone!  
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Listen up, the latest is, Dianne Meili (our former editor) is an actress. Yup, she is. And, of course, she's great!

Three of us from the newsroom, and our lovely receptionist Irene, went to see Meili perform at the Edmonton Public Library March 21.

She proved once again, that we only have to possess the gumption to go out and achieve our desires to become a success.

With only a couple of weeks' rehearsals under her wing, she actually learned to cry real, real tears during her performance.

The play is called, SKIN. It's a story about racism. (Look for the rest of the story in your next issue of Windspeaker).

Now for the rest ...

**Assumption:** Fifteen adult students from this community are going on a 7,400 km round trip to Shiprock, New Mexico and Tsaille, Arizona March 24 - April 2.

Doreen Chow, one of the organizers, will be making the trip with the students to visit the rural campus of the Navajo Community College and the Navajo Monument Valley. Also listed on the itinerary is a trip to DeChelly National Park where the group will see rock formations of



## DROPPIN' IN By Bea Lawrence

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2,000-3,000 years ago.

"The trip will benefit the students here in Assumption who are taking upgrading, office assistance and life skills programs," says Chow.

Legend is, the Southwestern United States Navajo and the Dene Tha' band are similar groups of people. Both groups call themselves, Dene and both share the same Athabaskan language.

Chow has worked with the students toward this trip since September organizing bottle drives, bingos, benefit dances, and raffles to help raise the necessary funds.

According to Chow, the students really have their dreams outside of their 100 mile radius.

(Do have a safe trip, and don't forget to send in those postcards).

**Hobbema/Enoch:** Calling all skiers! A wind-up adult ski trip is scheduled from April 7-9.

The Enoch motor coach (seating capacity is 42) is booked to travel to Fernie and the Panorama ski resort in B.C.

Both, the Enoch and Louis Bull band recreation centres

organized this wind-up adult ski trip.

The ski trip fees are tentatively set at \$110. The fees include accomodation, transportation and lifts. Ski rentals are \$14.

Contact: Bill or Lorraine at 585-4075 or Geenia Raine at 423-2064 for further information.

**Cold Lake First Nations:** LeGoffe school is hosting a speech contest April 26 (during education week) and your assistance is required.

A contest judge is needed. One who is fluent in Chipewyan, Cree and English.

"If enough interest is generated maybe someday, who knows, this could develop into a provincial thing," says school principal Joe Redillas.

Kehewin, Saddle Lake, Frog Lake, Fishing Lake and the Elizabeth settlement schools are all vying for the big, big, speech trophy championship title.

"Last year, Kehewin hosted the contest," added Redillas.

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**Calling Lake:** Believe this folks! There's a young fella here who knows his Cree syllabics. He's only 25 years young too. His name is Charles Houle. Way to go Charlie!

With all of these good thoughts in mind I want to wish you all a Happy Easter holiday with your family, children and friends. Have fun, be good and ... smile!

# Enrolment up at Indian college

REGINA, Sask. — For the eighth consecutive semester enrolment at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC) has increased.

Final figures for the Winter 1989 semester at North America's only Indian-controlled university college show 772 students registered, an increase from 747 students registered in the Fall 1988 semester.

SIFC's course offerings also continue to rise and the

college is running out of classroom space at the University of Regina campus.

"Through our various programs, SIFC is offering 123 course sections," Garry Anaquod, SIFC's acting registrar says. "It will be a considerable challenge to find sufficient room for future increases in course section offerings on the Regina campus."

This winter, new programs are being offered at the Regina Correctional

Centre and at Meadow Lake through the college's Department of Continuing Education and Extension.

Seventy-seven per cent of SIFC's students are registered as full-time undergraduates. Twenty-three per cent are part-time undergraduates. Part-time student registrations have more than doubled over one year ago.

SIFC operates classes at two campuses — one in Regina and one in Saska-

toon — in addition to offering extension courses in a number of locations in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Fifty-nine per cent of SIFC's students attend in Regina, 19 per cent in Saskatoon and 22 per cent through extension classes.

Almost 100 of the students attending SIFC are from out of Saskatchewan. The only province or territory without students at SIFC is Prince Edward Island.

## Enoch 14th Annual Canadian Native All-Star Hockey Tournament April 7-9, 1989 - Enoch Rec Centre

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  - Deadline March 31, 1989
  - Prize Money: Over \$12,000 in prize money.
- For more information contact: Robert Morin 470-5645 or Harvey Morin 470-5646/5647 (9-4 Weekdays)



In conjunction with the 14th Annual Canadian Native Hockey tourney, there will also be an Oldtimers Hockey Tournament April 6-8. Twelve (12) teams; \$400 entry fee; Prize money - 1st, \$1,600, 2nd, \$1,200, 3rd, \$800, 4th, \$400. For more information contact Robert Morin or Harvey Morin at 470-5645, 470-5646 or 470-5647.

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LEARNING

# David Suzuki questions science and technology

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

In the midst of mankind's efforts to master the frontiers of science and technology, it has become oblivious to the one unadulterated resource that could direct its ultimate survival — the world's indigenous peoples. This was the message of renowned scientist and environmentalist David Suzuki at the Partners in Education convention last week at the Coast Terrace Inn.

During an enlightening presentation to over 500 people March 17, Suzuki slammed civilized nations for destroying the environment and threatening the pristine existence of their Aboriginal cultures.

In the last century, mankind has advanced in every way. The world has conquered diseases, built mega-societies and accumulated extraordinary wealth, said Suzuki.

"But if science is so

wonderful and beneficial, why are we still overwhelmed with starvation and destruction... Surely there are more important things than just growth. If growth has become the reason for a society to exist, then there is no reason."

Scientists are failing in their efforts to find ways to protect the environment from man's encroachment. He said civilization has gotten the world into trouble and can't get it out unless it starts listening to the world's Native people.

"It is the accumulated and practical knowledge of the Indigenous people that goes far beyond science. This knowledge is priceless."

He said man has sought to control every bit of wilderness on the planet and has left very little for nature and those who depend on it.

"What does this have to do with education? Probably nothing." But what happens with the Aboriginal people could determine the fate of the world, he warned.

"We have to think how our actions today will effect our children."

