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EDITORIAL:

This is in answer to Mr. Paul Kanonto Diabo's statement made to the Editor of the Kanawake News, of July 1, 1966, in which he accused me of being mixed up in a quotation from a clipping which I published in our Long-House News of June 15, 1966. I am sure if Kanonto and the Editor of the Kanawake News care to read over the clipping they will find that through their christian hatred for an "Iroquois" they are blinded to reality. We are not as Kanonto puts it, and I quote; "You Longhouse are so fouled up in your understanding that you have me entering this Country without a visa from the United States. WHEN IN ACTUALITY IT WAS THE OTHER WAY AROUND". You are the ones that are fouled up because in the clipping it does not say that, as the clipping was written in Philadelphia, Pa., the United States; (entering this Country) refers to entering the United States. If there is any false statements in the clipping, please do not accuse me and the people of the Long-House or our paper of any wrong-doing. I simply published the content of the clipping as it was, and if you care to read the original clipping, you may come at any time, with your Editor, and I'll be glad to produce it for you.

In your letter you continue with this; "Isn't it wonderful that you people can go back and forth across the border now with no thought of how hard it was not too

long ago for Indians to obtain permission to travel from one part of their country."

I do not wish to discredit you, or any one else that took part in the court case, but as for the right to cross frontiers, let me quote from THE STATUS OF THE SIX NATIONS INDIANS; by Malcolm Montgomery; when two Rotiyaner of the "Iroquois" Confederacy namely, Deskaheh, and Atotarho and other members of the Confederacy went overseas with wampum Belts. I quote in part; "Deskaheh, as well, took the ancient Wampum Belts of his people describing the ancient treaties with the whiteman, and, also he carried with him a passport issued by the Six Nations Confederacy Council at Grand River, (Ohsweken) 28th. of July, 1921, which was honored by immigration authorities in the United Kingdom, France, and Switzerland." - Which means, in accordance with Immigration Laws, the Six Nations Confederacy's Sovereignty is an entity.

As for your Caughnawaga Council in the above Law, as well as in International Laws, it is a non-entity. Before you turn your nose at the Ro ti non ses ro non or Long-House people, remember, any legal treaties in existence today were negotiated with our Ancestors, the People of the Long-House, and those are the same treaties that Mr. Bonnelly used.

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I still maintain that the North American Indians including the Indians who prostrates before the White priests (SE WATO KOTTA) owe the Six Nations "Iroquois" Confederacy great homage for their great fight in guarding and securing treaties and our land.

ONEN KI WHA HI TA NON TOSA SANA KWON

(Ed.)

Christ.

ENEMIES OF THE CHURCH - BEWARE!

- by Louis Hall

There have been times in the past when the gadflies (people who bothered the 'church') were eliminated by the simple process of burning them at the stake. However, the 100 years of religious wars which broke the power of life and death of the church over the people, made it necessary for the clergy to employ other means to silence these pests who persist in exposing the truth about Christianity and pointing out its corruptions.

No longer allowed to burn people at the stake, the church now slyly circulates rumors that a so and so reformer is mentally deranged, to sort-of prepare the holy 'faithful' for that opportune time, when the miscreant shall be framed into a mental institution - run by themselves (the clergy), where it is alleged, a lobotomy takes place and the victim is reduced to the living dead and indeed, "out of circulation", no longer able to harass the church for its dark and evil deeds.

In the United States, at this present moment, there is a movement going on to liberate over 80 victims who have been framed into mental institutions, run by the church, for talking and writing materials damaging to the continuance of the church in deceiving the people.

A retired U.S. Army general writes that several attempts had been made to silence him in this manner, but powerful friends, plus refusal to be examined mentally except by independent analysts, at which tests he passed with flying colors, contributed to save the day. Had he been examined by an analyst in the employ of the church, he would have been committed!

