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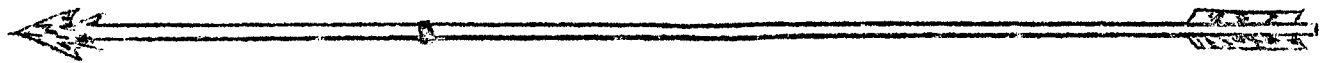
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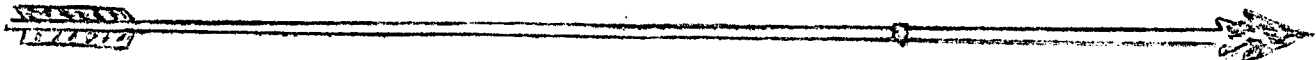


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A.A.I INCORPORATES

On January 21, 1970, the Association of Aroostook Indians became a non-profit organization. The Pine Tree lawyer, James Dunleavy, did all the legal work along with his assistant, Mr. Anderson. There were seventeen people elected to the Board of Directors. There were about eighty people present, representing different towns in Aroostook County. Now that the A.A.I. is incorporated, this means that the Association can apply for funds from foundations and government agencies.

The following is a list of names, addresses, and phone numbers of the directors of the Association of Aroostook Indians, Inc.

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ANOTHER TALE FROM "GLUSKAP THE LIAR
& OTHER INDIAN TALES" BY HORACE P. BECK

A white man traveling along a river bank encountered an Indian laborer building a bark canoe. The white man inquired why he was building the craft and was told so that the Indian could cross the river. The white man asked the Indian why he did not cross over "white man style." "Just tie a rawhide thong around your neck and tie the other end to an arrow. Shoot the arrow across the river and it will bring you across with it." This sounded like such a splendid idea that the Indian decided to try it. He tied one end of a thong to his neck, the other to an arrow, and shot it toward the other side. When the arrow came to the end of the thong it gave the Indian such a violent jerk it broke his neck. "That," said my ancient informant Solomon Paul, "proves that white man's ways are not good for Indians."

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INDIAN NEWSLETTER!!!

In the olden days Indians did not speak in the white man's language or even write. Some of them did not even know how to write their names. So this old Indian man had to get his wife to sign his checks for him every week end. So she finally got tired and asked her husband to go to school, at least to learn how to write his name and he did. But a week after, on his way home from school, he found millions and millions of dollars in a bag. He picked it up, took it home

and told his wife that he didn't have to go to school anymore or even work because they will be rich for the rest of their lives and they were both very old. So a few days later, a car drove in the yard, a white man got out of the car and asked this old man if he did find any money on the road. He stood there for a minute and thought and said yes on my last day of school I did find some money. So this white man said: no, it can't be him because he was too old.

Submitted by
Irene Augustine

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MINUTES OF AAI MEETINGS

January 14, 1970, Wednesday.....

The Presque Isle meeting which was held at the C.A.A.P. office at Skyway Industrial Park, began at approximately 8:00 P. M. with over eighty members present from the various towns such as: Caribou, Mars Hill, Castle Hill, Mapleton, Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield, Easton, Bridgewater, and Houlton.

Mr. James Dunleavy and Mr. Peter Anderson, who are lawyers from Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc., were present to officially designate us as a legal corporation. It will now be known as the Association of Aroostook Indians, Inc.

There are seventeen board of directors for our corporation. They are as follows:

- Fred J. Perley - Presque Isle
- Ronald J. Perley - Caribou
- Simon Morey - Caribou
- Donald Sanipass - Mapleton
- Vincent Tuplin - Easton
- Robert Pictou - Fort Fairfield
- Nicholas E. Paul - Caribou
- Vincent Harquail - Caribou
- Terrance Polchies - Houlton
- Gloria Tomah - Houlton
- Tom Battiste - Houlton

- Brenda Polchies - Houlton
- Irene Augustine -- Bridgewater
- Shirley Levasseur -- Houlton
- Roy Paul - Houlton
- Roberta Polchies - Houlton
- Alex Polchies - Houlton

Mr. Robert Burns, our advisor, explained to the new members why our association was formed and what its main goals are.

