



No Parole Peltier Association Newsletter

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Dear NPPA supporters:

October 11, 1925; In a Chicago garage, Special Agent Edwin C. Shanahan waited for fugitive Martin Durkin. Durkin was wanted for Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicles (violation of the Dyer Act) and had previously wounded four police officers. Durkin killed Agent Shanahan and escaped. A few weeks later during another attempt to arrest Durkin, one officer was wounded and another killed. Three months later, on January 20th, Durkin was arrested outside St. Louis. At the time, it was not a federal offense to kill a federal agent (that would come ten years later) but Durkin was convicted in state court for Agent Shanahan's murder and of the Dyer Act in federal court. Durkin was released from Leavenworth in 1954 after serving 28 years. Not coincidentally, one of the elements of the Dyer Act is "A person who aids and abets in the commission of this offense is equally culpable as a principal who has actually committed the crime."

(At the time of this newsletter, both current and retired FBI agents are engaged in a project to update and improve Special Agent Shanahan's grave site in Chicago.)

There are a couple of lessons here for Leonard Peltier. Aiding and abetting is an element in many federal crimes and Durkin served 28 years for the murder of just one FBI agent; do the math. Also, those remaining take the death of an agent in the line of duty very seriously.

John Graham was scheduled to stand trial early this month in Rapid City for murder and aiding and abetting (there's that charge again) in the 1975 shooting death of fellow American Indian Movement member, Anna Mae Aquash. The indictment was dismissed on a technicality relating to U.S. jurisdiction because both Graham and Aquash were Canadian Indians. However, the U.S. Attorney immediately re-filed on alternate charges and will no doubt present it to another federal grand jury. The case will continue and is an issue of serious concern for Peltier. In 2004, Arlo Looking Cloud was convicted and given a mandatory life sentence for Aquash's murder and, according to press reports, was ready to testify at the Graham trial. As Peltier sits and waits for this to play out, perhaps the final chapter in Anna Mae's murder is yet to be uncovered.

The Shooter: Well, Leonard, where is he? In August's NPPA Newsletter, we reported that Peltier claimed "...as of today the shooter wants everyone to know his identity." It has been nearly two months and no word yet. Could it be that Peltier had second thoughts about introducing yet another lie to the fabrication of Mr. X and the infamous red pickup truck? We can't forget Robert Robideau pointing in the film *Incident at Oglala* to where he claimed he saw Mr. X (whom they all knew, he said), kill the agents and drive off in the red pickup. Or Peltier in the same clip swearing "this story is true," or Robideau saying more recently that

he killed the agents and they “...died like worms.” So, which version are we to believe? Nothing though has removed Peltier from the scene of the crime. For a complete review of the lies surrounding Mr. X, please see

<http://www.noparolepeltier.com/lie.html>.

En Vogue: On October 6th the LPDOC released a statement asking that “...everyone should know about it and be en vogue (with Peltier).” They again admit that interest in Peltier has waned, meaning they recognize Peltier contributed nothing to Native Americans and that what he represents to them and their past (and the abuses by AIM) are no longer relevant, let alone that he participated in cold-blooded murder, and is serving his just sentence, which has been confirmed (and reaffirmed) by countless court reviews. Yet the LPDOC’s call for Peltier supporters to be *en vogue* is appropriate because, by definition, it means to be “fashionable and in style at a particular time,” in other words, a “fad,” which was exactly what Peltier has been over the years. A lightning rod for the far-left looking for a cause, any cause, and Peltier fit the bill a few times, but no longer. We suspect the LPDOC missed that part of the definition.

In spite of this they go on to do what they do best, a call for more money and to so embarrassingly state “Leonard himself has said that he appreciates the donations to his commissary account, but he would rather people donate directly to the LPDOC because it goes directly toward gaining his freedom.” But no one knows that because they have never divulged how much money comes in, or where it goes. The recent reality is that it’s probably very little, but we know in the past that it has been significant, especially since his attorneys (at least one of whom had poured his heart and soul into Peltier’s cause) have been working pro-bono. Please see <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/debate.html#fraud> for a review of Peltier’s finances and fund raising activities.

Petition: Peltier’s website, whoisleonardpeltier.info, contains a link to yet another petition. It would not be worth the time to review the inaccuracies, but two comments are particularly relevant: “Mr. Peltier is now over 60 years of age—a great-grandfather—and suffers from partial blindness, diabetes, a heart condition and high blood pressure.” And, “Mr. Peltier deserves to be reunited with his family and allowed to live the remaining years of his life in peace.”

Deserves? In peace? Like, Peltier has earned that right?

It would not be difficult to imagine that Jack Coler and Ron Williams would be willing to experience what Peltier is now facing. But they can’t—because they’re dead—and, thanks to Peltier, were robbed of even the ability to experience the infirmities of growing old.

What Leonard Peltier needs to do is complete his two life sentences and the additional seven years he owes for the armed escape from Lompoc. Then, he will *deserve* to go home.

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