

**Leonard Peltier Defence Committee's Indigenous Human Right week 2016
in Washington D.C.**

Day 6

Friday, 9th of December 2016

Program overview

White House Vigil

Vigil at the White House (peak hours from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) and concurrent visits to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Unveiling of Peltier Statue

Unveiling of a statue of Leonard Peltier will occur at 2:30 p.m. at the American University Museum, Katzen Arts Center, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The statue will be on exhibit Friday-Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Admission is free.

On air (Nolan arranged that)

WPFW 89.3FM at 2:00 p.m.

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Washington DC, listener supported community *radio* station dedicated to Jazz and Justice ... WPFW 89.3 FM 1990 K St NW; Suite 14R *Washington, DC*.

“Indigenous Rights and Environmental Issues: Problems and Solutions”

Join us at the Continental Ballroom, George Washington University, Cloyd Heck, Marvin Center, Floor 3, 800 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052 for presentations by and discussion with Indigenous organizers and advocates from across the country. Topics will include a range of environmental issues and updates on how Native communities are addressing them. From resource extraction, to transport of oil and nuclear waste and to deforestation how the country's earliest residents and their ancestral homelands are affected? How is colonization still happening today and what can be done about it? Speakers include Leona Morgan of Diné No Nukes, Jasilyn Charger of the International Indigenous Youth Council on the Dakota Access Pipeline, and other special guests. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

In the morning hours Wa Ha has passed on.



This is the statement from his brother Chauncey:

To all of our relatives and friends,

It is with a deeply sad heart that I write this. Today my dear younger brother Wa Ha walked on. He was with us here in Washington DC as we pray and work for clemency for our father Leonard Peltier. He was my little brother and I cannot believe his is gone from us. His name was Wahacanka.

His english name was Paul Shields-Peltier and he was born and raised on the Pine Ridge Oglala Lakota reservation. He had been sick for many months and was having dialysis for four hours a day three days a week and although his wife and family suggested him not to make this trip, he would not be turned back. In true Oglala way he said he wanted to go on this journey to help bring his father home.

He adored his wife Emily Two Lance-Peltier and his five children (four daughters and one son) and his mother Audrey Shields, his sisters and brothers and other family members and the Oglala Oyate. He was a quiet man who was known for his soft good humor and kind spirit. He never missed an event or a ceremony for our father. He was never one to stand up and speak but always there to help and support.

He lived the very hard life that is life on the Pine Ridge but in recent years he joined a company that was building environmentally sustainable housing for the people of the reservation and it was something he loved to do because it knew he was helping his people.

He suffered a very damaging stroke while working and has been trying to recover since.

Our dad had wished to donate one of his kidneys to Wa Ha but because of his imprisonment and his own failing health that was not possible. I will never forget my fathers words when he found out. He said, "Oh No. My Son has died. My baby has died." I wish we could console him now as we try to console each other.

We will let people know the details of his ceremonies as we find them out. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

To help with the funeral expenses, please donate at <https://www.gofundme.com/wa-ha-paul-shieldspeltier?ssid=833960254&pos=45>

With Love to all of you,

Chauncey Peltier
Elder son of Leonard Peltier



This is the statement from his father Leonard Peltier 12/10/2016:



Greetings, everyone.

It's taken me a while to get over this shock of my son's passing. I keep thinking this did not happen and then I realize no one is going to tell me something like this IF it didn't happen. Damn, as all parents, we expect to go before OUR children. I'm so upset. I want to lash out, blame "someone" or "anything"!! BUT I can only blame myself for not being a better father. I'm so happy that, some time ago Now, when I last spoke to him about this that we told each other we loved one another and that I would try to be a better father. BUT it is SO damn hard to be a good father from prison especially when you're in a situation like mine when all you think about is going home and being able to just sit with them and talk about life.

