

Memoirs of Chief Red Fox – Hoax?

In March 15 edition of the Tundra Times, we published a book review of "The Memoirs of Chief Red Fox" for that book's 95 cent paperback edition. Since then, we have found that some of the contents of the book were apparently lifted word for word from "The Wounded Knee Massacre," a book written by James H. McGregor and published in 1940.

Since then, too, McGraw Hill Inc., the publishers of the Red Fox memoirs, have stated that



CHIEF RED FOX — Red Fox is shown in full regalia on the cover of the book.

they were considering to drop the book and have asked the paperback publishers to do the same.

Director Charles Trimble of the American Indian Press Association (AIPA) conducted a research on the Oglala Sioux Reservation, from which Chief Red Fox said he came, and found that there was no such person. Trimble also furnished The New York Times an eight-page document on his findings.

AIPA stated: "The central issue: the ethics of lifting valid material — and the creation of invalid 'facts' — from Indian cultures for the profit of non-Indians at the expense of historical truth."

We wish to alert our readers that "The Memoirs of Chief Red Fox" is not a book its authors said it is and our readers should refrain from buying the book.