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6th. March 1980.

Dear Pat Dyer,

Many thanks for your kind letter of January 28th. which arrived this morning.

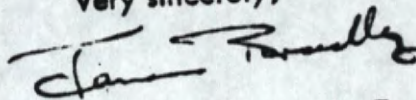
The Trustees of Onaway have asked me to express their sincere thanks for your kind permission to reprint articles from your excellent newspaper and are most grateful for this concession.

The Trustees were concerned to hear that you are finding difficulty in raising funds to continue publishing Nishnawbe News and have agreed that a donation of \$2,000.00 will be made by the Onaway Trust towards your appeal for financial help. I am afraid that we are not aware of any other organisation in the U.K. that might be able to assist you but will certainly let others know of your need if there is a possibility of financial help. I would be grateful if you will send me a receipt for the enclosed donation as this is required for our accountant.

I enclose one of our project lists with this letter and under separate cover I will send you a copy of the Onaway magazine. If any articles are used from your newspaper, a copy of the magazine will be sent to you but the copy I am sending now has just been printed and has none of your articles in it. We will also ensure that credit will be given for items from Nishnawbe News.

Thanking you again for your kindness and for the lovely quotation at the end of your letter.

Very sincerely,



James Bradley. Sec. for the Trustees.

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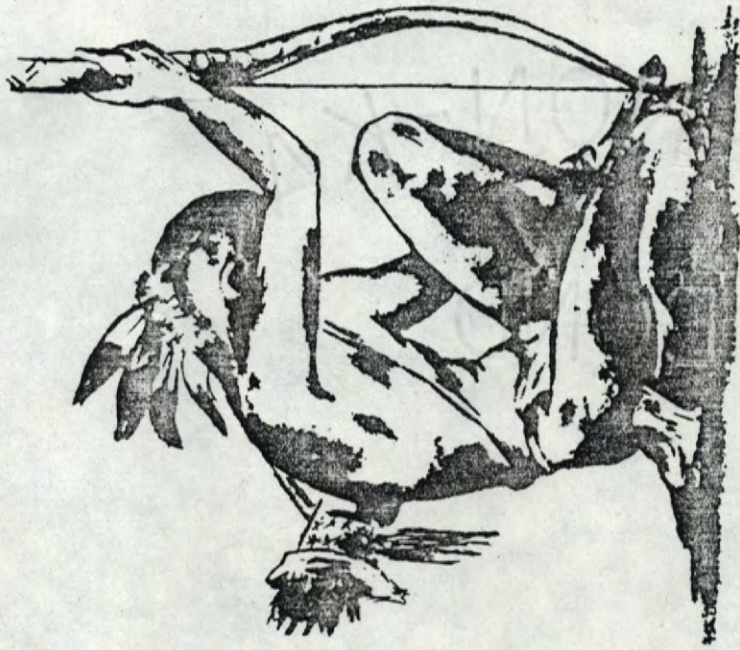
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TO PRESERVING NATIVE CULTURES,
PARTICULARLY



AMERICAN INDIAN WAYS OF LIFE.

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THE ONAWAY TRUST was formed in 1974 to assist native peoples to restore and preserve their cultural heritage and to prevent their total absorption into the mainstream of the western industrial patterns.

Today, when the ethics of technology and science are being seriously questioned, even by the people they are supposed to benefit, it is imperative that we do not permit the destruction of other and possibly alternative cultures, some of which, especially that of the North American Indians, have existed for untold centuries.

The North American Indian lived in complete harmony with his natural environment for thousands of years. Then came the white man with his bibles and bullets, greed and genocide, and set about a systematic process of destroying both the Indian and his culture - all in the name of God and Civilisation! Today, as wards of the U. S. Government, they live in poverty on reservations - some Indians call them concentration camps! - and struggle, literally, to keep body and soul intact.

Reports from the early explorers of America described the Indians as a splendid people: dignified, courteous, handsome and highly intelligent. They were free from disease and lived to a great age. Today, after being 'civilised' for the past hundred years, the Indians suffer the highest rates for infant mortality, premature death and suicide than any other ethnic group in America! Yet, before the white man's advent they knew the secret of living in total



harmony with their natural world. They practised birth control, conservation, physical and spiritual healing (including psychotherapy). Many of our modern drugs had their source in Indian medicine. Corn, squash and beans were but a few of the plants and vegetables which were unknown in England until the 'new world' was discovered. And far from being 'savages' they possessed so democratic a political system that the founding fathers of white America promptly adopted its main features into the American Government's constitution!

They had no need of nuclear weapons, penitentiaries, mental institutions or 'homes' for orphans and the aged. White propaganda and brainwashing (a la Hollywood) have portrayed the Indians as barbarous savages. When we consider our polluted rivers, earth and sky, our congested cities, economic stresses and strains, discredited religious and political systems, it is a mute question as to who is truly the savage - red man or white man!

The aims of the ONAWAY TRUST is to render all possible aid to the proud remnants of the Indian nations who are desperately struggling for both physical and spiritual survival in their OWN land. We believe that many of the answers to the white world's problems are inherent in the beliefs and cultures of the Indian peoples. If we do not take the trouble to preserve and study their way of life then vital answers will be lost forever and our childrens' heritage will be all that we subconsciously fear.

JOHN MORRIS

Annual subscription to Onaway is £2. and includes free magazines and bulletins. Thank you.