So, prospective anti-church campaigners, writing against religion can be a hazardous occupation; i.e., grabbing the 'holy mother' by the tail can be dangerous business - not only is she an "ornery crittur" but, also, a deadly one.

Jean Meslier (1678-1733), a R.C. priest and curate of Etrepigny in Champagne, France, waited until he was dead before he started his campaign against the church. He lived in the days when France was still in the 'holy mother's' unholy grip. He ordered that his Last Will and Testament (330 pages) be circulated throughout France. On his deathbed - at which time a man is expected to tell the whole truth - he called for his parishioners and apologized for teaching them Christianity, asserting that it was gigantic fraud. He explained his failure to tell the truth sooner by pointing out that he had no desire of dying a cruel, horrible death which was the lot of heretics in those days.

Meslier said: "The world shall never know peace until the last king has been strangled with the entrails of the last priest." Literary genius Voltaire obtained a copy of Meslier's Will and Testament - and the Age of Reason began - between he and Rousseau, they turned France upside down, resulting in the French Revolution. 70% of France today are agnostics, freethinkers and outright atheists and the responsibility is attributed in no small measure to an obscure priest in an obscure village, who campaigned against the church after he was dead, because he feared clerical vengeance while still alive.

INDIAN UNITY: There is talk of uniting the Indians from coast to coast. But, the unifiers talk through their 'spiritual' advisors, these being Anglican ministers, United Church ministers, R.C. priests and what have you. These pious birds, themselves, cannot unite into a single 'Christian' unit. They all understand their bible fairy tales differently and so are divided and subdivided into multitudinous and multifarious Christian sects, each claiming to be more Christian than the others. If the uniters cannot unite themselves, how do they expect to unite the Indians they have brainwashed into their particular and various 'beliefs' all hostile to each other?

The Christian world was once united into a single unit. It was not nice! When Constantine the Great, Roman Emperor, proclaimed the entire Roman Empire Roman

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ENEMIES OF THE CHURCH - BEWARE! (CONT'D.)

Catholic, he made Christianity a State Church.. Later the Church made the Roman Empire a Church State and plunged the world into the Dark Age. Like all Church States, the Roman Empire became destitute and crumbled. The Church, around the year 400 A.D. forbade education and only monks were allowed learning. The ensuing eleven centuries became the Golden Age of the Church, also the Age of Faith, but known to posterity as the Dark Age.

Besides education, bathing was also forbidden; one had to mortify the flesh! It was not until 1805 that Beau Brummel of England restored bathing to its position as a necessary human function. For 14 centuries, the unwashed but "holy" paleface reeked to high heaven. The old Roman laws (pagan) which had been supplanted by "Sin", were finally restored as each country deposed its religious tyrant and now forms the basis of statutes throughout the world. The last six hundred years of the Age of Faith was marked by inquisitions and religious wars which resulted in the slaughter of over 300 millions of infidels (people who disagreed with Christianity). This was Christianity, united into one 'holy' unit, a thing the world can do without.

MOHAWK DEFINITIONS

WAR: When the misunderstanding and stupidity of one or more countries degenerates into wholesale slaughter. (In private society, such killings are labelled as felony, vile murder, etc.; and the killer or killers described as psychotic degenerates) The beneficiaries of war, the profiteers (financial) monopolists, having started the war, prepare propaganda to make war killers proud of killing others. The 'legal' murderers return home from the 'war' as heroes and elaborate monuments are constructed to honor the fallen killers. To commemorate the occasion, remembrance days have been instituted, parades held, with bands playing stirring material music, while returned killers strutted; the whole event designed to excite emotional appeal and bug eyed youngsters inspired to a high pitch, will look forward to that day when their elders will once again present their next stupidity, so they can go out and kill others of their own kind. There will be a gnashing of rich financial teeth when the common men all over the world, who have to do the fighting, come to their senses and refuse to oblige the tycoons any further and tell them to do their own fighting.

PEACE: A lull between two stupidities.

