



No Parole Peltier Association Newsletter

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Dear Supporters:

"Death to the FBI !!!!!!!!!!"

"Death to white settler colonialism !!!!!,"

"May death be upon you white settler colonialism !!!!!!!!!."

Yes, that's how recent statements from Leonard Peltier and the reconstituted LPDC (now the Leonard Peltier Defense Offense Committee, LPDOC) are offered to the public. Freedom of speech is a wonderful right in this country but some people don't grasp that there are limits, and those headings come pretty close, if not actually stepping over the line.

(see: www.cleveland.indymedia.org)

As we've noted, the LPDC website and the LPDC had all but closed down but now we see that according to their latest explanation "...due to recent circumstances beyond his control, Leonard Peltier has had no choice but to dissolve the (LPDC)." (Or could it perhaps be due to a general lack of interest or mainstream Native America is just getting tired of his rhetoric?)

But more is added as they list a number of websites that "...are no longer affiliated with Leonard Peltier or his network of family, friends and other supporters; and in no way do these internet resources represent Leonard's views or contribute to Leonard's freedom campaign—financially or otherwise."

Sounds as if there's been a major meltdown. (Not like this hasn't occurred before; please see Editorial Essays #18, #19, #35, #38, and #41)

But they've already started treading on dangerous ground. Of course, at the very top of the new homepage <http://www.whoisleonardpeltier.info/>, foremost and prominent is the DONATE button. Peltier is always looking for someone's money, and there's plenty of history for us to look back on.

The LPDOC states:

“Your donations will help pay the significant legal expenses associated with Leonard's case—filing fees, cost recovery fees, attorney travel, etc.”

This sounds suspiciously like what the old LPDC tried and eventually got caught; trying to hide a Political Action Committee (PAC) behind the guise of benevolence and charitable endeavors. The IRS has some pretty strong reporting requirements and laws regarding this kind of activity and Peltier doesn't qualify.

This is what the No Parole Peltier Association offered to its supporters in March, 2003 concerning Peltier finances and what their then Director, Bob Free, wanted:

The fact that Bob Free states, “Transparency regarding accounting and decisions will be posted on the web,” suggests perhaps more than just the NPPA has been asking the same questions about how the money is raised and spent. It will be interesting to see exactly how “Transparent” Peltier's financial disclosure will be. We will anxiously await that information but odds are it won't be forthcoming.

<http://www.noparolepeltier.com/debate.html#free>

Guess we'll have to wait and see—again: and in the meantime keep a much closer eye on where the money really goes and how they collect it.

The new LPDOC also states:

“The LPDOC is a North Dakota nonprofit corporation. Our 501(c)3 application is pending. As with any nonprofit, your donations are tax

deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax advisor.”

“Application is pending?” Sounds like they do not have tax-exempt status, yet they are already asking for your tax-deductible donations. There are laws against that as well. And some see this kind of activity as fraud.

(Ironically, the date of incorporation of the LPDOC is April 30th: the anniversary of the NPPA)

For a detailed review of Peltier’s questionable finances and alleged charitable activities, please see:

<http://www.noparolepeltier.com/debate.html#fraud>.

This Editorial essay is from May, 2004, and was updated in 2006 and 2007, and will be updated again in the near future.

And, Peltier himself offered some insight into his upcoming parole hearing:

“I’ll sign up for a parole hearing soon. Keep in mind that according to the law in 1976, when I was indicted, I am eligible for mandatory release after 30 years. Under those laws, consecutive sentences aggregate together. So kolas, this means I have served my time!”

That may or may not be the case, but it will be up to the parole board to determine whether Peltier has served his back-to-back life sentences for the brutal murder of Jack Coler and Ron Williams.

But, as Peltier and his supporters are wont to do, they (deliberately) forget that little episode in July, 1979. Remember Lompoc? Remember the armed escape from that penitentiary? Remember Peltier was convicted and sentenced to an addition seven-year **consecutive** sentence? If they don’t remember, we do, and certainly the parole board will also. So, no matter what happens at the beginning of next year in Lewisburg, Peltier will still owe the government (and Jack and Ron) seven (7) more years.

More updates to follow...

M. Wesley Swearingen: For those of you who may recall, Swearingen was a retired FBI agent who not only hated the FBI but supported Peltier. In 2005 he was challenged regarding his knowledge of the Peltier case and

after several months of communications, after he finally took the time to understand the facts, Swearingen...at his request...removed his support and name from Peltier and Peltier websites. This was the subject of Editorial Essay #28 on the NPPA website.

Recently, however, and unrelated to the Peltier matter (regarding Swearingen's self-published book about an alleged conspiracy to kill President Kennedy: see Amazon.com review), he also suggested a retraction of his stance concerning Peltier's guilt. And so there would be no confusion on Swearingen's part about how that all came to pass, please see the addendum to that essay; <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/debate.html#28>

John Graham: Graham's trial has been set for this October in Rapid City. Arlo Looking Cloud was previously convicted in the case involving the murder of Anna Mae Aquash. The timing of this trial does not bode well for Peltier, who will no doubt follow the proceedings as closely as others. (see: <http://www.indiancountry.com/>)

Besides the forest fires, severe storms and tornados, rising gas prices that's affecting all of us, hopefully, everyone is enjoying the summer.

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