

# Sympathy For Wounded Knee

By MARTHA MAHAN

WESTLAND What the American Indian needs is a new Geronimo or Cochise, says the grandson of a full-blooded Apache princess.

"Those old chiefs were wise and intelligent and had a personality for leadership" which rallied their own people around them and compelled the respect of the white man, declared Robert Reichard, president of the Wayne-Westland Board of Education whose blood is one-quarter Apache.

"Wouldn't it be great if a grandson of Geronimo or Cochise or Sitting Bull suddenly appeared" to lead his people as Martin Luther King led the blacks? Reichard said.

But he's not hopeful. "I expect conditions for the Indians to be the same 10 years from now or even 100 years," he said.

"They won't get anywhere without the white man's help, and it's the white man who has put him where he is."

Reichard's Indian blood is on his mother's side. His grandmother was Love Flower, an Apache princess, who married a white soldier. Their daughter, Love Child, also married a white, Reichard's father.

"I don't know how they met," Reichard said. "My mother was a trick rider for the Barnum and Bailey circus. She was uneducated. She was unable to get an education because she was Indian and especially because of the inter-marriage. Somehow she did manage though, in later years, to become a registered nurse."

His father, on the other hand, was highly educated, Reichard said. He was a purchasing agent for the auto industry and for Firestone and Goodyear tire makers.

Reichard himself, was a jockey until growing weight forced him out of the race. His brother was a drummer with Tommy Dorsey and other big name bands. A sister was a professional dancer.

Reichard grew up on his mother's stories of the white man's treatment of the Indian, and admits: "I'm very bitter."

He has nearly finished the current best seller, "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee," and says he found in many tales he first heard from his mother.

"The white man came here, killed off the game, killed the grass and polluted the air," he said. "It was a rich country until the white man came. Now they won't let the Indian fish, even for survival."

What has prevented the Indian from turning out a dynamic leader, Reichard believes, is lack of mobility. "They're still prisoners," he said. "They still have to get permission to leave the reservation. And if they do leave, who'll hire an Indian? They've got more going against them than the black because they can't move around the country."

Moreover, life on the reservations is nothing but depressing, pride-sapping squalor, Reichard maintains. "There are more alcoholics and more suicides among Indians than any other race," he said. "There's more illiteracy, more poverty."

"If an Indian lived in a black ghetto, he'd think he was living high on the hog," Reichard said.

Reichard disapproves of violence, but still feels a certain sympathy with the takeover at Wounded Knee and invasion of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"They tried peaceful means and got no recognition," he said. "I don't approve of force, but I do sympathize with the things the Indians want - mostly jobs and education."

The older ones need vocational training, he insisted, so they can hold a place in the business and industrial world. The little ones need a good academic education.

"I contribute to three Indian schools out west," Reichard said. "They are run by three ministers. But they live in squalor."

Two other things the Indian wants, Reichard said, are pride and to maintain his own culture.

"The Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs is nothing but a farce and waste of the taxpayers' money," he declared. "It hasn't done anything for the Indian since it started. Oh, they've had an Indian or two in the bureau, but they didn't stand a chance."

What Reichard would like to see is "the money that's used to run the BIA given to the councils of the various tribes."

"They're no dummies," he said. "They'd know how to use that money to upgrade their people and at the same time preserve their own culture."

"I believe in civil rights 100 per cent," Reichard said. "But I believe in it for all - Indian, Chicano, black and white."

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Riebe, of 36150 Paddleford, is president and chief architect of the firm. Gordon, of 31830 Kingswood Square, Hunters Ridge, is associate

director of engineering and construction administration.

The firm currently is serving as consulting architects for many neighboring school districts and served as architects for the Southwest Oakland Vocational Education Center in Walled Lake.

Gordon also served as consulting structural engineer during construction of Harrison High School and past additions to Farmington and North Farmington high schools.

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The two week session from Aug. 6 to 17 is intended for graduate students who teach early American history and both elementary and secondary school teachers.

Wilma Russell, education professor is coordinating the session which gives two hours of graduate credit. Students will meet with her prior to the workshop to arrange written projects.

Lectures on the intellectual pursuits of the 18th century and Virginia economy will be supplemented with side trips to Jamestown, Yorktown, Fort Monroe and Norfolk.

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