Wa Ha in Bernie Sanders office

Now my baby son is gone and I will never be able to tell him in person again I love him, only through the spirits. I want to thank all of YOU FOR YOUR CONDOLENCES. Thank you very much. You supporters have been more than awesome. You're good people and I love all of you very much.

Since I was unable to be a better father to Wahacanka (Medicine Shield), and he has left five children (three young children) I feel it is my responsibility to take care of them at least until they are grown. He also had a grandchild with another on the way, so I will need to look after these babies too. I will need your help to set up a foundation or whatever to care for these children. I don't know what it will take, but I'm thinking maybe I could fund this through my art (paintings and prints). So if anyone has ideas, etc., please help me with this. I don't know what to do or even begin to do with something like this.

When it rains it pours, they say. I just heard an old friend and ally Warren Allmand has passed too. Last week I'm told, and I just heard about it yesterday. This man fought hard for me to try and get justice for the fraud the USA committed in Canada's courts, against a sovereign government, to get me back here to the USA. But Canada was involved with the fraud, too. Then we found out they were also threatened by the DOJ that they would withhold multiple millions of dollars for their joint agriculture laboratory if they ruled against the USA in the extradition investigation Warren and supporters demanded. So I need to send my condolences to his family also.

I will be going for a prostate operation shortly. With modern medicine and treatment, it should be successful and quick. They will not tell me when, so stand by for results if all goes well or if not. Again, thank you.

In the Spirit Of Crazy Horse...

Doksha,

Leonard Peltier



On the 6th of December I had the honor to eat with the family and 3 days later Delaney and Peter told us in the morning about the passing of Wa Ha. It is unbelievable.

After the shock, I showed Delaney the cards I just had printed;

The case Leonard Peltier:

Highly interesting documentaries:

INCIDENT AT OGLALA

By **Robert Redford** on Netflix

WARRIOR, THE LIFE OF LEONARD PELTIER

By Suzi Bear on YOUTUBE

View list of VIP supporters like the Dalai Lama,
Nelson Mandela...

<http://users.skynet.be/kola/vips.html>

PLEASE SIGNE THE ONLINE PETITION there or at
Whoisleonardpeltier.com or amnesty International

and she noticed that I had written whoisleonardpeltier.com instead of .info. So the problem is that if you get to this website, you end up with the FBI Peltier pro incarceration website. So in fact, this is what I had given out yesterday the entire day. This is so unbelievable. Delaney and I started to cross off .com and writing .info instead. Delaney told me the "FBI" somehow had bought the URL and the LP committee actually wanted to go to court because of that, but so far nothing was done.

Art Smith a well-known chef and cousin of Leonard Peltier came by. He had at one point cooked in the White House. His son knelt in front of our Banner. Art seemed to be very careful with his contacts.



Delaney, Seabolt, Smith jr., Allen Mallati



Finally we had some banner and sign holders for some time.



Allen was interviewed by Ales Kocjan from the vecer radio station in Maribor, Slovenia about issues of Trump and Russia.

Radio station at 2p.m.

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afternoons from 2-3

We all got placed in a recording studio and
there I met Mr. Jay Winter Nightwolf
Title of the program was:
"Freedom for an innocent man Leonard
Peltier"

We got all to seat and Nightwolfe asked
who we are.



Mr. Seabolt and I had no idea, if
we would have the chance to
talk, since we did not get to sit by
the table, but then we all got to
speak. Star guest of the show
was Rhozier T. Brown known as



"Roach"
Brown
who
hosts

Cross

has he

RoachBrown@comcast.net "Your inner voice is never wrong" a
Roads radio show

www.TheInnerVoices.com. This man is unbelievable cheerful,
sat for 30 years in prisons. He also met there Leonard Peltier. Nolan has told me, that he has written
a play there, which was tremendous successful. He is like an Icon.
Even though, we had no time to arrange who will speak about what, we were all content of how well it
went. It was like a tapestry. Every one of us covered an extra issue about the fight for Leonard's
freedom. !.9 Millon heard the show and I've met 2 people afterward who told me they have heard the
show. Apparently it was broadcasted 5 times afterwards. And since I have started an appeal for other
banner holders and we distributed the phone number right away, we got some people checking in
with us later on.