One way to peace would be to form a world-wide union of people who have to do the fighting to defend themselves from the rich financiers who make them go out and kill each other.

TRUCE: Why should I make my peace with the Lord if I'm not at war with him?

FESTIVAL OF RECORDS,
Box 700,
Station H,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir,

In response to the radio news broadcast of a couple of weeks or so ago, of the proposed contest, sponsored by the World's Fair, to find the lyrics to the Theme song for EXPO '67, the following is a version which I'm submitting for your consideration:

Theme song for;

E X P O ' 6 7

By Louis Hall

Friends, false friends, hypocrites and fellow squatters, hear ye!

On this Red man's Canadian land we nesters be,

By hook and by crook, we this great land took!
The Red man, in exchange, poor fool he, our Good Book took.

Now 'tis time to celebrate a full one hundred years

Of lies, thievery, pious corruption and the Red man's tears.

Chorus

To EXPO '67, we merrily go..

Let's get with it, man!

EXPO, EXPO, go, go, go!

The coolest in the record of man...

This day, our Culture of Possession we brightly show,

Our Culture of Greed which first trampled humanity eons ago

And our wondrous works, born of frenzied competition

And of man born to slavery of the ravaging cult of possession.

See glittering technology triumph o'er mere human relationship.

Happiness to the ruthless few! gotten through economic Lordship.

A dazzling pavilion for Christianity; for goodness sake!

Replete with bags of gold, the Good Book and - the stake!

A pavilion for the Red man, our gleeful imitation white man,

To like slavery yoked; and lost, his ancient Culture of the Human.

For the Red man, EXPO '67 is also an exhibition of indoctrination,

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E X P O ' 6 7 (CONT'D.)

For, the white man helps he, celebrate
100 years of dispossession.

I know that my lyrics will be a "smash
hit". Please send my prize money to
needy Indian families impoverished by the
advent of the white man and his economic
slavery. Thanking you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Louis Hall.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES - P.O. Box 556 -
Laguna Beach, California

Senator James O. Eastland
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, D.C.

"Cruel & Unusual Forms of Punishment"

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a press story printed
in the Fargo Forum & Moorhead News of
Feb. 18, 1964, by James V. Mathis, of the
HT-Forum News Service: "Files Kept by
Hospital on Presidential Complex". The
story tells of records of 80 cases of
patients still held in St. Elizabeth's
General Hospital of the District of
Columbia, representing the "residue" of
over 50 "disturbed" individuals per year
gathered in by secret service agents
of the White House, reportedly part of a
group of over 50,000 "known mentally de-
ranged persons in the nation who are on
file as constant threats to White House
occupants" - a damnable lie and a black
threat on the face of it. Selected are
those "who make a nuisance of themselves
or say something that discloses how sick
they are."

Here we have an amazing example of vio-
lations of guaranteed "due process" and
prohibited "cruel and unusual forms of
punishment". What becomes of these
hand-picked victims of such rough-and-
ready screening? Why, my dear Senator,
they fall into the hands of a "youthful,
pipe-smoking" Dr. Fay, and his assistant
Dr. Sebastiani, and disappear from view!
Here is your local manifestation of the
proposed Mental Health Bill planned for
an Alaskan "Siberia" some years ago, which
a few of us determined citizens were able
to block, which would have permitted any
Roman Catholic (the Bill was sponsored by
agents of the Vatican), at a personal
whim, to exile any "enemy" to far-away
Alaska forever. I suggest that the pro-
gram of mental violence currently oper-
ating from the White House into St.

Elizabeth's was drafted by Robert Kennedy
and his Roman Catholic "cosa nostra". We
can only guess as to the orientation of
"pipe-smoking" Dr. Fay. Obviously, Dr.
Sabastiani is a member of this same inter-
national Roman Catholic Crime Ring. It
has become axiomatic, to quote myself,
that "no one but a Roman Catholic could
be so dirty!"