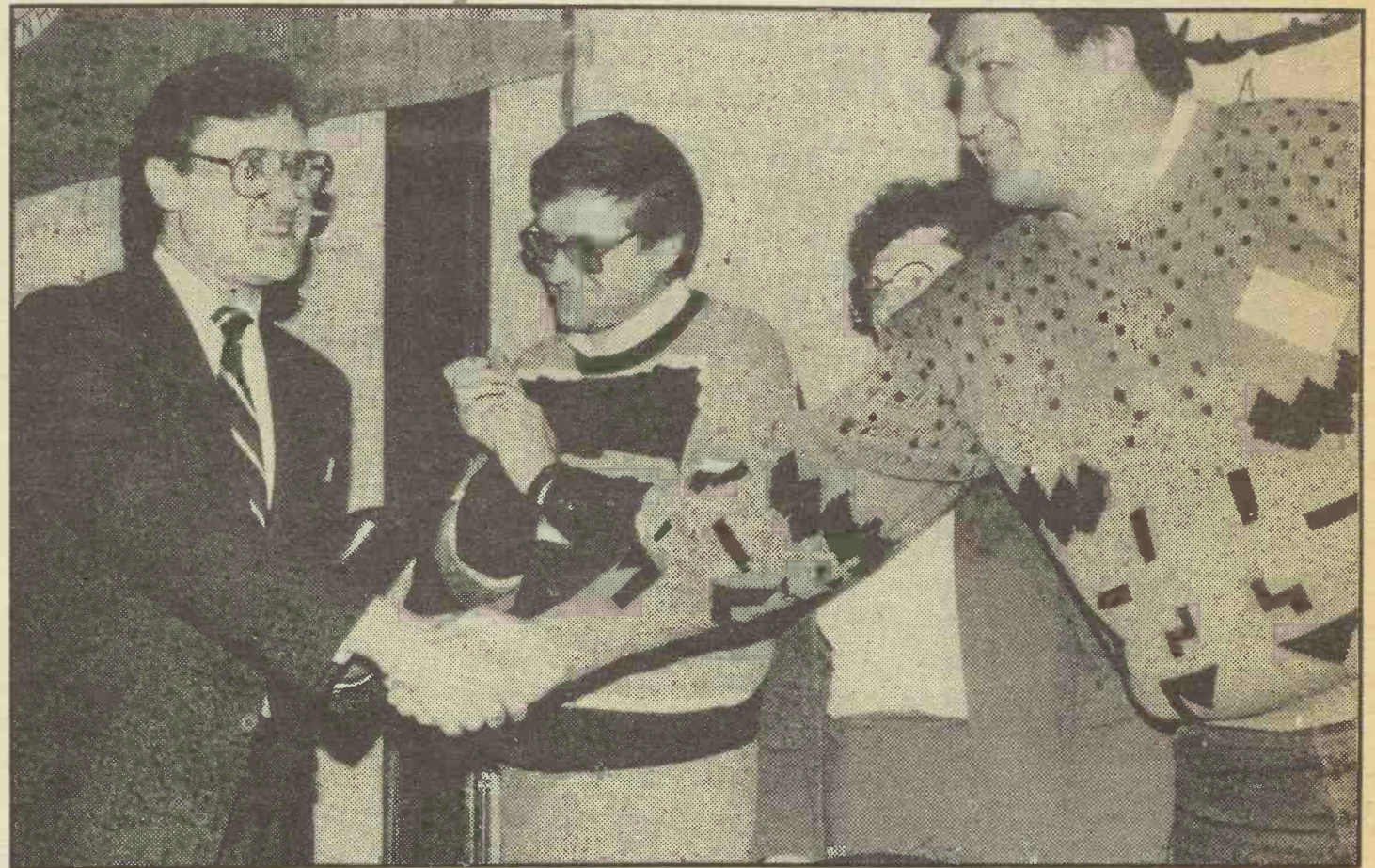
During a question period regarding pollution-causing projects in Canada, Suzuki was asked about the Alberta pulp mills and the government's intention to construct more.

"Don't listen to what they (Alberta government officials) say. They don't give a damn about the environment. They don't give a damn about the Native people."

Alexander band Elder Christian Arcand, 80, had only one word for Suzuki and his spellbinding speech — "inspirational."

Alexander band member Doris Calliou agreed Suzuki's delivery was hard hitting but the information was nothing new to her.

"Elders have been saying these things for years. It's time more and more governments come to traditional people for ideas... It's scary what could happen to our children and our children's children if they don't."



Receives a warm welcome to conference: Steven Lewis, Left

# Ambassador praises YTC

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The world could learn a lesson from the Yellowhead Tribal Council in recognizing education as a human right, declared Stephen Lewis, former Canadian ambassador to the United Nations.

Speaking before a crowd of 800 people during the first day of the Partners in Education conference, Lewis praised the YTC for organizing the high-profile event.

He said the world needs to understand education is an undeniable right for everyone on earth. Canada, in particular, needs to recognize its Native people.

Lewis said human rights issues have climbed higher on the UN agenda than ever before and YTC has forged a path for other organizations concerned with the value of education.

"These are values that may even rescue the system from itself."

"The YTC is a remarkable group of people here fashioning a school system.

You should work in the way you've been working to make school a model to show the rest of the country," and the rest of the world, he said.

The YTC can give the Canadian government something to think about when it's time to prioritize social program spending, said Lewis.

Their policies to date "have been completely inconsistent with the society we want to build. . . They have distorted priorities."

He blasted the defense department's plan to buy 10 to 12 nuclear-powered submarines for a price of \$8 billion over the next 27 years while ignoring the needs of the people.

"This country resists logic."

The greatest difficulty arises when school systems fail to identify cultural differences. Schools need to mirror society around them and Canadian systems don't do that, said Lewis.

"Elders and parents should be drawn upon to help deal with issues and curriculum... There's work to be done and it won't be easy."

Lewis announced that the Working Group on Aboriginal Rights has put forward its resolutions to the UN commission to address world-wide discrimination and human rights violations.

He said the UN will be dealing with child rights, the right to health and the right to education.

Convention co-organizer chief Allan Paul said people need to recognize they're not alone in their struggle to achieve proper education for their children.

"They need insight, and Lewis provides just that."

Paul, Alexander band chief, said his group recognizes Lewis as a top advocate on child rights and could attack the education issue with the proper poise.

"He involves kindergarten to post-secondary education."

He said the second-annual conference was put together by Native and public school systems to draw attention to Native education rights.

"We want to see what can be improved. We want to bridge the gap."

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# NATIVE FASHION

## A Touch of Tradition

**F**our tall braves wearing magnificent Indian headgear rose above the clouds as the Indian maiden cleared the way.

The dream-like scene kicked off the captivating fashion show, part of the Partners in Education Conference, held in Edmonton March 15 to 18.

