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## CUSTER DIED FOR YOUR SINS

Vine Deloria, Jr.



In a recent move destined to shock none but the naive, the federal government managed to deliver one last insult to the late David Sohappy.

You remember David Sohappy.

The Yakima Indian fisherman priest who, at 63, was sentenced to five years in federal prison for selling salmon that were his by treaty right?

You remember David Sohappy.

Spiritual heir of Smowhalla, the last Native American prophet on the continent who, in the days before Chief Joseph was run to ground, founded the Dreamer religion in a village on the upper Columbia later swallowed by the Hanford Plutonium Plant?

You remember David Sohappy.

National elder of the Native American Church with stature comparable to bishop, who served as religious adviser to the International Tribal Treaty Council, a nongoverning body recognized by the United Nations? The holy man those who knew him called the Desmond Tutu of Native Americans? The good for nothing Indian whose fight to preserve his people's right to exist made him a thorn in the side of government and the fishing industry for forty years?

You remember David Sohappy.

The dangerous fish felon who, not long after prison officials denied him a weekend pass to conduct the funeral of his spiritual mentor and lifelong friend, suffered a stroke that paralyzed one side of his body and left his speech slurred? The ex-con who, when he died in 1991 was still serving a parole whose conditions prohibited him from fishing for salmon: a ritual act that was, without exaggeration, the cornerstone of his religion.

You remember David Sohappy.

In April, justice being what it's become, the Clinton Administration denied a request for a posthumous pardon. Speaking for the Justice Department, attorney Margaret Love explained: "For both legal and policy reasons, it has been a long established practice not to accept or process applications for the granting of posthumous pardons."

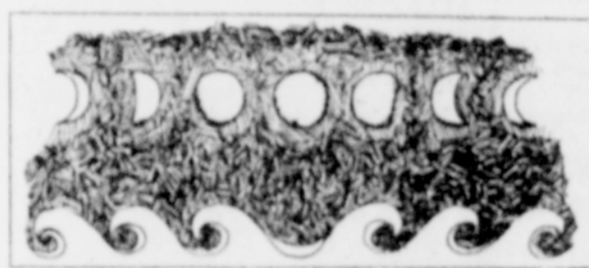
Keep your ears open and you learn something every day.

"The basis of this practice," Love went on with the sort of logic that gags maggots, "is in large part the concept that a pardon, like a deed, must be accepted by the person to whom it is directed. Acceptance, of course, is impossible when the

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DAVID SOHAPPY  
1925 ~ 1991



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3 Tue	1:51	7:9	2:20	7:5
4 Wed	2:33	7:6	3:19	7:6
5 Thu	3:11	7:2	3:46	7:6
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29 Sun	0:18	7:8	1:08	7:6

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### AUGUST

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22 Sun	10:21	0:7	11:24	-0:4
23 Mon	11:10	1:4	—	—
24 Tue	0:28	0:2	12:06	2:0
25 Wed	1:40	0:1	1:15	2:5
26 Thu	2:54	0:1	2:34	2:6
27 Fri	4:00	0:3	3:44	2:4
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29 Sun	5:41	0:6	5:39	1:6
30 Mon	6:22	0:6	6:25	1:2
31 Tue	6:57	0:5	7:07	0:9

## BASEBALL

If we had somebody to Sandberg, to Grace The Cubs would be leading the pennant race with anybody to Sandberg to Grace We'd be turning two all over the place It'd be Cubbies "In yo Face!" Who is that guy we got at third base? Nobody... to Sandberg, to Grace



From where the sun now stands, I shall fight no more, forever. Joseph

Besides "How" and "Kimosabe", the above two quotes are just about all the average "American" knows about the folks who were living here when Columbus dropped anchor. The latter statement by Chief Joseph was uttered after he and his tribe had performed the most brilliantly executed retreat in military history (it is still studied at West Point), and it marked the end of formal resistance by native peoples until the 1970's. The former quote was the title of a best-selling book that was subtitled "An Indian Manifesto" and which some felt led to the 'Incident at Oglolla' in the 1970's.

These two statements seem to mark the beginning and end of an era, not just for Indians, but for this country.

Today the native peoples of this land are again engaged in resistance on many levels, resistance to the dangerous, racist, suicidal policies that have almost destroyed not only the native peoples but the lands and waters that sustain us all.

It is not within our abilities or responsibilities to try to explain native peoples to folks whose heritage is totally different; we respectfully leave that to them.

Following, on pages 12 & 13, are reprints from papers that are a voice for the Native Peoples. We would be wise to listen.

The papers are: On Indian Land, contact Support for Native Sovereignty, Box 2104, Seattle, WA 98111; and Perpetua-The Magazine Box 399, Seal Rock, OR 97376



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