I learned to know the psychiatrists of St.
Elizabeth's quite well during World War II,
when I supervised a training course for
psychiatrists and psychologists at the
Adjutant General's School of which I was
Commandant. A more dismal, mentally mal-
adjusted group such as the St. Elizabeth's
doctors could not have been imagined. They
quarreled with the psychologists, who
quarreled with them, and understandably
so, since both start from ignorance and end
in ignorance, not knowing the creative,
atomic vibrational structure of MAN - OF
LIFE - OF MIND. Today no hospital, no school,
no industry is complete with such ignoramuses,
who dare advise on the complexities of life
when they are unable, even, to cure adoles-
cent bed-wetting.

This has become the new political weapon,
Senator - the new Spanish Inquisition - as
you will remember from the cases of Gov-
ernor Long of Louisiana and General Edwin
Walker the 80 cases of "residue" at St.
Elizabeth's are not a drop in the bucket.
A survey would reveal thousands of similar
cases all over the United States, in which
individuals are gathered in without the
shadow of "due process", and are then sub-
jected to "cruel and unusual forms of pun-
ishment" when no crime whatever has been
committed, except the arousing of the sus-
picions of some stupid security bureaucrat.
After Drs. Foy and Sebastiani have finished
picking their brains, how many are subjected
to lobotomies which reduce them to the
level of the living dead? I suggest that
this dangerous practice is of concern to
every member of Congress. Who knows when
psychiatrists of St. Elizabeth's, egged on
by Robert Kennedy, and inspired by Count
Saad and Count Dracula, will send out pick-
up trucks to gather in stray Congressmen to
give them "the works", as the police of
Arizona use pick-up trucks to gather
Navajo Indians like stray dogs, and throw
them into their filthy jails to be for-
gotten? I am sure that friend Robert would
be happy to order a lobotomy for every
Senator who votes against his "rigged" Civil
Rights Bill. If these 80 victims of the
Kennedy mobsters are held mentally de-
ranged because they expect to find aid for
public problems at the White House, what
shall we say of the 190 million people of
the United States who suffer from the same
delusion. I have seen nothing but mobsterism
in the White House since the campaign of
McKinley in 1896, the first election to which
I was exposed.

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I demand a full investigation by your Committee of mental health practices at St. Elizabeth's, as well as nationally, to expose the broad sweep of this "Drs. Kildare, voodooistic cultism promoted by the Black Magicians of the American Medical Association and to punish the guilty. When the hour of retribution strikes for these diabolical practitioners of the Black Arts, we may have problem to determine whether the customary hangman's noose or firing squad is capable of dispensing justice, or whether it will become necessary to drive a wooden stake through the black hearts of these criminals, in the tradition of Count Dracula.

By order of the Constitution of the United States - Herbert C. Holdridge, Brigadier General, US Army (Retired) ADMINISTRATOR

AN OPEN LETTER TO HON. ARTHUR LAING,
MINISTER OF INDIANS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS,
OTTAWA - An appeal for just treatment for
Indians - by Kahn-Tineta Horn, Caughnawaga
Reserve.

During the last few months we have been pondering the reasons for the failure of Indians to move up in their standards of living, for the reasons why the gap is widening between the two cultures, how less Indians are able to support themselves and why in some provinces up to 90% of all Indians are on full or partial relief.

And one of the most cruel reasons is the denial of justice to Indians. It is not the accidental or the mistaken denial of justice, but the deliberate, prejudiced, calculated denial of justice. Try as you may, Honoured Sir, you cannot avoid simple facts that I have at the present that are a denial of justice. At this moment it becomes clear that denial of justice leads to distrust of the white-men, refusal to venture on his word, promise or contract. It leads Indians to resent, withdraw and refuse to co-operate with white people. We are being betrayed on our reserves, outside of the courts, and in the courts where justice is supposed to be given to all, but we are being betrayed completely, thoroughly and without question! If we are being so badly treated in the courts where the issue is supposed to be clear and objective, and if there is an injustice, it involves a big risk, then imagine how Indians everywhere are being treated in everyday matters!