Mr. James Dunleavy explained briefly the legal rights of low-income people.

When the association meeting was adjourned, the board of directors held a short meeting to discuss some problems the new members had and it was agreed that the next meeting will be held in Houlton next Wednesday, January 21, 1970.

January 21, 1970, Wednesday.....
The meeting began at approximately 8:00 P.M. with about thirty-five members present.

First topic of discussion was whether we should charge Indians living out of state for the newsletter. We did not come to a decision on that. Also discussed housing. We probably should write to our State Legislature to find out what can be done to get housing here.

Discussed what topics should be discussed at the meeting in Presque Isle next Wednesday.

Discussed problems in general such as discrimination, welfare problems, and unemployment. Ways in which we could possibly raise money for our association: Have beano games, raffels, and pot luck suppers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

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INDIAN UNITY

ANOTHER TALE FROM SAM POLCHIES

When he was very young, Sam Polchies' son, Robert, had several allergies that limited his activities as a youngster. He had asthma which curtailed any extended play periods and prevented him from participating in several activities that interested him. He was also allergic to several foods, especially fruits (except apples) and sweets. This was really frustrating because Robert is particularly fond of ice cream. Well, the whole family was quite upset about their son's condition because all the cures that they attempted were ineffective. Then Leo Solomon suggested a possible cure for the allergies. He told Sam to stand Robert up against a wall and drill a hole just above his son's head. Sam, after he had done this, was to plug the hole with hair and leave it as is. Sam carried out the instructions sensing that such a process couldn't possibly hurt matters any because all other cures had failed. Surprisingly enough, Robert was cured of all his ills within a matter of weeks and is one of the most healthy and active kids today. The wonders of Leo Solomon's activities or a "Medellwin" or witch still persist in the minds of Indian people today. Perhaps modern medicine should have taken note of his fantastic cures.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to Mrs. Roberta Polchies and to her daughter Beverly. Also HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO Maynard Polchias, whose birthday is February 2.

A RECIPE FOR MOLASSES CAKE

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup sugar
- dash of salt
- 1/2 cup margarine or Crisco
- 2 cups flour & spices (nutmeg)
- 1 1/2 teasp. soda (ginger)
- 1 cup very warm water (cinnamon)
- (all-spice)

Toss some raisins on top if you wish or sprinkle some sugar on top. Put more cinnamon and all-spice than the rest of the spices.

I can't tell you how much because I don't measure my spices.

Submitted by:
Anne Pelky

A TALE FROM JOE "KING" POLCHIES

Joe "King" Polchies was quietly sipping some home brew one day, getting pleasantly high, when an Indian Agent and two Provincial Police approached him and demanded to know where he had acquired the brew or else he would have to pay a visit to the crowbar hotel. Faced with such a decision "King" informed the men that Leo Solomon, who lived just across the gulley, had made the beer. The agent and the two policemen hustled to Leo's house where they found Leo, George Polchies, and Sam Polchies. They inquired about the home brew and Leo admitted he had been the producer. Just as they were about to grab Leo, he yelled at George, who was sitting on the window-sill, "Look out!" Leo then charged across the room and dove head first through the glass and headed towards the gulley. The Indian Agent and the two policemen were about to pursue Leo when they took a second look at the pane Leo had dived through and recognized that he had not even cracked the glass, much less broken it! It was then and there that the men

decided it would be fruitless to pursue Leo and decided to attend to other business. The fact that these men had not revealed was that Leo was a well known "Medewallin" or witch, that he was capable of strange and astounding feats.

Any club or organization that wishes to know more about what the Association of Aroostook Indians is or its purposes, can write to P.O. Box 223, Houlton, Maine 04730. We will mail information or send a panel to discuss the AAI.