Four Native fashion designers from Alberta presented their wares with the help of some 35 models. Twenty-five of the models were young ladies from around Alberta, four were young men and five were children.

The four fashion designers presented Native fashions from all corners of the province with Gerry Manyfingers coming from the Blood reserve in southern Alberta, Carol Starlight from

Calgary, Pat Piche from Edmonton and Mary Periard from Grouard, in northern Alberta.

The show, along with David Suzuki's presentation, was the best attended part of the conference with 1,500 people attending to have a look at Alberta's Native fashions. Along with colorful and striking fashions the Native models often awed the crowd.

Organizer for the event was Helen Calahasen, a 28-year-old freelance model who has modelled for 15 years, including modelling she has done in Germany. Calahasen says she started out with a modelling school in Edmonton, now known as John Casablanca's

Calahasen says that preparations for the models started a month before and that each fashion designer was asked to bring 25 garments.

She is also pleased with the show and says that crowd response was good. She adds "that it was better than last year" and that that was her main objective in organizing this year's show.



Story and photos by Everett Lambert



# Obomsawin: Film and song bridge cultures

By Elaine O'Farrell  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Looking back on her childhood, Montreal filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin cherishes a vivid memory of brilliantly dyed ashwood splints, curling like colorful ribbons of deep mauve, turquoise and red and left hanging on the line to dry.

She recalls the wonderful smells of ash and sweetgrass that filled the homes at Odanak, the Abenaki reserve northeast of Montreal.

"In those days, everybody made baskets and canoes," Obomsawin remembers. "They worked with ash and sweetgrass was an important part of everyone's daily life. There wasn't one house that didn't have those smells."

Those childhood memories serve as inspiration for her films, which reveal the quiet dignity and strength of her people.

For Obomsawin, films are a "bridge" so Native people can be heard directly, through their own voices. Her films advocate social reform and a change of attitude from government officials and the public at large.

"We are living today the result of 400 years of history. Each Native person carries around that pain. We're carrying the pain of our fathers, our mothers, our grandfathers, our grandmothers.

"For generations, we were told we were not allowed to live the way we were brought up. They made laws against us in Canada," said Obomsawin, 56, who lives in downtown Montreal with her teenage daughter.

**"I would never even stop going to prisons and skid row, where you find a high percentage of our people...It's a snake pit. But I cannot divorce myself from them."**

Her first film, *Christmas at Moose Factory* made in 1971, tells the story of life at a remote Cree village on James Bay as seen through the drawings and paintings of its children.

*Amisk* (1977) explores the richness and variety of Indian music and dance. The film came about after Obomsawin helped stage a festival for the people of James Bay, whose Cree way of life was threatened by the Quebec government's giant hydroelectric project.

*Incident at Restigouche* (1984) is a documentary about the June 1981 Quebec Provincial Police raid on the Restigouche reserve over Micmac salmon fishing rights.

*Richard Cardinal: A Cry from a Diary of a Metis Diary* (1986) is the heartbreaking story of a Metis boy who hanged himself in the backyard of his foster parents' home. The film is told through pages of the boy's diary, which reveals his emotions as he was moved from 28 different foster homes and institutions over a 14-year period.

*Poundmaker's Lodge* (1987) examines the St. Albert, Alta. treatment centre for Native people suffering from drug and alcohol abuse. The unique lodge is called a healing place and uses elders, medicine men to teach traditional values.

Her latest film is *No Address*, a compassionate look at Native youth who come to Montreal in search of a better life.

Instead of taking other directors as a role model, Obomsawin seeks inspiration from her own people.

"I am really moved by my own people and what they go through every day. I will never live long enough to tell their story. This is where I look when I make my films, not toward films that have already been made. That's where I get my energy," she says in an interview from her Edmonton hotel room after the Alberta premiere of *No Address*.

Whenever possible, Obomsawin tries to use Native people in her crew.

And although the films do not often appear on TV, she believes they do make a difference.

"The films have gone the underground route and travelled around all over Canada. They are always in demand and seen by communities, associations, and universities—groups of 100 or less who view the film and have a discussion afterwards. These small groups do help make a change and that makes me feel good."

Sound is very important in Obomsawin's films and she often begins a project by recording sounds from the street, local music and songs or the sounds of nature.

"I come from a tradition where you would listen to people telling stories about our history. It was not a tradition of reading a book but of listening to a book," she said.

Obomsawin joined the National Film Board 21 years ago, after catching the eye of two NFB producers as a folk singer and storyteller. At the board, she began making her own films and produced multimedia educational kits on the Manowman and L'Ilawat tribes.

She was the subject of a 1965 CBC Telescope program and later appeared in Kathleen Shannon's (Studio D) *Our Dear Sisters* and Gordon Sheppard's *Eliza's Horoscope*.

In 1983, she was awarded the Order of Canada for her contribution to Native rights.

Throughout the years, Obomsawin has continued her singing and songwriting career and appeared frequently on the children's program *Sesame Street*.

"I always sang and began to sing in public at about 30. My mother had a beautiful voice but never sang in public. I write songs about what is happening to Native people at this time, contemporary issues. Sometimes, I write about



Films are a "bridge" so Natives can be heard: Obomsawin

dreams or visions

"I love to tell stories to children and do some traditional singing about history in English, French and my own language, Abenaki."

Over the years, she has written several songs with the title *Bush Lady* about the Native women she has met in her travels across Canada.

The first song, written in International Woman's Year, 1985, examines the consequences of a Canadian law that meant Indian women who marry non-Native men lose their status.

Obomsawin has decided to start up her own her own record production and distribution company after losing royalties for earlier Native compilation albums. She plans to produce other Native artists.

The company is called *Wawa*, after the name of her great-grandmother. ("In our language, it means the egg.")

In an interview last year, Obomsawin told *Cinema Canada*: "It doesn't matter where I go - whether it's our West or up North - when I'm going to a Native person, I'm always going home.

"I would never even stop going to prisons and skid row, where you find a high percentage of our people. You watch the drinking, the people sleeping on the sidewalks, being abused and you hear terrible language. It's a snake pit. But I cannot divorce myself from them."



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

No Address premieres in Alberta

# Film follows homeless through city streets

By Elaine O'Farrell  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Most people would rather not think about the people they see sleeping in the alleys, pushing grocery carts full of their belongings or panhandling for money.

Aside from the attention it received in 1987, the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, homelessness remains one of the least understood social ills facing our big cities.

