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# THE GREATEST TRADEGY

**T**he greatest tragedy in our history was the total extinction of the Beothuk Indians of Newfoundland. The tradition among the Micmac Indians is that the French, exasperated by the petty depredations of the Beothuk, offered a bounty on their heads.

The more numerous Micmac Indians crossed from Cape Breton and hunted Beothuks for the bounty and their furs. The British attempted to stop their people from wantonly killing these Indians. A Proclamation of 1769 asserted that the colonists "treat the said savages with the greatest inhumanity, and frequently destroy them without the least provocation or remorse." The proclamation expressed "abhorances of such inhuman barbarity" and urged officers and magistrates to be diligent in apprehending offenders who were to be returned to England for trial. The proclamation was reissued in 1775 and 1776, a sign surely, of its inobservance. In 1807 and 1810 two additional proclamations were issued to the same end. The Beothuks, dwindling in numbers, retreated to the woods and a Proclamation of 1813 indicates that communication was so totally absent that the Crown was offering 100 pounds reward to anyone who could establish dealings with the Indians on a settled basis. But the Crown efforts failed and the last Beothuk died in 1829.

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MARCH 1st (MONDAY)

One of the great literary figures of our time — perhaps the greatest still writing — poet, essayist, editor, perpetual rebel, will read and comment on his life and work. A truly special occasion.

JOSEPH ROSENBLATT

JANUARY 19th (TUESDAY)

Born in Toronto in 1933, Rosenblatt is one of the more promising young poets writing for the 70's. A Canada Council Award winner for his first book of poetry in 1966, L.S.D. Leacock, Rosenblatt has since published *Winter of The Luna Moth* (1968) and was nominated for the Governor-General's Award for Poetry. Presently working on a third book — "experimental poetry on bumble bees and crocuses". A fine poet and performer.

LAWRENCE FERLINGHETTI

MARCH 16th (TUESDAY)

One of the founders of the "Beat Generation" of the 50's, Ferlinghetti is the author of *A Coney Island of The Mind*, *Her, Unfair Arguments with Existence and Routines*. Ferlinghetti says his poems are composed to be read aloud. "The sound of the street singer and the Salvation Army speaker is not to be scorned. . . ." A unique reading.

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