Unveiling of Peltier Statue

Since one cannot dance at 2 weddings, we missed the unveiling of the statue.



As part of a major clemency push by supporters in the final days of President Barack Obama's presidency, a 9-foot-tall statue of Native American activist and prisoner Leonard Peltier has been installed at American University Museum to raise awareness for Peltier's plight and pardon request. The statue, by California-based artist Rigo 23, is outside the museum overlooking Ward Circle. It will be on display through April. The Peltier statue is comprised of redwood, foam, epoxy, and paint, and is supported on an internal steel

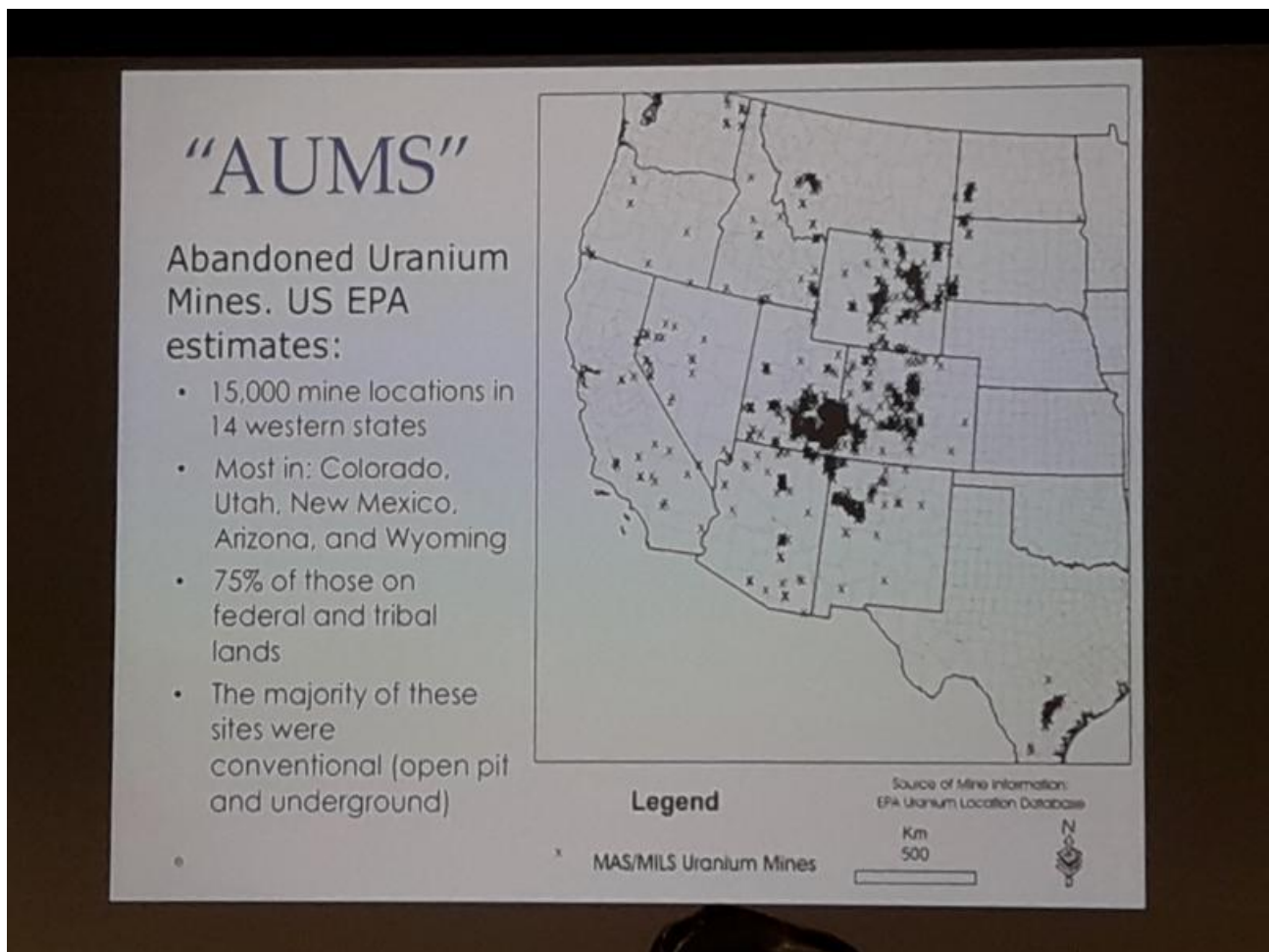
structure. It is designed to be mobile and dissembled in parts for easy transport and exhibition. The project is funded by Peltier supporters and community members, as well as the organization American Indian Movement West.