No Address, a National Film Board production written and directed by Alanis Obomsawin, attempts to put a human face to the problem of homelessness.

"There are all kinds of misconceptions. The reason for my making the film is to let people know what it is like to be on the street and be at others' mercy," Obomsawin told a public forum after the Alberta premiere of the film.

"People will make you feel like a beggar. Sometimes, it's just a look or the sound of their voice."

In the spring of 1988, the official estimate of the number of homeless in Montreal stood at 12,000, many of them Native youth.

As their traditional way of life erodes, many young Natives drift into the big cities, beckoned by the glamor of city life and the vague hope of finding their roots.

In deliberate, thoughtful prose, Obomsawin explains in the film's narration: "Many of our young Native people come to Montreal with an unclear idea of what a city is all about. They have left their communities — sometimes troubles — but at home there was always a place to sleep at night."

The film is a compassionate look at six young Native people who come to Montreal in search of a better life.

One young man describes how he came to Montreal because he ran out of money to get to Toronto. Since his arrival, he has slept in apartment hallways, hotel lobbies, even in the emergency room of the Montreal General Hospital.

But good jobs are hard to find and difficult to keep when you haven't eaten or slept right, he acknowledges.

In desperation, many of the women begin to work as prostitutes and the men beg for change on the streets, hop-

ping to be picked up by police to have a nice, warm place to sleep.

They live in the downtown core, where low-cost housing is being rapidly replaced by gentrification.

The film takes us inside La Mission Colombe, a traveling soup-kitchen that operates all night to provide many of the homeless with a free warm meal.

Dernier Recours (the last resort) provides a 24-hour referral service for the homeless, turning away no one. Since its opening, Montreal hospital emergency wards have treated fewer people suffering from beatings or frost-bite.

One of the most touching scenes in the film shows a Native radio announcer who is overcome with emotion during a CKRK Kahnawake Mohawk Radio funding drive for a new Native women's shelter.

"Picture yourself tonight when you are sitting watching TV and thinking about getting ready for bed, you're going to a nice warm bed," says the deejay, choking back tears. One sequence shows the homeless sleeping outdoors on park benches, in hotel lobbies, subways and condemned buildings. A picture of the Montreal skyline becomes tragic when the camera zooms in on a pile of cut evergreens, to show the Indian man who has made them his bed.

Another image that resonates long after viewing the film is one of a woman who stands watching the icy waters of the St. Lawrence, her long black hair blowing in the gritty Montreal wind.

To Obomsawin, the visual poetry is symbolic of the woman's longing for home, down the river's length.

The mood of the film is enhanced by an original score from Dominique Tremblay, harmonica by Yves Gelinas and excerpts from the play, "I Hear the Same Drum."

*"People make you feel like a beggar. Sometimes, it's just a look or the sound of their voice."*

ing to be picked up by police to have a nice, warm place to sleep.

In time, they forget their roots and become "the orphans of the city," Obomsawin says in the narration.

No Address focuses on three organizations that help the homeless of Montreal. At the Montreal Native Friendship Center, staff help Native youth to deal with the bureaucracy of government agencies and show them how to get on welfare.

Many of the city's homeless are refused the monthly \$188 welfare payment for those under 30 because they lack a permanent address.

Even when they can qualify for welfare, the funds are not enough to pay for even a single room in Montreal.



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MVP: Micheal Bob

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2nd: Sioux Valley Selects, Sask.  
3rd: SIFC Free Spirits, Sask.  
4th: Winnipeg Blues, Man.  
MVP: Sandie Lafrenierie

RESULTS

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March 17-19, Alexander Reserve (10 teams)

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2nd: Hobbema - silver - \$700  
3rd: Peigan - bronze - \$600  
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SPORTS & LEISURE

BEA LAWRENCE, Windspeaker



Hobbema skip makes winning throw: Dale Spence

# Spence and Kinuso win golds

BEA LAWRENCE, Windspeaker



Ladies champs: (L to R) Darlene Nadeau, Yvonne Sound, Pearl Hunt and Lynn Sound

By Bea Lawrence  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WETASKIWIN, Alta.

Over 300 curling enthusiasts, including spectators, participated in the 1989 Alberta Native Curling Provincials at Wetaskiwin Mar. 17-19. The event was hosted by the Hobbema Curling Club for the second consecutive year.

On the men's A-side finals, the hosting club's president, Dale Spence and his team won the 1989 gold medal championships. They also won a team trophy, individual trophies and merchandise prizes.

Spence and his teammates, Barry Potts, Bobby Ward, and Kirk Buffalo came back late in the tenth end to defeat the Hobbema club vice-president Dennis Okeymow's team.

"This is my first year of curling," said lead player Buffalo. "Definitely, I'm coming back next year to defend our title."

According to Buffalo, the winning team was down by two points going into the final end.

"Forty ends later...we won."

The winning team suc-

ceeded the 1988 gold medal team champions lead by Melvin Nepoose.

The second place team players were: Dennis Okeymow, Ken Cutarm, Earl Munroe and Jim Simon. They won the silver medals plus trophies and merchandise prizes.

Third place bronze medal winners were: John Crier, Clifford Potts, Calvin Morven and Gary Sokwaypnace.

All the winners were awarded with individual trophies, plus merchandise prizes. There were no cash awards for the winners.

On the ladies A side finals, the gold medal provincial curling championships was awarded to a Kinuso team. Team players included: Darlene Nadeau, Yvonne Sound, Pearl Hunt and Lynn Sound.

"We're really an intertribal team," chorused the happy group.

"Originally, one of us is from the Sarcee tribe, another from Blackfoot and another from Fort Chipewyan."

Silver medal winners were: Cheryl Davis, Ellie Davis, Tina Davis, and Kim Davis.

The bronze medal win-

ners were: Sally Whiteknife, Irene Fraser, Stella Marten and Linda Marten.

There were 96 players in the men's division, 48 players in the ladies' division and 24 players in the junior division competing for the provincial curling championships.

Saturday saw a banquet and live band dance for all the competitors and participants at the Hobbema Pance Memorial Agri-Plex.

"We collected over \$7,500 in cash and merchandise prizes," said the curling club president. "Out of the 12 prizes that were donated to us, we gave four away as door prizes and the rest were auctioned off at the agri-plex. We made \$750 cash from the auction."

Next year, the Alberta Native Curling Provincials are slated to be held in Driftpile, hosted once again by the Hobbema Curling Club, according to Spence.

