

"Plastic" Indians Fight Back

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Chief and I were honored recently when we were invited to a meeting of "Plastic" Indians in St. Petersburg, Fla. They had hired a lawyer to see if something could be done about the cowardly unsigned libels given out at public meetings, being circulated by US mail, put on computer bulletin boards, and reprinted in Indian publications.

At first the lawyer was skeptical, but when he saw the evidence he waived his \$850 retainer as the first donation to the fund. He was livid at the disrespect being shown to authentic Indian authors and teachers, and even the honored dead. "This thing smells so bad," he said, "It will be an open and shut case when it comes to court."

Charles Dry River (not his real name as he and others continue to associate with radicals to gather information) had most of the evidence needed to indict the libelers in Florida, but the lawyer wanted to work slowly and carefully to get those out of state as well. He said this would make it a Federal case and perhaps net greater punitive damage awards. He also pointed out the fact some of the libels were unsigned would make the criminals all the more culpable. And Indian publications, he said, that had printed the libels would also be named as defendants as they had de facto signed them themselves.

Predictably, Piercing Eyes made a long speech against the whole thing. Nobody, he said, took unsigned

letters seriously. He also pointed to a publisher who had printed personal insults and accusations about others in the Revival and had to admit he had hurt his own business for it. Chief refused to take part in the action or to accept punitive damages, but did agree to ask our readers for more evidence and testimony about the libelers.

Readers who have any of those "Plastic Indian" letters or articles in Indian magazines, please send them to PLASTIC INDIAN DEFENSE FUND c/o Pan-American Indian Association P.O. Box 244, Nocatee, Fla. 33864 so we can forward them. If it came to you in the mail please try to include the postmarked envelope. Publishers are asked to reprint this article.

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Navajo, Cheyenne, Apache, Crow
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