“Indigenous Rights and Environmental Issues: Problems and Solutions” at 7:00p.m.

The young **Leona Morgan** of Diné No Nukes spoke very well on a range of environmental issues and updates on how Native communities are addressing them. From resource extraction, to transport of oil and nuclear waste and to deforestation how the country’s earliest residents and their ancestral homelands are affected? How is colonization still happening today and what can be done about it?

And it is honestly so unbelievable what is happening with mother earth and that nobody has to even get a permit of the natives on the reservations. The companies have to pay 10\$ a year to the state, that is all. Also the quantity of active and abandoned uranium mines and that the companies do not have the obligation to clean the land afterward. Leona became aware after soooo many of her relatives got cancer stricken. No she is fighting for some years already. The radioactivity is very high on her reservation. I have audio recorded some of her speech.



1872 Mining Law & Dawe's Act:
General Allotment Act

INDIAN LAND FOR SALE

GET A HOME
OF
YOUR OWN

EASY PAYMENTS

PERFECT TITLE

POSSESSION
WITHIN
THIRTY DAYS

FINE LANDS IN THE WEST

IRRIGATED IRRIGABLE GRAZING AGRICULTURAL DRY FARMING

IN 1870 THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SOLD UNDER SEVERAL BILLS ALLOTTED INDIAN LAND AS FOLLOWS

*Policies Used to legitimize
Theft of Land & Minerals:*

- Doctrine of Discovery
- Supreme Court Opinions, Justice John Marshall
- General Allotment Act (Dawe's Act)
- 1872 Mining Law
- Federal Indian Periods
(ie: Assimilation, Termination, etc.)
- Indian Re-Organization Act



Jasilyn Charger of the International Indigenous Youth Council, was actually the first person on Standing Rock standing up against the pipeline. She went out there with 5 people aged between 16 & 46 years of age, on April 3rd 2016.

And already the Pipe layers were very hostile towards them. The elders told her she would not have a chance, but she had to go, especially after there was a mass suicide among young natives on the reservations. 33 kids died in within 2 month. Jasilyn is only 20 years old, but with her

soft voice and her testimonies and declarations, she is very impressive and powerful. She held a memorable speech at the University.

There was a lot of Q & A going on after both women spoke and since the question had been raised, if the oil spills are listed somewhere, I could tell them about John Bolenbaugh the wonderful whistle blower who had done that. I videotaped part of Jasilyn's powerful speech.

"And other special guests" was written in the announcement, but actually no one else really spoke.

The American people are truly detached from the natives, I could notice this very well. We Germans, mostly through reading Karl May, relate much more to them.

The history books do not teach the right history in the United States at all. Thanksgiving has nothing to do with the natives anymore. The natives are some strange relict. This is the feeling I got over the time. Also a lot of people also have no understanding why THE PEOPLE can and will not adapt "our ways of life".

