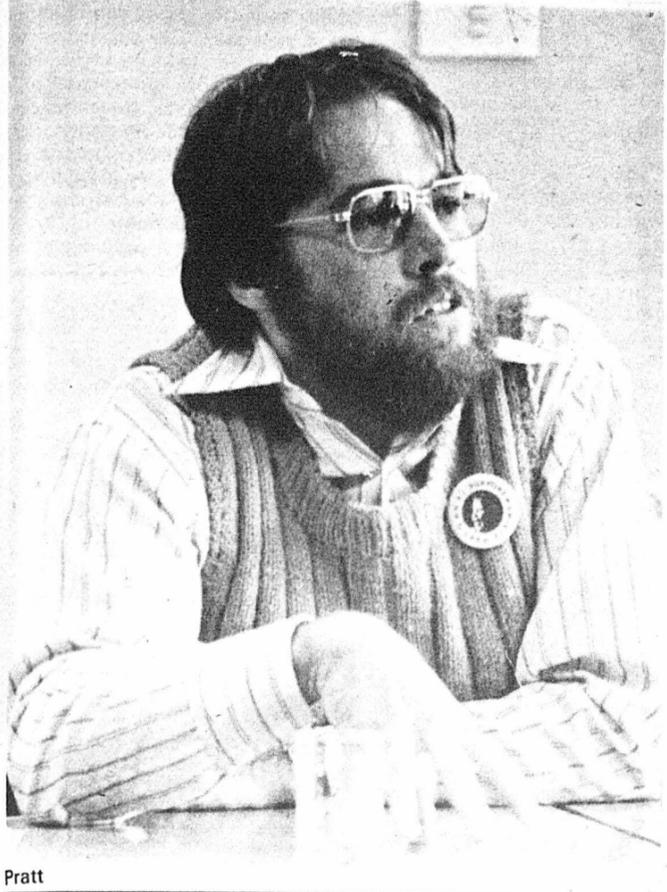


The intricacies and implications of native land claims may be vague to many. Following is an excerpt from a brochure promoting Native Land Claims Week which gives one perspective of the issue.

"Just land claims settlements will be important to us all. The failure to achieve satisfactory settlements will ensure continuing problems in

the development of natural resources and a deterioration of relations between native and non-native Canadians. Equitable solutions, however, will provide a unique opportunity to bring native and non-native Canadians into partnership in a way that could be a source of pride to all Canadians."

An analysis of the land claims issue will appear in the next *Gateway*.



Pratt

Land Claims Week

Natives in the north...

by Kim St. Clair

If only one thought arose from Monday's forum on corporate development and native land claims in the north, it was that the native people of Canada have a long and difficult struggle ahead of them.

"The government is committed to rapid development in the north," said university professor Larry Pratt, "and therefore is not sympathetic

towards those who want to delay it."

And faced with opposition from very powerful and well-organized business corporations, "native groups confronting Syncrude or other projects are in an enormously difficult situation."

Public support was seen by Pratt as essential to their struggle, coupled with "grass roots pressure" on government to slow down the rate of northern oil development.

Contrary to the picture painted by oil corporations, there are alternatives to ever-increasing oil extraction, said Pratt. These are: decreasing energy consumption by as much as 30% and limiting exportation of oil. These moves would require drastic changes in either lifestyle or foreign policy, which the speakers implied could only be accomplished by changing public attitudes towards land claims and energy issues.

Mr. N. Reimer spoke as a labour representative at the forum, declaring that "labour doesn't want development of the north at the expense of the native people."

"Do we really have the right

to exploit the people of the north," he asked, "just because we have failed to develop adequate energy policies?" In Alberta, he pointed out, "we've had the right to make decisions about coal and gas development - all they want is that same right."

Reimer asserted the natives' fight as one for economic independence and cultural survival. "There's no question in my mind that their cultural development is threatened," he said. "If the oil companies come in they won't have a chance of maintaining their culture."

If government and the public continue to avoid and misconstrue native demands, said one of the speakers, violence will be unavoidable. Indian leaders have been warning very clearly that they are "sitting on a powder keg," and the whole land claims issue could set it off.

Monday's forum was sponsored by a non-native group, the Canadian Association in Support of the Native Peoples.