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On January 28th, TRIBE Inc. (which stands for Teaching and Research in Bi-Cultural Education) had a meeting in Bar Harbor, Maine, with the Council members from the surrounding towns. Present from the Board of Directors of TRIBE Inc. were John Stevens, President from Peter Dana Point, Terrance Polchies Vice-President from Houlton, Dennis Nicholas Treasurer from Tobique and board member Eugene Francis from Pleasant Point. Each of the members gave a speech concerning the International Independent Indian School. Mr. Edward C. Hinckley, who is Consultant to TRIBE Inc. was also present. At the conclusion of the meeting, the members of the Town Councils agreed to endorse the all Indian school.

Now that Ricker College is back in session, we are able to continue our tutorial program. Some of the children will have different tutors because some of the students transferred to different colleges.

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THE INDIANS WERE RIGHT

It might be a good idea to give the Indians not only Alcatraz Island, which they're occupying, but a good share of the rest of the country and the responsibility for managing it.

For the white people who bought Manhattan Island for \$24 and took most of the rest of the continent without any payment can hardly be proud of what they've done with it.

The Indians had lived here for centuries in harmony with nature.

They weren't "progressive." That is, they didn't cut down the forests, plow up the prairies, befoul the air, poison the water and kill off the fish and wildlife. They didn't overpopulate the land.

Left alone, they'd probably still be living the good life in a land still blessed with vast virgin forest, grassy plains with great herds of buffalo, rivers in which they could swim and fish. It would be a land in which any man, through his own energy, could make a living.

Indians didn't use the word ecology, but they understood the subject: the inter-relation between living things and their environment. They knew that if you disturbed one thing in nature you affected many other things. They knew that if animals overgrazed an area, the grazing would be ruined and the animals would starve. They understood that if men over used a resource, the same thing would happen to them.

Now that we're finally realizing how our reckless "progress and development" is actually endangering the future of the human race, we're learning to appreciate nature's laws. The Indians knew them 400 years ago, and lived by them.

On behalf of all the members of the Association of Aroostook Indians, I wish to thank the Houlton Woman's Club for their generous donation. It is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Terrance Polchies
President
Association of
Aroostook Indians

ADJUSTMENTS

I wrote a poem in class today.
I worked very hard at it.
The poem said, "I love you."
I turned it in to the instructor.
When I got it back, it was all marked up.

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A NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN PRAYER

O, Great Spirit, no North American Indian can walk alone today. In this time of the rising up of our Indian Nations, we plead with thee to give us true Indians of strong Indian minds, great Indian hearts, true Indian faith, and willing Indian hands.

Give us --

Indians whom the bribes of the white man cannot buy;
Indians whom the lust of the white man's way of life cannot kill;
Indians who have great honor --- Indians who will not lie;
Indians who possess wise and honest opinions and a strong Indian will;
Indians who can fearlessly and unflinchingly stand before the deceitful and conniving white political outlaws and their renegade Indian

vassals of today;

Tall Indians, proud Indians, who will dedicate and pledge their might and their lives to the great task of welding our awakening Indian Nations into a solid, unyielding Indian chain that will stretch across the length and breadth of this North American continent; True Indians of great compassion who will not shirk their sacred duties and obligations to our Indian people, True Indians who will not barter their honor and their self-respect by sacrificing the welfare of our Indian people for personal gain and dubious prestige from the wily white swindlers; Indians who will fight for the preservation of true Indian identity; Indians who will do everything in their power to revive our dormant Indian culture and our Indian languages; Indians who will set a high example that will fire our Indian youth with great pride in their Indian race and heritage;

Indians who will not falter and who will unceasingly work for the cause of North American Indianism; For, while the treacherous white political outlaws with their false creeds, their hoards of ill-gotten riches and their criminal deeds struggle in their insidious world intrigues and their internal political strife, Freedom weeps; Terrible wrongs rule this sacred land, and waiting Justice for the Indian sleeps; O, Great Spirit, hear our plea -- Give us true Indians.

We have spoken.

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