"We're also going to host the Canadian Western Native Curling Championships and the Alberta Mixed Native Championships," concluded the 1989 curling provincial champion.



SPORTS & LEISURE

# Beaver and CNFC plan running club

By Everett Lambert  
Syndicated Native News

EDMONTON

Along with Allan Beaver, the Canadian Native Friendship Centre has started a running club and plans on running in a 177-mile relay in the Canadian Rockies later this spring.

"We're looking for runners," says CNFC's Ralph Richard. The running club will require at least 17 runners and is hoping to have 20, in case runners become ill or drop out before the event.

Each relay run will be 10.3 miles and will go from Jasper to Banff. The run, organized by Edmonton's Chasquis Running Club, draws some 2,000 runners and includes legendary Inca runners from Peru and runners from places like Aus-

tralia, Japan and Bermuda.

Richard, recreation coordinator for the CNFC, is hoping to form a committee to work on the run. He adds that one does not have to be a runner; any one interested in the relay can sit on the committee.

Richard says he will be fundraising for the relay,

a.m. on Saturday, June 3 and will last until the next day. Richard is hoping to have a warm-up 10-kilometre run a week or two prior to the Jasper-Banff run.

Running with the team will be entrants from Ft. Chipewyan and Cadotte Lake. Both communities are sending four runners so far. Also running with the team will be a well-known Cree runner from the Bigstone Band, Allan Beaver.

Beaver has run in races in different parts of northern Alberta, as well as Vancouver and Toronto. The 24-year-old former University of Alberta student is presently working with the CNFC Running Team. He plans to return to Wabasca on the Bigstone reserve and do on-the-job training as an RCMP

special constable, something he says he always wanted to do. His personal coach, Peter Moore, will

take over coaching of the team once Beaver is gone.

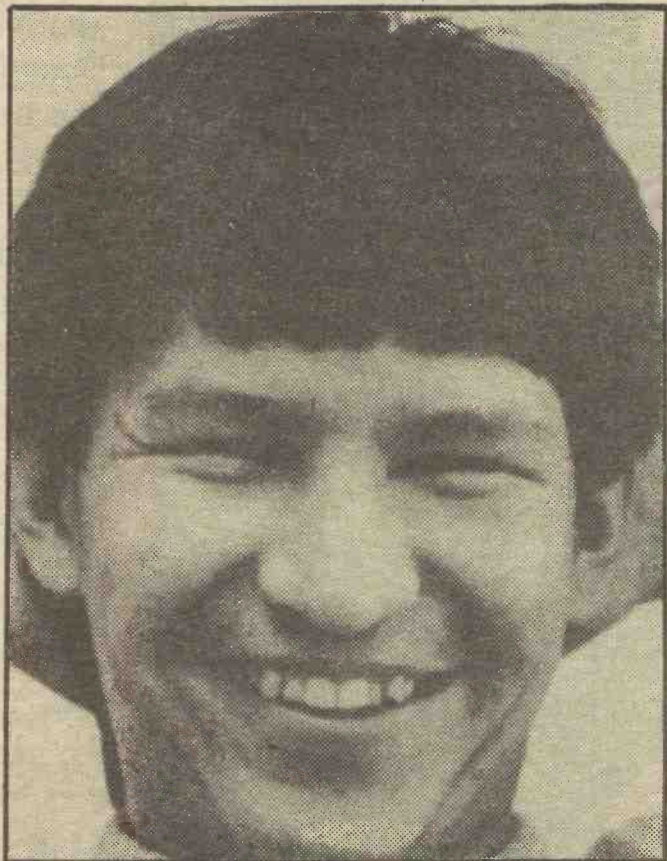
Beaver says he helped start the club because "there's nothing that young Native runners could look up to (in Edmonton). A running club could help."

There is no age limit for joining the club and both males and females are wel-

come says Beaver. The only fee for joining the club is the regular three dollars for joining the CNFC. The 15-member team practices at 6:30 p.m. Mondays and is presently looking for a 400 metre school track to practice on. Richard says CNFC will also be taking a track team

to the annual "Friends In Sports" track meet this summer in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Richard notes that the CNFC is in need of more volunteers. For instance, the boxing club, which also wants more male and female boxers, is looking for volunteer coaches.



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Giving Natives a goal: Allan Beaver.

which will require about \$1,000 for accommodations and travel.

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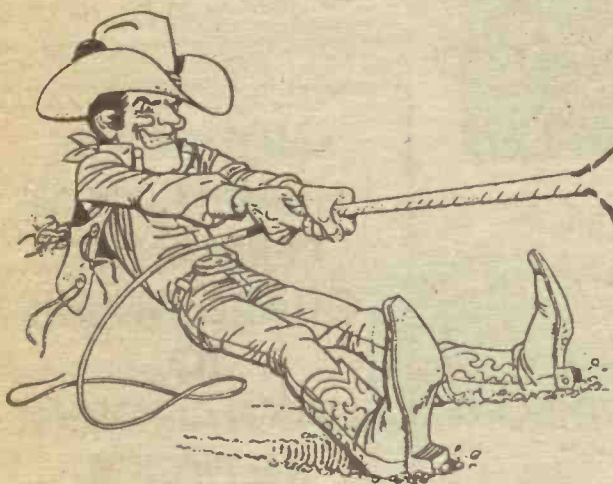
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## Inuit town runs on wind farm

Canada's first commercial wind farm is now operating on Victoria Island in the Northwest Territories. Four steel towers planted in the Island permafrost, each bearing a 25-kilowatt wind turbine, harness the Arctic wind as a clean, free source of energy.

The electricity thus generated goes to the nearby Inuit town of Cambridge Bay. Until now, the town has been receiving all its power from a 2,375-kilowatt diesel plant.

It is estimated that the four turbines will provide the community with about three percent of the electricity it needs each year, and reduce the cost of diesel fuel by \$25,000.

The wind farm is also a source of valuable experimental information. At Cambridge Bay, winter temperatures often drop to minus 45 degrees C; the farm will test how well the turbines and their related electronic equipment operate at extremely low temperatures.

Some experts believe that wind power could one day supply Canada's north with up to 50 per cent of its energy needs. It's estimated that it would take about 80 wind turbines to provide Cambridge Bay with half its electricity.

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GRASSROOTS

# Southern women prepare for symposium

Southern Alberta Aboriginal women established an ad hoc committee March, 1988 to coordinate a national symposium on Aboriginal women of Canada for Oct. 19-21, 1989 at the University of Alberta.