Native Land Claims Week continues with talks and presentations scheduled through til Saturday.

White racists attack and beat college man

by Brian Demchinsky
Toronto Ryersonian

Anti-semitic, possibly slanderous literature is being posted in Toronto by a group calling itself the National Socialist Underground.

On Saturday, Ian Davies, the master of Bethune College at York University was attacked by two men who identified themselves as members of the neo-Nazi organization. Davies required five stitches and plastic surgery as a result of the beating.

He also received an NSU pamphlet in the mail.

The mailed pamphlet, which was also received by The Ryersonian, characterizes an RCMP officer as speaking for white supremacists and urges "Aryans" to boycott Jewish business.

When contacted, a spokesman for the National Criminal Investigations Bureau of the RCMP said he was unaware of the pamphlet or the group.

However, Metro police inspector Gordon Lennox said he knew of the group. He said his department was keeping a file on the activities of right wing extremist groups in the city.

Lennox said Metro police were hopeful of making arrests soon in the Davies beating because a number of people witnessed the incident.

He said he strongly suspected the NSU was the same organization as the Western Guard, but to date there was not proof of this.

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...And on campus

by Marilyn Zuber

There are only twenty-five native students on the U of A campus which, compared to other universities and colleges, is a very small percentage of the total student body.

Marilyn Buffalo-Macdonald, Indian Affairs Coordinator on campus, places blame for this partly on the stiffer matriculation requirements of this university, which many native students cannot meet due to poor educational backgrounds. Cultural shock associated with a large impersonal campus may also reckon in the matter, she said.

There are currently two programs run by the university to help alleviate the problem. One of these is the Blue Quills Education Program, which includes pilot teacher training for native students. There are 33 students currently taking their first two B.Ed. years in this course (given at St. Paul), half of which are expected to finish their degrees at the university. The others may teach for a maximum of five years before

completion of their degrees.

The Education Faculty, Buffalo-Macdonald explained, also has something to contribute to inter-cultural education: "a program designed to prepare teachers for services in areas where other cultures prevail, such as Indian, Metis and Eskimo communities, or third-world countries."

Specialization within this support program can be done in the area of Indian culture and Indian education. In addition, a Cree language course is offered for credit. Student teaching is then done in Indian, Metis, Hutterite, adult, and city schools, depending on the student's own cultural experience and interests.

Many of the intercultural courses, according to Marilyn Asheton-Smith, one of the program coordinators, are invaluable not only to those teaching in northern native schools and schools abroad, but also to those teaching within the cities and larger towns, with classes of various ethnic backgrounds.

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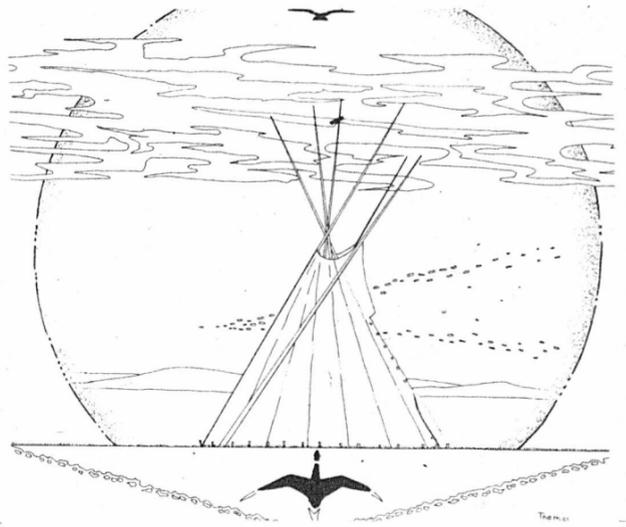
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Wednesday

FORUM 12 Noon, SUB Theatre
"NATIVE LAND RIGHTS IN THE NWT"

Thursday

FORUMS: 12:30 p.m. SUB 142
"THE METIS STAND ON ABORIGINAL CLAIMS"
2:00 p.m. SUB 142
"ENOCH BAND LAND CLAIMS"

Friday

FORUMS: 12 Noon SUB 142
"THE TREATY INDIAN STAND"
1 p.m. SUB 142
"THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN THE NWT"

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