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• Just Sitting? Bull!
• Indian in Traction

Frank White Buffalo Mann, only living grandson of Chief Sitting Bull, knows how General Custer felt. While crossing the street to an Indian powwow in Burien on a recent night, a couple of hundred horses—under an automobile hood—bore down on him.

"There was," he said, "no place to run. I braced myself and b-a-n-g."

The "bang" landed White Buffalo in Harborview Medical Center (sixth-floor south) with a broken right leg and a badly bruised left leg. Instead of the Indian dances for which he is famed, he is limited to calisthentics on an overhead "trapeze."

"Fortunately, I am so strong I can pull myself up easily and get exercise," White Buffalo said. "Why, maybe I can pull myself right through the roof and out of this place."

White Buffalo wears the "shades" (sunglasses) of a Hollywood actor, which he once was.

"I was in three movies, 'Chief Crazy Horse,' 'Buffalo Bill' and 'Tatanka,'" White Buffalo said. "They 'killed' me in all three. But I'm one individual that never quits."

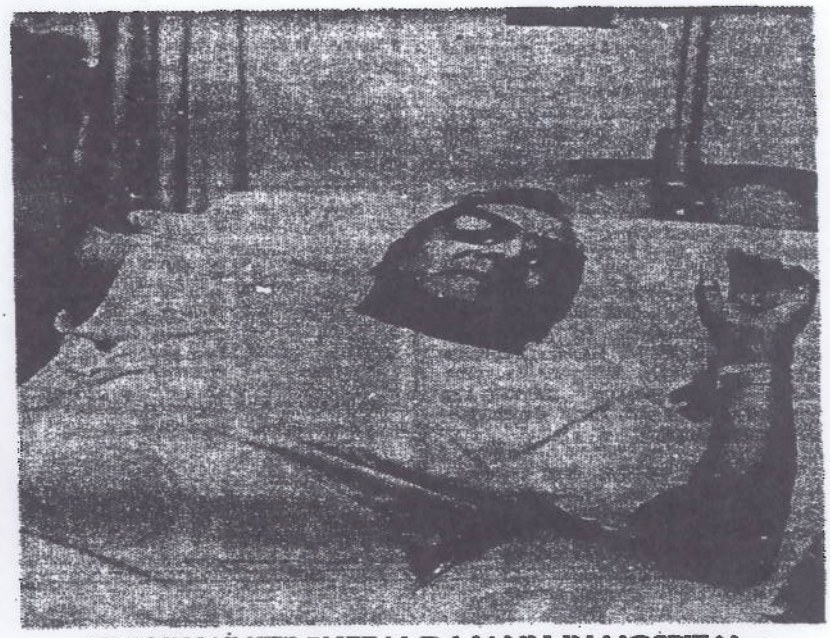
On White Buffalo's forehead is a pale blue tattoo, rather like a cross. It stands for the "four cardinal winds."

As White Buffalo recited the symbolism, he held out his hands as if he were puffing a peace pipe. And he said, "I gave Bob Kennedy a peace pipe in a ceremony."

Several months ago, White Buffalo came to Seattle from Standing Rock Reservation, Fort Yates, S. D., to visit his daughters, Mrs. Shirley Antelope and Miss Sharon White Buffalo.

Unable to remain idle for long, the 66-year-old Sioux began entertaining school children with Indian dances and stories, imparting the mystery and the dignity of the Red Man.

Over the years, he said, he has performed in countless festivals as Sitting Bull. He has conferred with college professors interested in Indian lore. He takes very seriously his Indian name (White Buffalo), "which makes me keeper of the 'buffalo-cap peace pipe' brought by the great spirit."



FRANK WHITE BUFFALO MANN IN HOSPITAL

"The pipe goes back five generations—to the time before the White Man," White Buffalo said. "It has been handed down and it is burning low. In the legend, after five generations the Indian spirit, a sleeping giant, will rise again. That time is now!"

White Buffalo particularly enjoys bestowing Sioux names on the Pale Faces with whom he comes in contact. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. (Bill) Neidinger of Bellevue now are the proud possessors of "Eagle Pipe" and "Princess Pretty Flower."

Ron DeRosa, Times' photographer, graciously accepted Mato-akecheta (Bear Soldier). And this reporter agreed Wamblee-ska (White Eagle) might fit well in a byline.

Sitting Bull's grandson accepts his pain stoically. He'd much rather laugh than cry.

At the outset, I said, "Sioux?"

White Buffalo shot back, straight-faced, "Not if you spell my name right."

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For the first time in many years, the Foundation for International Understanding Through Students (FIUTS) at the University of Washington has a shortage of "host families" for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. Virginia Simon, administrative assistant, says hosts primarily are needed for persons from foreign lands who have graduate-student or faculty status. All are married, and many have from one to four children.

If you will have extra room at your table, call Mrs. Simons at the university (Dial 543-0735).

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