

# Indians fight Peltier extradition

VANCOUVER (CP) -- American Indian Movement leaders in Vancouver asked yesterday that the Canadian Government prevent the extradition of Leonard Peltier, 31, an Indian on the FBI's 10-most-wanted list.

Peltier, of Grand Forks, N.D., was arrested near Jasper, Alta., last week and will appear in court here today for hearing of bail application. He is also being held pending an extradition hearing.

He is charged with attempted murder of a Milwau-

kee policeman, and was wanted for questioning in connection with the slaying of two FBI agents in South Dakota last June and an attempted murder in Ontario, Ore., in November.

AIM spokesman Ken Dennis told a news conference that extradition at this time would mean certain death for Peltier. Since the confrontation at Wounded Knee, S.D., in 1973 "more than 20 Indian people have been killed as a result of open warfare waged against native people by the U.S. Gov-

ernment."

He said the FBI was judge, jury and executioner, and Peltier has had to flee for his life.

Mr. Dennis said support for Peltier has been promised by the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs, the B.C. Association of Non-Status Indians and the Vancouver Indian Centre.

Bill Wilson of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs said he personally supports AIM's appeal and considers Peltier to be a political prisoner.