Chris Miller and Marie Smallface-Marule of the University of Lethbridge Department of Native American Studies initiated the planning of this landmark event.

Miller said, "For too long we, as teachers, have had to depend on U.S. material on Aboriginal women. It is time we in Canada got together to share our knowledge and experiences and develop our own material about the facts of our situations, in the past, present and future. I know there are many women in our communities with these facts. We just need to bring all these women together."

Doreen Indra, a member of the coordinating committee, is very excited by the response from across Canada.

"We have people from all over coming," she says.

The intention of the organizers was to have Aboriginal women in all areas of concern represented.

"We are pleased to know that as many women from our communities will be participating as from the academic and professional institutions," says Smallface-Marule.

In addition to the formal presentations of research papers, the symposium will have panels and workshops to discuss the various ideas and information. Many of

the workshops will be organized by community and regional women's groups and associations. The organizers say they are still accepting workshop proposals from community groups. Betty Bastien urges local women's groups to present their proposals as soon as possible.

"The input of our community workers is so important. Without them the symposium will not be complete," she says.

Nationally renowned aboriginal women will be in

attendance. Alanis Obomsawin, the producer of many excellent films on Aboriginal people will be one of the featured speakers. The symposium will be showing most of the films produced by Obomsawin during the two days.

Jeannette Armstrong, famous author of the novel *Slash*, will be the banquet guest speaker and a participant in the symposium. Jean (Tootoosis) Cuthand Goodwill, well-known for her many years of services to the Indian community in

Canada, is the symposium patroness.

Other invited guest speakers include Nellie Cournoyer, minister of health for the government of the Northwest Territories and her colleague Jeannie Marie-Jewell, minister of social assistance. Respected Blood Elder Katie Wells is the coordinating committee's designated elder.

Some of the topics to be covered are: Aboriginal women and the impact of change in northern society; Plains Indian women and

reserve life to 1896; Metis women at Batoche; Exploitation of the oil and gas frontier; impact on Lubicon Lake Cree women, Iroquois women's rights with respect to matrimonial property on Indian reserves; Bill C-31: aiming for equality within the Indian act.

Some workshop topics selected to date include how to start community cultural centres and set up emergency shelters.

Also planned are a powwow, poetry reading, arts and crafts displays, and

other cultural activities.

Other members of the coordinating committee are Patricia Chuchryk, a sociologist at the U of L; Brenda Eastman, a full-time Native social worker; Cheryl Deering, Rosalind Merrick and Joanne Crate Thomas, U of L students.

The coordinators urge all those interested in participating in the symposium to contact them through the Department of Native American Studies, U of L, Lethbridge, T1K 3M4 or (403) 329-2635.

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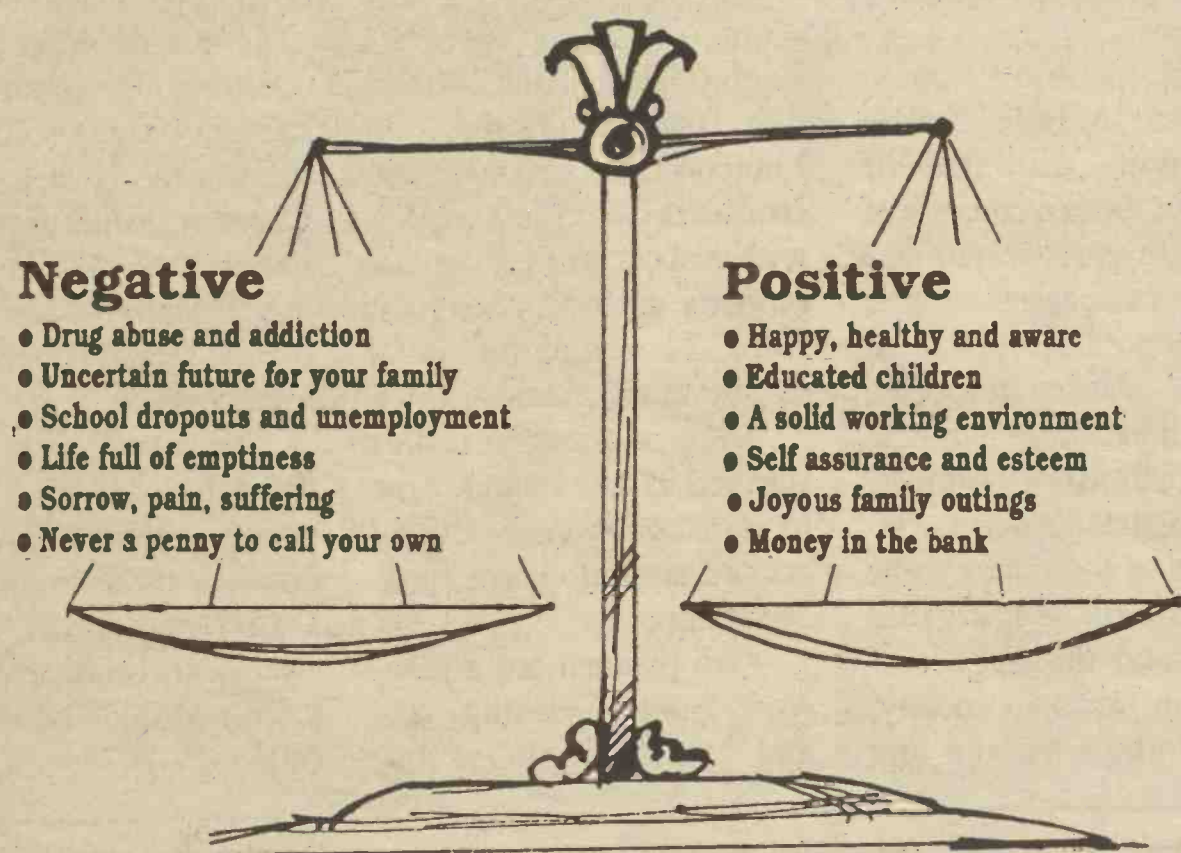
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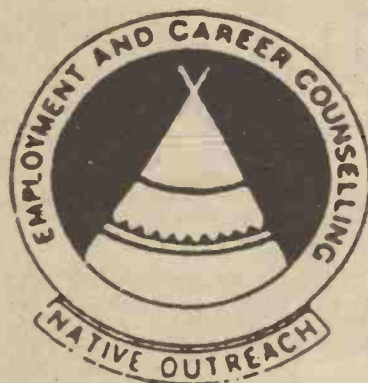


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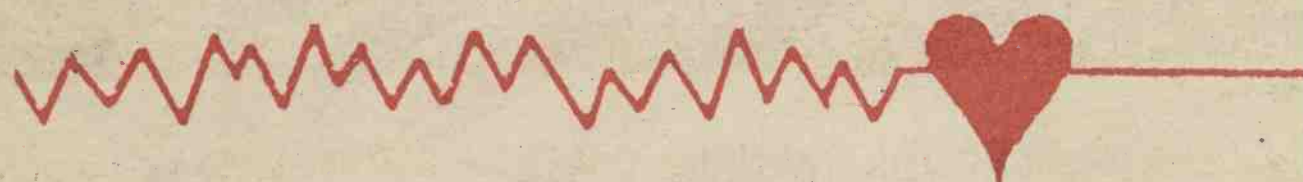


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## Human Rights and Employment

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## Six objectives to lending a hand

The Native Outreach Association of Alberta is one group that takes its name seriously by reaching out and helping others.

