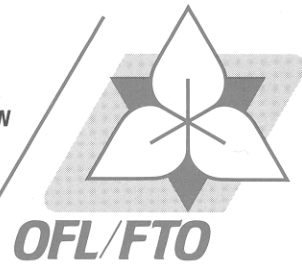


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**TO: OFL AFFILIATES**

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

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**Free Leonard Peltier - 30 Years is Enough!  
The Canadian Justice and Freedom Campaign Needs Your Support**

The Leonard Peltier Canadian Defense Committee (LPDCC) continues its important work to educate and advocate for justice for Leonard Peltier, who has been in prison in the U.S. for 30 years. He had sought refuge in Canada but was extradited into the U.S. based on false evidence provided by the FBI to the Canadian Government. In October 2000, the Leonard Peltier Canadian Defense Committee, the Osgoode Hall Law School and *The Innocence Project*, set up an independent hearing presided by the Hon. Justice Fred Kaufman, Q.C. He concluded:

*"As you can see from (Myrtle Poor Bear's) evidence, she acted under duress at the time, and much of what she then said was false. I am satisfied that if this had been known when the extradition hearings took place, the request to extradite Peltier would likely have been refused."*

Despite a recommendation by former Prime Minister Chrétien, the federal government has yet to review the new evidence. Enclosed for your local's information is a booklet with information on Canada's role and responsibility in this case and the Leonard Peltier Canadian Defense Committee's preparations for a new federal lobby and national awareness campaign.

You can help by sharing this information with your members, which they can also download from our web site at [www.ofl.ca](http://www.ofl.ca), or call us if you want more copies of these materials. A new Canadian post card and letter-writing campaign is scheduled for release in the near future. Watch for updated OFL web postings, or call the Committee directly.

Sisters and Brothers, we are also urging you to make a donation to the LPDCC to assist in its important work. If each local can send \$50, \$100 or more to support the planning and preparations this summer, together we **can** make a difference. Cheques can be sent directly to the OFL and made payable to the LPDCC.

Thanks for your interest and consideration.

In solidarity,

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