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In the Spirit of Crazy Horse

Peter Matthiessen

Leonard Peltier

On June 26, 1975, in the late morning, two FBI agents drove on to Indian lands near Oglala, South Dakota, a small village on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Here a shoot-out occurred in which both agents and an Indian man were killed. Although large numbers of FBI agents, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) police, state troopers, sheriff's deputies, and vigilantes surrounded the property within an hour of the first shots, the numerous Indians involved in the shoot-out escaped into the hills.

The death of the agents inspired the biggest manhunt in FBI history. Of the four men eventually indicted for the killings, one was later released because the evidence was "weak", and two others were acquitted in July 1976 when a jury concluded that although they had fired at the agents they had done so in self-defense. The fourth man, Leonard Peltier, indicted on the same charges as his companions but not tried until the following year, after extradition from Canada, was convicted on two counts of murder in the first degree, and was sentenced to consecutive life terms in prison, although even his prosecutors would dismiss as worthless the testimony of the only person ever to claim to have witnessed his participation in the killings. This testimony was also repudiated by the witness, who claimed to have signed her damning affidavits under duress, as part of what one court of appeals judge would refer to as a, "clear abuse of the investigative process by the FBI."

Thus, Peter Matthiessen began the introduction to his book, "In the Spirit of Crazy Horse" written in 1980/81. The first paperback didn't come out until 1991, and by then the first edition hardback was worth \$300. There was, you see, an organized effort by FBI personnel, who called book stores and book sellers and threatened them. They were joined by the former, twice-elected Governor of South Dakota, who felt he was ported as, "morally decadent, a drunkard, a racist, and bigot," and "an antagonist of the environment."

Needless to say, it's a great book, it is in Viking paperback for less than \$20. We recommend you buy it, borrow it, read it in the library. You should rent the video "Incident at Oglala". And, if you want, you can get the FBI reports and the court records under the Freedom of Information Act; now that's entertainment.

So why is it important that we at the Edge tell you this history? Twenty years have passed and Leonard Peltier is still in prison, and the FBI is still shooting people from Pine Ridge to Ruby Ridge, the latest example.

It would be, we think, a grand gesture, if at the Olympic Opening Ceremony, President Clinton spoke a few words about the importance of people of all nations to respect what we call "Human Rights". And then signed a pardon for Leonard Peltier and invited him to watch the games, outside in the sun with the spirit of Crazy Horse.

The world would think better of us, and we can't help but think the spirit of Jim Thorpe, that old professional baseball player who has always haunted our Olympic history, might just finally smile and go hunting, at last.

So, call whoever you can call, write to folks you know can help. The President is a good place to start, his number is (202) 456-1111. (Those 800 numbers are only for elections.) Congress people are always fun, and some do have 800 numbers all the time. While we sit around the bookstore in the slow winter rains we often cheer ourselves up just keeping our government up on our attitudes and opinions. The real people who do the work are usually very nice, and probably just as concerned as we are. You can also call the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee at (913) 842-5774 or write them at Box 583, Lawrence KS 66044 for more information; or contact our local Oregon Coast Support Group.

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CORRECTED FOR PACIFIC BEACH TIDES FEBRUARY - High Tides

DATE	time	ft	time	ft
1 Thu	9:56	8.6	11:21	7.4
2 Fri	10:39	8.7	11:59	7.7
3 Sat	11:20	8.8	.....	.....
4 Sun	0:35	7.9	.....	.....
5 Mon	1:59	8.8	.....	.....
6 Tue	1:08	8.1	12:36	8.7
7 Wed	1:38	8.2	1:14	8.6
8 Thu	2:06	8.4	1:52	8.3
9 Fri	2:35	8.5	2:33	8.0
10 Sat	3:05	8.5	3:19	7.5
11 Sun	3:39	8.8	4:14	7.0
12 Mon	4:22	8.8	5:25	6.5
13 Tue	5:14	8.7	6:48	6.2
14 Wed	6:18	8.7	8:09	6.4
15 Thu	7:29	8.8	9:19	6.8
16 Fri	8:30	9.0	10:18	7.4
17 Sat	9:43	9.3	11:09	7.9
18 Sun	10:42	9.6	11:55	8.5
19 Mon	11:37	9.6	.....	.....
20 Tue	0:38	8.9	12:28	9.5
21 Wed	1:19	9.1	1:18	9.2
22 Thu	1:59	9.3	2:07	8.8
23 Fri	2:37	9.2	2:56	8.2
24 Sat	3:15	9.0	3:48	7.5
25 Sun	3:55	8.7	4:44	6.9
26 Mon	4:38	8.3	5:50	6.4
27 Tue	5:28	8.0	7:01	6.2
28 Wed	6:28	7.7	8:12	6.2
29 Thu	7:33	7.6	9:13	6.5
30 Fri	8:35	7.7	10:04	6.9

CORRECTED FOR PACIFIC BEACH TIDES FEBRUARY - Low Tides

DATE	time	ft	time	ft
1 Thu	4:01	3.2	5:06	0.2
2 Fri	4:50	3.1	5:44	0.0
3 Sat	5:34	2.8	6:19	0.0
4 Sun	6:15	2.6	6:51	0.0
5 Mon	6:53	2.4	7:20	0.1
6 Tue	7:30	2.2	7:48	0.3
7 Wed	8:06	2.0	8:16	0.5
8 Thu	8:44	1.8	8:46	0.8
9 Fri	9:25	1.6	9:20	1.3
10 Sat	10:13	1.5	10:01	1.8
11 Sun	11:12	1.5	11:52	2.4
12 Mon	.....	.....	12:25	1.3
13 Tue	.....	.....	11:58	2.9
14 Wed	1:17	3.2	2:55	0.4
15 Thu	2:36	3.1	3:56	-0.2
16 Fri	3:45	2.7	4:50	-0.6
17 Sat	4:46	2.2	5:39	-0.9
18 Sun	5:42	1.6	6:23	-1.0
19 Mon	6:34	1.1	7:05	-0.8
20 Tue	7:23	0.8	7:46	-0.4
21 Wed	8:11	0.6	8:24	0.1
22 Thu	8:59	0.6	9:03	0.7
23 Fri	9:48	0.8	9:43	1.4
24 Sat	10:40	1.0	10:27	2.1
25 Sun	11:38	1.3	11:18	2.8
26 Mon	.....	.....	12:44	1.4
27 Tue	0:21	3.2	1:52	1.3
28 Wed	1:31	3.4	2:55	1.1
29 Thu	2:38	3.3	3:48	0.8

The Oregon Coast Support Group; on behalf of the Navaho Elders, Leonard Peltier, River People of Lyle Point, Friends of Enola Hill, Western Shoshone Nation, Rip Lone Wolf, Native American Inmate Artists and the Indigenous People at Lake Gustafson, Canada; wish to thank the many generous supporters who donated time, food, money, clothing, furniture and transportation during 1995. We wish you all Peace, Love and Harmony during 1996.

BASEBALL

Before we were Cubs fans, we were in our shallow youth, fans of the Damned Yankees. Since the epiphany we have dreamed of a Cub/Yankee game, for that would mean we had reached the World Series. Now, perhaps, the game will take place without the championship being on the line, and we will watch and wonder, what has become of us? What has become of baseball? We will find out in spring training, once again. Is there a Commissioner of Baseball? Will there ever be again?



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