

# War games over Labrador

by Violet Ford

If low level flights in Labrador continue, it will not be possible for the Innu to pass on their culture and traditions to their children.

The increased low level flights are already harming the environment. The Innu have observed

changes in the natural environment; in caribou migration patterns, and in lower beaver birth rates. The effects of noise on the body include high blood pressure, increased stress levels and chronic insomnia. Stress related diseases include ulcers, colitis, asthma, headaches, and a decreased resistance to disease.

There are also prenatal effects, which result in low birth weight. Exposure to low level aircraft noise can lead to behavioural disturbances among children, with symptoms such as insomnia, nightmares, extreme fright, and anxiety.

As a consequence of the environmental effects, the Innu culture has suffered. Many families have been traumatized by the low level flights to the extent that they are afraid to go back in the bush, because of what they encounter. According to Paul Charest, a Laval University anthropologist:

... if the level of military activity increases considerably ... we can expect the very foundation of the

Montagnais [Innu] culture, their life in the bush, to be irreversibly compromised....

The Innu say it will be impossible to escape the noise and startling effect of an aircraft travelling seven hundred kilometres an hour, passing overhead, just thirty metres above the ground. They also don't believe the jets can avoid them. If they give up going into the bush, their culture will be eroded. Any sense of who they are, as a people, will be eroded along with their culture. The trauma will weaken them physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.

The Innu are willing to be imprisoned for their protests

against the low level flights. Just recently, four Innu women were arrested when they prevented German aircraft from taking off on the Goose Bay runway. They were taken many hundreds of miles away to a correctional centre in Stephenville, Newfoundland. This is cruel and unusual punishment. They are socially isolated. It creates unnecessary stress, especially for an Innu person, who is far away from his/her community in totally foreign circumstances. Some see these protests as civil disobedience, however the Innu do not. They do not consider the laws they are violating as their laws.

The Innu have always seen themselves as caretakers of their land, for it provides them with what is necessary to survive as a separate peoples.

Up until now, they have survived, despite the obstacles the dominant Canadian society has placed in their path. They have maintained their culture, because they have wished to do so. They continue to struggle for that existence, which is rightfully theirs. However, when the war games start over the skies of Labrador, they will never be able to see their land or themselves the same again. It then becomes a question of indigenous culture versus national security. If the ultimate purpose of the low level flying in Labrador is to maintain security, Innu lives are obviously not considered within the definition of the right to security other Canadians have.

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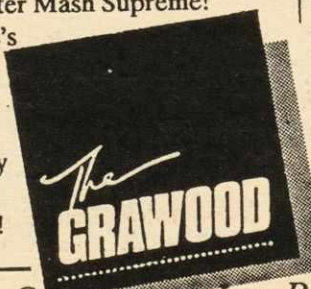
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## Tools

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