As we already know, hardly any murder or death of natives is covered by the news. Here some excerpt of an article:

<http://qz.com/392342/native-americans-are-the-unseen-victims-of-a-broken-us-justice-system/>

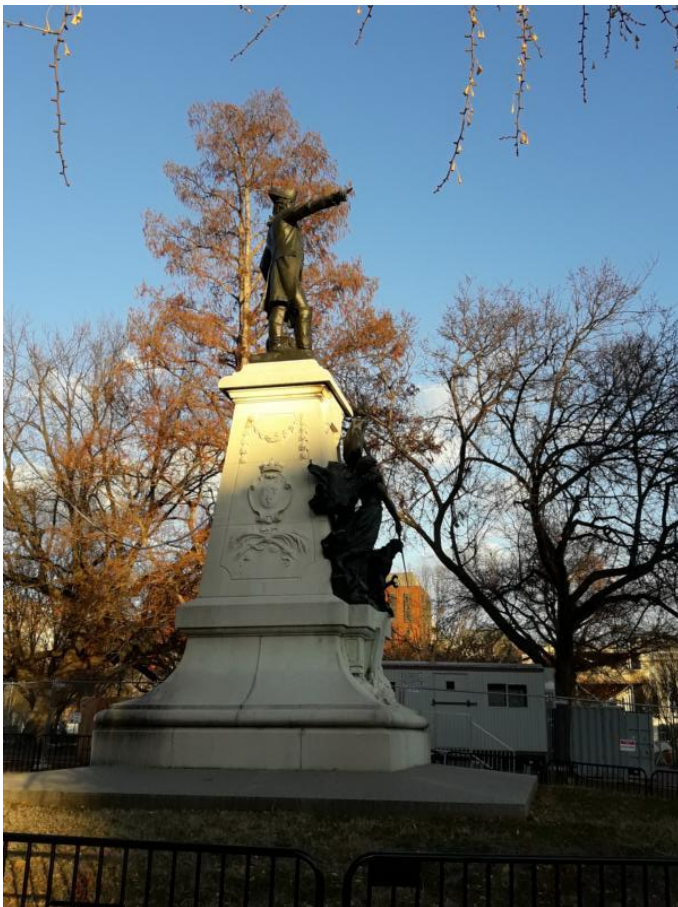
In the past five years alone, the number of Native Americans incarcerated in federal prisons has increased by 27%. In South Dakota, the state with the fourth highest percentage of Native American residents, Native Americans compose 60% of the federal caseload, but only 8.5% of the total population.

- Native Americans are incarcerated at a rate [38% higher](#) than the national average, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.
- Native American youths are [30% more likely](#) than whites to be referred to juvenile court than have charges dropped, according to National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

- Native Americans are [more likely to be killed by police](#) than any other racial group, according to the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice.
- Native American men are [incarcerated at four times the rate of white men](#); Native American women are incarcerated at six times the rate of white women, according to a report compiled by the Lakota People's Law Project.
- Native Americans fall victim to violent crime at more than [double the rate of all other US citizens](#), according to BJS reports. Eighty-eight percent of violent crime committed against Native American women is carried out by non-Native perpetrators.

It's true that the majority of serious offenses committed by Native Americans are dealt with at the federal level—and this generally entails more severe sentencing. But to claim racialized disparities in incarceration are due to a few differences between state and federal sentencing policy grossly oversimplifies the problem.

Mark Charles is a speaker, writer, and consultant from Fort Defiance, AZ, located on the Navajo Reservation. I have met him at the press conference and again at the radio station is researching about this. The son of an American woman (of Dutch heritage) and a Navajo man, Mark seeks to understand the complexities of American history regarding race, culture, and faith in order to help forge a path of healing and reconciliation for the nation. He said the natives are still looked upon as savages. And this dates back from the date of Columbus and the pope.



The people, we are forced to look up to, are the wrong ones to look up to. Where did they lead us, proudly with their indicator finger??

The people they made a plaque on the pavement, the ones you hardly notice and step on, should be the ones we really should pay attention to.

How wrong is the entire system.



End

