

No Parole Peltier Association Newsletter

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Dear NPPA supporters:

Dear Leonard: Please see the attached <u>letter</u> requesting that Leonard Peltier post the U.S. Parole Commission's, *Notice of Action* dated August 20, 2009 on his website and that as of this date the contact with attorney Eric Seitz has not been returned. (Please see the September NPPA Newsletter)

Ben Carnes: As previously reported, Peltier supporter, Ben Carnes, between September 5 -12, stood a vigil and fasted near the White House to bring the president's attention to Peltier in the hopes of generating sympathy for possible clemency. Well, he was there and other than a handful of fringe blogs and a couple of mentions on some NPR networks it was a nonevent. I even tried to convince a SD NPR producer for a follow-up on Peltier but he essentially said that it was no longer newsworthy and he wasn't interested in the Peltier matter. The media is fascinated with round numbers (cardinal dates and anniversaries) and significant events (like a first public parole hearing in fifteen years), otherwise Peltier and his folklore are old news. Peltier, Carnes, Wanbli, the LPDOC and others will soon recognize that the President isn't interested either.

Anna Mae: Justice for the slain activist and her family and the implications that have drawn AIM, one of their attorneys and Peltier into her murder are still yet to be uncovered as the case slowly, but certainly, moves forward. The recent South Dakota indictments of John Graham and Thelma Rios have once again resurrected the possibility that those responsible for ordering her murder will be brought to justice. Richard Marshall, an American, is still charged in federal court with her killing.

Peltier on denied Parole: Whether purposefully timed as one more insult or just a coincidence (dating his statement for 9/11) Peltier finally responded to the

severe denial of parole. "The United States Department of Justice has once again made a mockery of its lofty and pretentious title." This statement, obviously coming on the heals of perhaps the final blow to Peltier's future, is so disjointed that it hardly warrants a review or comment, other than, of course, his rants of being a "political prisoner" and "innocent." (Please see the entire statement here.)

And that begs—again—a very crucial question:

Remember, if you will, attorney Eric Seitz, who attended the entire hearing with Peltier, said "At his parole hearing on July 28th Leonard Peltier expressed regret and accepted responsibility for his role in the incident in which the two FBI agents (were killed)."

If Peltier were a political prisoner as he pretends, there would be no need to express regret, and if he were innocent, there certainly is no need to accept responsibility for his role in the "incident."

So which is it? The answer could be easily found if Peltier posts the Commission's *Notice of Action* on his website.

Legitimate Hits: The NPPA website is nearing 200,000 legitimate hits. These are bonafide Internet inquiries as opposed to the former LPDC several years ago when they obviously and deliberately manipulated their website counter and encouraged supporters to continuously go to their website. In the beginning, an Internet search would list the NPPA on the second or even third page of results, today, however, most search engines list the No Parole Peltier Association website within the first several responses. Although we expect the volume of traffic to subside as Peltier's popularity steadily wanes, we are encouraged at the number of people who take the extra step to ensure that they have the complete Peltier story and navigate around the folklore and myths.

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