The main office of this provincewide agency is located at 10603 107 Ave., Room 301. The staff is committed to increasing the employment of Native people.

"There are six principle objectives to the services that we provide," says Laurent Roy, executive director.

These objectives include: to reduce the high rate of Native unemployment; to identify a client's career and job goals; to provide counselling and referral services; to plan strategies to meet a client's goals; to promote the goal of self-sufficiency and to secure employment at various professional levels.

"One of our priorities is Employment Equity, a legislated program with the key function of integrating equal proportions of qualified persons from target groups into the workforce," says Roy. These target groups include women, the physically disabled, Native people and visible minority workers but, of course, the focus is on Native people.

The Employment Equity program is designed to seek out and eliminate discriminatory practices in the workplace — in areas such as testing and recruitment; to accommodate certain differences in employees and to adopt measures to help this accommodation. This includes providing handicapped facilities, on-site day care and, most significantly, to ensure that efforts are

made to allow all members of target groups equal employment opportunities.

One of Native Outreach's main concerns is with developing and expanding Employment Equity throughout the province (at this time, Equity programs only encompass five per cent of job opportunities). To achieve this, they are working in cooperation with many other groups, in hopes that a combined effort will bring about a more rapid success.

"We're here to help," says Roy. "The Native Outreach counsellor can help you plan your career and your training or education."

For example, if you have aspirations to seek and achieve a better education, the counsellors will assist you in making the right contact and help you to gain access to the existing up-grading, vocational and academic institutions.

They will also provide referrals and follow-up, linking the client, the employer and the counsellor.

The Native Outreach Association's main office is in Edmonton. However, they have several offices across the province to ensure their services are available to those who need them. Each office works for the same goals but concentrates its efforts on regional concerns. The offices try to get Native people involved in local employment, at all levels of skill and prestige. Native Outreach seeks to bring increased awareness of Native employment issues to both its clients and to their potential employers.

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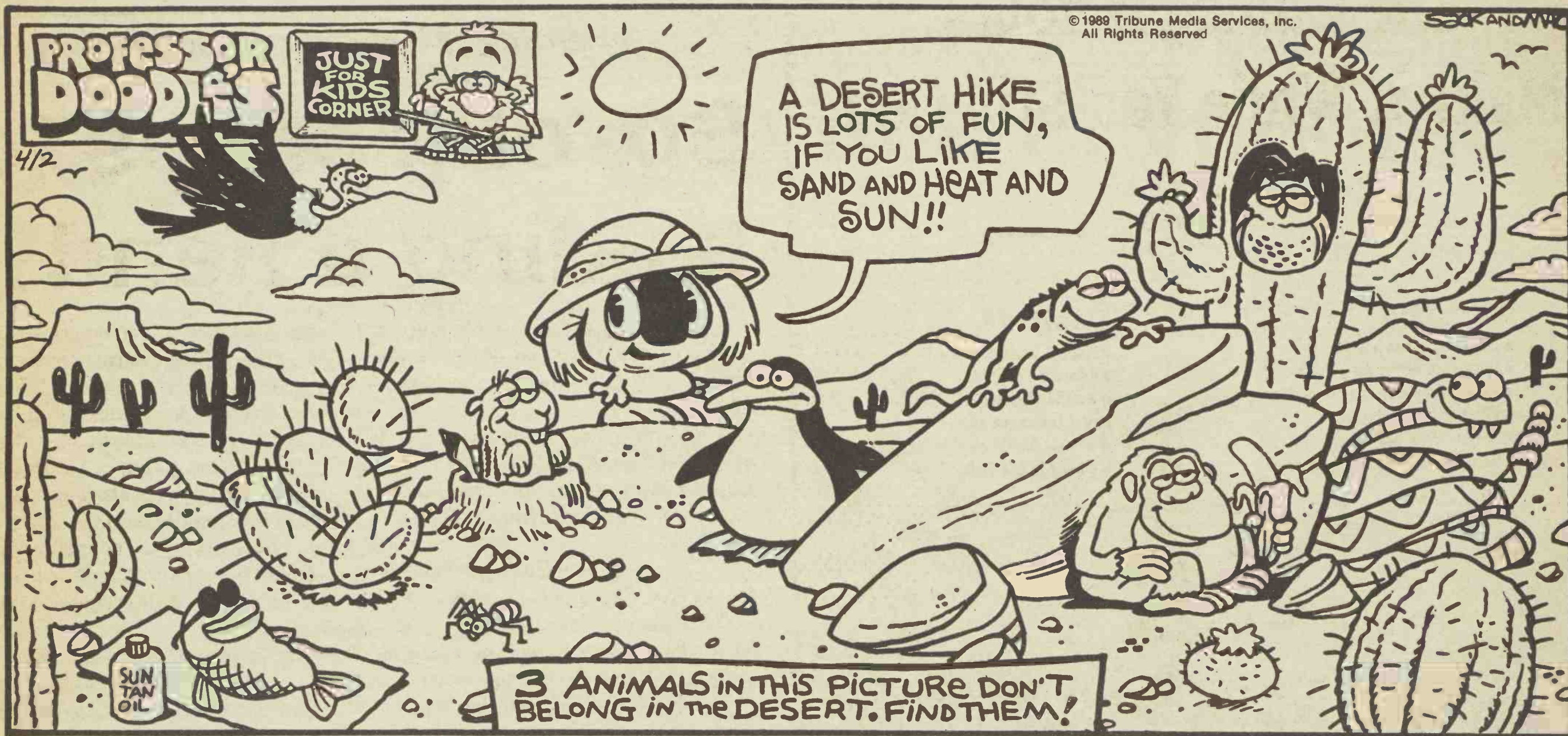
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Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices: **Three (3) members** for the Loon Lake/Red Earth Local School Board Committee - Sub-Division #10

