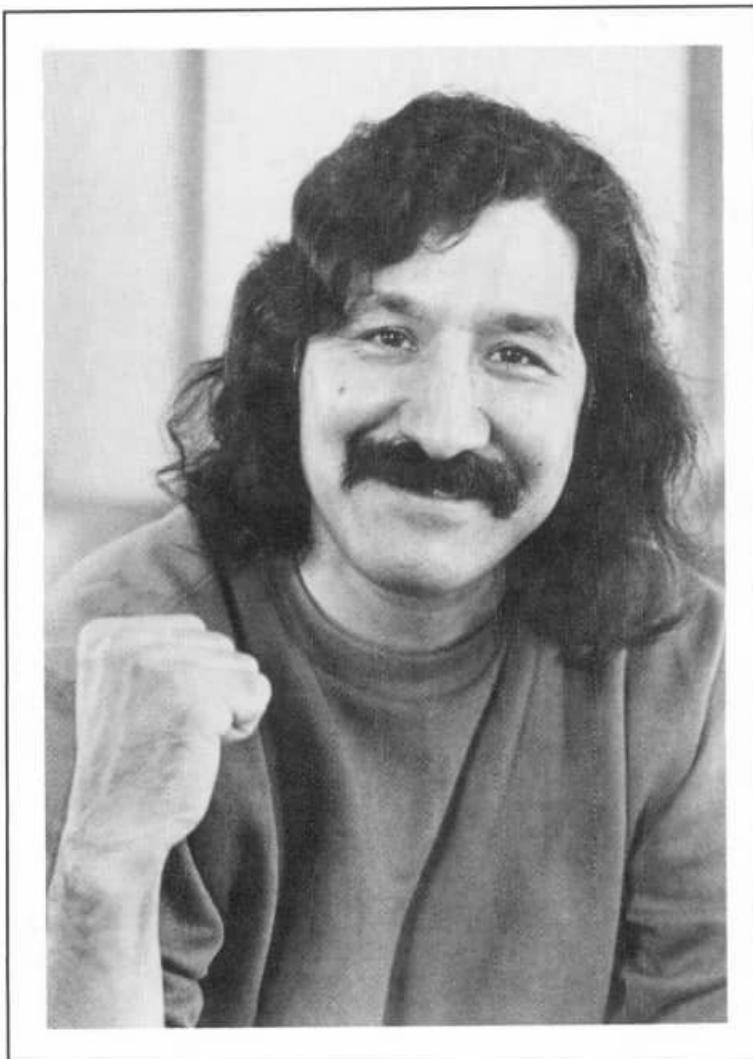


Cowboys For Indians And Justice For Leonard Peltier



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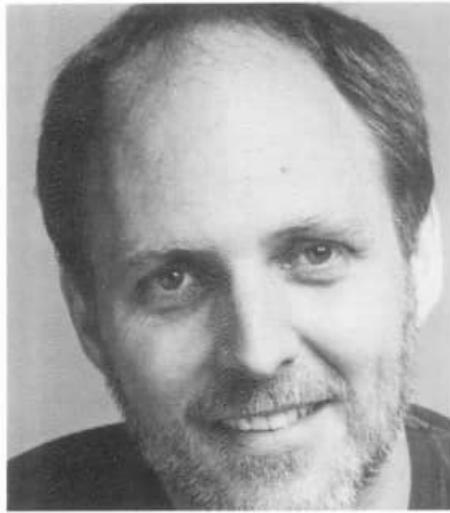
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"Is there still justice in this Land of Sweet Liberty?"

-Joni Mitchell

"The American government imposed citizenship upon the indigenous nations, and it is way past time to impose the rights and privileges that go with imposed citizenship if such rights and privileges actually exist. A fair trial for Leonard Peltier."

-John Trudell

LEONARD PELTIER

Leonard Peltier could be you, could be me, could be anyone who stands up for his family, friends, community and beliefs. Leonard is an American Indian who is serving two consecutive life sentences in Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary and there is NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE that he is guilty of the crime for which he was convicted.

On June 26, 1975, two FBI agents drove onto a family's land on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, following an Indian they said had "stolen some cowboy boots." Somehow their appearance and behavior precipitated a shoot-out in which the FBI agents and an Indian man died. Within hours of the shootout, according to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, hundreds of paramilitary-equipped, combat-clad FBI agents and U.S. Marshalls staged a dragnet through the reservation in a fever of revenge in which men, women and children were searched and terrified, property and houses ransacked. There was no investigation into the death of the Indian.

Leonard had been previously identified as a 'radical' leader by the FBI and targeted by their notorious COINTELPRO program which 'neutralized' such people by dirty tricks and arrest. Fearing no possibility of a fair trial and perhaps immediate execution, Leonard fled to Canada where he was arrested and extradited under affidavits manufactured by the FBI and later proved fraudulent in court.

Three men were initially accused of the murders. Two were acquitted and the Government dropped all charges against the third to concentrate the full prosecutorial weight of the government against Leonard Peltier. He was convicted for the deaths of the agents, and sentenced to two consecutive life terms. The government has subsequently changed its theory on who killed the agents, and today admits *they have no idea who did kill them*.

According to the final decision of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, (which astoundingly, upheld Leonard's conviction,) Peltier's trial and previous appeals have been riddled with FBI misconduct and judicial impropriety, including: coercion of witnesses; the knowing use of perjury; the fabrication of evidence; and the suppression of evidence which would have proven his innocence.

The Eighth Circuit Court agreed FBI misconduct in the case had been "a clear abuse of the investigative process". No one deserves treatment like this. That is why 49 MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS, the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, and 46 WORLD RELIGIOUS LEADERS, including the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP DESMOND TUTU, and REVEREND JESSE JACKSON have filed "Friends of the Court" briefs urging a new trial for Leonard Peltier. This is why Amnesty International has called for a Commission of Inquiry into the role of the FBI in political trials, citing the Peltier case as an example.

Leonard Peltier has spent 4,281 days in prison for a crime he did not commit. On October 5, 1987, the United States Supreme Court denied Peltier's appeal. The Supreme Court decision closed the door on Leonard's chances for a new trial. Hopefully, it did not close the door on Justice.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Please sign and mail the enclosed cards. The tiny amount of postage will make a major contribution to Leonard's case. Congressman Edwards, in particular, has led the struggle in Congress to help Leonard and has expressed his desire to help once all legal remedies are exhausted. Now is that time.

Buying Posters and T-Shirts: All profits from the sale of these items will benefit the Leonard Peltier Defense Fund.

Tax-deductible Contributions may be made out to:
The Dean's Discretionary Fund, Cathedral of St. John the Divine
1047 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10025

For more information, contact:
The Leonard Peltier Defense Committee
P.O. Box 10044, Kansas City, Missouri 64111,
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Thank you for coming and your show of support. It seems important to mention that while Leonard has become a symbol of the Native American struggle for justice, the struggle itself is not symbolic (neither is Leonard). Since the root of all Native religion and practice is devotion to the Earth and the Earth's well-being, Native people are, in a very real way, struggling for the majority culture until we become aware of the necessity for that struggle and lend our aid.

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"Coyote salutes all humans and prays for their growing wisdom."