



No Parole Peltier Association Newsletter

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Dear NPPA supporters:

Parole Hearing: Of course the most important news, and as everyone knows, Peltier was afforded his first public parole hearing in fifteen years at Lewisburg Penitentiary on July 28th. On August 20th the Commission *flopped* Peltier for another fifteen (15) years. In the year 2024 at the age of 79 he will have his next parole opportunity. He is still entitled to statutory interim parole review hearings every two years.

For a full review of the hearing please see Editorial Essay #50;
[Mission to Lewisburg](#).

Clemency: The fifteen years must have come as a shock to Peltier and he and the Leonard Peltier Defense Offense Committee (LPDOC) have announced that their top priority is "Clemency." Their efforts will be closely monitored and everyone will be kept advised of any developments through the monthly NPPA newsletter. Please see <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/obama.pdf>

→ Ben Carnes, describing Peltier's "international celebrity status" will "stand and fast in front of the White House between September 5th – 12th" (Peltier's 65th birthday). Clever idea to bring attention to Peltier but in these days of heightened security his presence may be viewed as suspect or disconcerting to the White House police and Secret Service. We've already pointed out, however, that President Obama is not soft on crime and his view of this matter may come as a surprise to Peltier.

→→ Russell Means "Chief Facilitator; Republic of Lakotah Provisional Government," states that "Everything about Leonard Peltier's case stinks of complete racism" but he does correctly point out that Amnesty International does

not consider Peltier a political prisoner. Means gives two examples, the Bower case (there are a number of Bower cases but he doesn't specify which one), and Zvonko Busic, however he is factually incorrect in that Busic is a totally different case with dissimilar facts. Means brings to mind an expression describing an Indian who "hung around the fort" to continue their native ways but not going too far from the protection and supplies that the pony soldiers afforded. Means, who has been widely criticized for his mixed messages can be described as one who "hangs around Hollywood."

→→→ Vigils, letter writing, contacts with congressmen in their home districts, the White House phone line, etc., are all in their proactive plan of action.

Attorney Eric Seitz:

Peltier attorney Eric Seitz made some definitive [comments](#) in a widely distributed statement concerning the USPC's decision.

Mr. Seitz graciously returned my phone message on 8/25/09 requesting a possible dialogue on several of the points raised in his public statement. Mr. Seitz was sent an email on 8/25 asking for some additional details in four areas.

We are patiently awaiting his reply.

A challenge to Leonard Peltier: Based on Leonard Peltier's representations through his attorney, Eric Seitz, we are suggesting that there is one ultimate way to determine if those statements were accurate, specifically: That he has had an "...exemplary record during his incarceration," and, "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.

Whether his record in prison was exemplary is suspect, and Leonard Peltier has never accepted responsibility for his actions nor shown more than passing remorse for the agent's deaths.

There is a disconnect between what Peltier allegedly said and what he wants the public and his followers to believe.

However, we can settle this matter easily; make public—in its entirety—the USPC's report of August 20, 2009. That way there will be no confusion about what he actually said and meant that day. If he had an exemplary record the USPC would have mentioned it and if he had accepted responsibility and shown remorse for his actions the USPC certainly would have made those points in his favor.

The challenge is there and we'll anxiously await Leonard Peltier's response.

(Note: Although Leonard Peltier does not have Internet access, according to the LPDOC he is in regular daily contact with his network. But it became apparent several years ago that the then LPDC was keeping information and developments from him (please see Editorial Essays #18, 19, 20 & 41). As a result, hard copies, of every addition to the NPPA website [Editorial Essays, etc.] and NPPA Newsletters are sent directly to him. This way he will be kept informed and up to date on all developments.)

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