Voting will take place on the **3rd day of April, A.D., 1989**, between the hours of **10 a.m.** and **8 p.m.** voting stations will be located at: Clarence Jaycox School

Dated at the Town of Peace River in the Province of Alberta, this **2nd day of March, A.D. 1989.**

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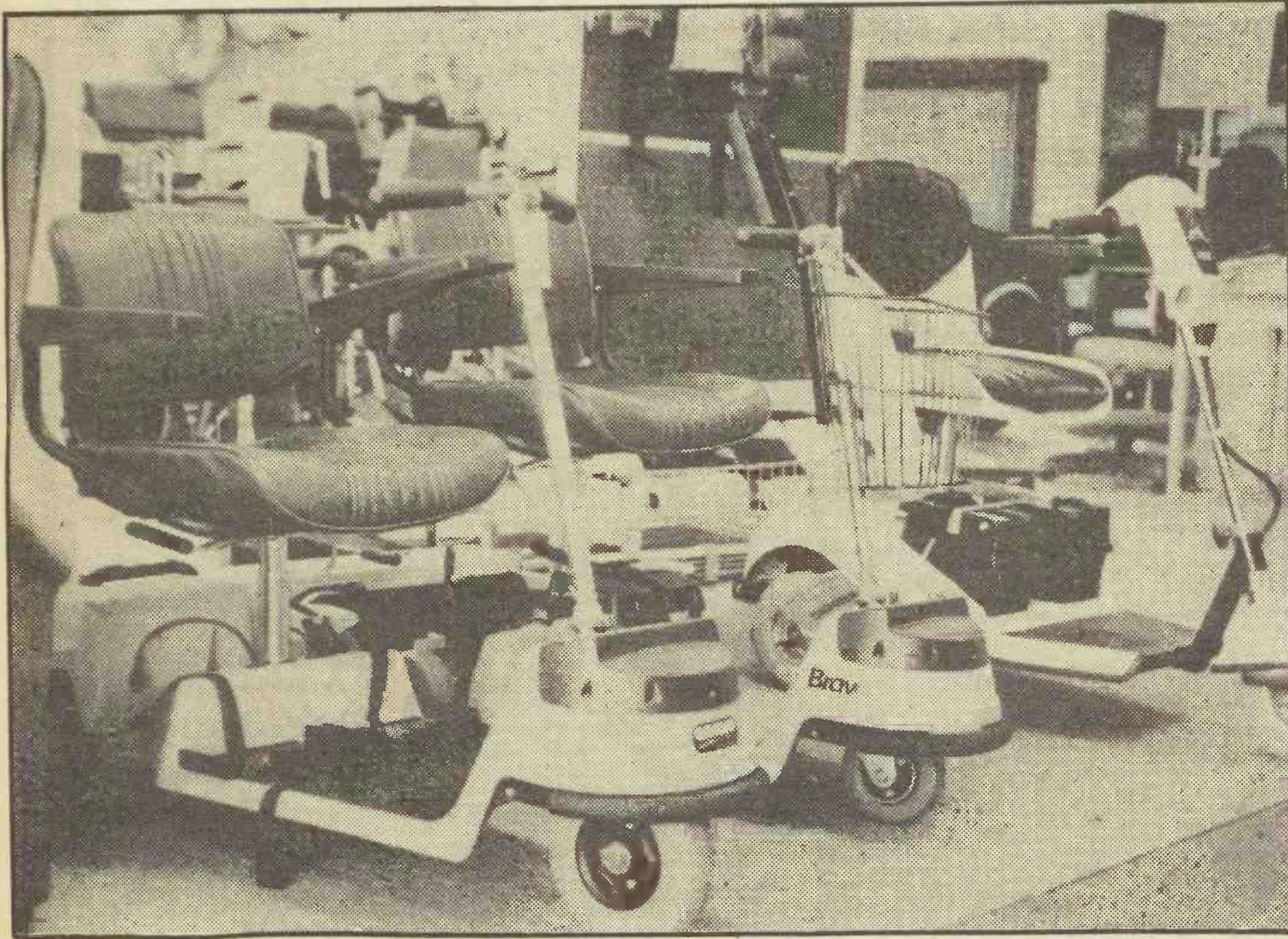


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**Healthcare and Rehab Specialties is now four years old...**

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Healthcare and Rehab Specialties is four years old and still growing strong. "It began four years ago as a small company," said Elaine Lukey, product consultant. "From five employees, it has grown to more than 20." The business, which does exactly what its name states by providing specialty items for healthcare and rehabilitation, has also recently opened a store in Calgary,



Moving right along: Healthcare and Rehab Specialties have a full complement of wheelchairs and other mobility devices as part of their large inventory. They have been serving their clients for four years and continue to grow with the demand.

DIANNE WORLEY, Windspeaker

doubled its warehouse space and is planning expansions for the future. And the product line continues to expand.

The company started by carrying mobility aids, bathroom equipment, incontinence (loss of bladder control) supplies, soft supports and support hosiery, plus other products available through the Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) program. Diabetic, first aid, dressings, sports medicine supplies, T.E.N.S. and EMS equipment are also carried.

"We started carrying a full line of both manual and power wheelchairs, lift chairs, ramps and stair lifts two years ago. This necessitated acquiring more floor space. Van lifts and conversions are in the infant stages of becoming an addition to the company's product line," she said.

"We have also special-ordered in a number of eating and dressing aids for other clients, above and beyond what we normally have in stock."

Another new area which Healthcare is involved in is enteral feeding supplies. These are for children who are discharged from the hospital and cannot eat solids. Formula can be special-ordered in for them.

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As well as the disabled community and the general public, Healthcare has many other clients: hospitals, occupational and physiotherapists, Workers Compensation Board, Social Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, Health and Welfare Canada sports teams and non-profit organizations. In addition to people in Alberta, the company supplies products to portions of British Columbia and the Northwest Territories by mail order and a courier. A cash on delivery (C.O.D.) service is available in Edmonton, St. Albert and Sherwood Park with same or next day service.

Healthcare and Rehab Specialties is located at 10611 Kingsway Avenue, or you can call them at 424-6094; out of town, their number is 800-232-9408; in Calgary, 262-7595; Fax, 426-1754.

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