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Dear Subscribers:

We now enter a new phase in the saga of Leonard Peltier.

This December, for the first time in nearly two decades, Leonard Peltier will be afforded a public parole hearing. Until now they have been parole-review hearings; essentially administrative events to determine if there were any mitigating or extenuating circumstances for the parole board to consider regarding his sentence and incarceration. There have been none.

It will be interesting to observe what efforts will be made by Peltier supporters and the LPDC throughout the Summer and Fall. If the lead-up to the infamous Clinton pardons is any indication, there should be a fair amount of activity. They pulled out all the stops and reached quite high into the Clinton White House, with even a few revelers wearing "Free Peltier" buttons at the White House Christmas party. But they were apparently not sufficient to be successful. As everyone has seen, Peltier didn't have the right kind of currency to get the President's attention. But that's old news, both for the former President and Peltier.

We may well see more letters to the parole board, more signatures on petitions (none of which did more than badger the authorities), or perhaps maybe some thin demonstrations in and around Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

What is more relevant at the moment is that the LPDC website has gone stale. For the better part of two months there has been no activity or

changes...it's as if the leaders have lost interest or gone elsewhere, much to Peltier's dismay, no doubt.

Among the elements the Parole Board will no doubt consider is the issue of remorse. It's interesting to contemplate whether Peltier, perhaps lonely and pent within himself amongst other inmates and concrete and steel, has pondered and speculated on the events of June 26, 1975 and its consequences that affected the remainder of his life. Guided by his experiences up to that point, would he have chosen a different course that day? Whether he is remorseful at all remains to be seen. He must also consider that he still owes an additional seven-year consecutive sentence for his violent armed escape from Lompoc, Penitentiary.

A new feature has been added to the NPPA website, with the first video that features a new short documentary by Native American researcher, lecturer and journalist, Richard Two Elk. The video demonstrates Peltier's guilt in his own words. Please visit the "video" section to see this outstanding piece.

Pine Ridge: A longtime supporter from South Dakota passes along more good news about the *pearl of Pine Ridge*, the Red Cloud Indian School. In addition to their recent scholastic achievements, Red Cloud's basketball team is competing in the statewide Class A tournament. They have a 22-1 record, having lost only once to an out-of-state team. Go Crusaders! For anyone looking for a truly worthwhile cause, please consider donating to Red Cloud. www.redcloudschool.org

This monthly newsletter will be provided to NPPA subscribers in place of the previous periodic emails sent through the bravenet.com listserv. Any individuals who wish not to receive this newsletter need only advise us and they will be removed. For those who desire to receive these updates as we approach this important phase in the Peltier matter, please forward the newsletter to others so they may also receive updates.

Our best to everyone as the welcomed springtime approaches.

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