

Ah, for the good old Indian Wars

by Joseph James

Mostly I like to live a quiet, peaceful life but there are occasions when I sort of wish I had lived around 1860, because that is the general time of my favorite Indian wars.

I can just see myself at the battle of the Little Big Horn; Custer is riding around, looking for Indians, and as he gets close to where I'm concealed (under a rock) I jump up, bow and arrow in hand, and shout: *'Hey, Blondie, Komma-see-heer, comment-allez-footlocker?'*

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I think I would have found my true calling: burning wagons and marauding settlements. Too bad America is so civilized now. A person just can't have any fun at all anymore.

Happily, I've figured out how to continue the Indian wars without using guns, bows, knives and tomahawks. It would be as effective,

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and a lot more civilized than grabbing a machine-gun, like that 'Rambo' guy, and playing 'shoot-em-up'.

Ever notice how some gussuks (pale faces) jump out of windows, shoot themselves and stuff, when all that happened is that they lost a bundle in the stock-market?

Seems to me that if I started a business which gave some real competition to the businesses which belong to the gussuks, and bankrupted them, then a good percentage of them would 'go the way of the Buffalo'.

Maybe that is where we went wrong in the first place, with the Indian wars. Maybe we should have fought with stocks, bonds and short-term notes instead of guns and stuff.

I even think we could do quiet well in a financial 'war,' since the gussuks have so kindly taught us everything they know. Look at it; after a few hundred years of being around the gussuks, American Natives know how to 'wheel and deal' (translation: lie, cheat, steal and be conniving), with the best of them. Just look at our regional corporations; it is obvious we know all the tricks because we have been practicing on ourselves for years.

I can just see the head-lines: **'Rampaging Native Corp. surrounds Cavalry Mutual Savings & Loan.'** **'Federal Reserve unable to help, being held-up by several court injunctions and restraining orders. Unless situation changes soon, a very grave massacre of 780 million innocent dollars is inevitable.'** **'Cominco International scalped of subsidiary, Cominco Alaska.'** **'Sealaska Corp. plunders Louisiana Pacific.'** **'Tanana Chiefs raid Alaska R.R.'**

Yes, it would be fun. There is only one thing.

We have been able to do this for years, but just as in the old Indian wars, we always end up fighting among ourselves. The pale-face just waits until we have wasted our strength.