What is my proof. You look with your own eyes into the records of your department and see the story of my 14 year old brother Joseph Horn. He did what his mother and Indian Affairs approved to

the extent of making a grant for him to study at Westmount High School. And he was charged, arrested, jailed and sentenced to two years in an institute, and we still do not know for what. Go to your records and find the story of a young mother Carol Jacobs of Caughnawaga and see the attempt that was made to take her two children from her by her own mother-in-law, who is an indirect employee of your Government. There was pressure and coercion by the Police and the alleged "welfare worker". Carol Jacobs only help was Pat Burns of Radio Station CKGM and the Defenders of Caughnawaga. Her mother-in-law was backed by the money of Indian Affairs Branch, but the unfortunate, innocent, mistreated young mother could get no aid from your 'esteemed' government. Take the story of young Roger Norton serving four years in jail for something he did not do, and the man who supposedly did something (for which there should have been no charge) received one-eighths of the sentence. An innocent spectator receives eight times as much time in jail as the man who did the alleged crime! All of this is in the records of your department.

Take the case of my brother Taio Tekane Horn who is supposed to have assaulted a woman in front of the RCMP and 300 witnesses. Follow step by step the charge, the postponement, the postponement after postponement, the trial, the postponement of the trial to find "witnesses against him", the postponement for the verdict, and the postponement of the postponement of the verdict! Eight months afterwards Taio Tekane Horn is still on bail for a crime that allegedly took place in front of the RCMP who were in the room and watching what went on and who didn't even see it happen!

When you consider that in the Province of Quebec every Indian brought into the criminal court is found guilty, that many confess after being "interviewed" by the Provincial Police sometimes to crimes they did not commit (as did Roger Norton), and that the Indians of Caughnawaga are the ones treated most carefully because they are more enlightened, energetic, ambitious, hard-working; if we are treated this way, imagine how the Indians who are helpless are treated.

And then when we complain about the current "reign of terror" in Caughnawaga, and our letters are copied and sent back to the very people we are complaining about, we know it is no accident to deny us justice. It is betrayal and a deliberate conspiracy to deny justice to any Indians who are courageous, and to reward only those who are servile, and to send to jail the innocent, hard-working young boys like Joseph Horn, aged 14, or a fine university student like Taio Tekane Horn, or a good mother like Carol Jacobs. This is justice??

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OPEN LETTER: (CONT'D)

Until there is a change but fast in the Government's attitude about giving justice to Indians; until Indian Affairs and the Department of Indians and Northern Affairs recognize that they are betraying us when they send copies of our letters to those who are terrorizing us; until it is realized that all Indians deserve respect and decent treatment from police, from judges, and from courts---until then there will be no improvement.

The records of your Department are full of requests for financial aid to get lawyers for Indians who are being charged by those being paid by Indian Affairs. This is a one-sided battle: the Government and their "cohorts" taking criminal actions against defenceless Indians in order to kick down those who would stand up, speak up, demanding honesty and justice. But you will not win! Because in the end the Indian resentment of mistreatment will punish all those who exploit and torture us. There is still time to change your ways, and if you want to send this to the Justice Department, we will show in black and white where justice has been denied...not once, not twice, but every time, in our experience, to an Indian.

THE ACQUISITION OF INDIAN LAND IN THE UNITED STATES - PART IV. (Final)

- Submitted by Tehanetorens (Ray Fadden)

The Creeks resisted the white pressures put upon them for the five years that had been allotted to them. Finally they too were driven westward, many of them manacled and chained together.

This is the story of the Cherokees, the Creeks, the Choctaws, the Chickawawa, and many, many, other tribes. In some of the Creek lands, it is reported that 19 out of 20 certified deeds had been procured by swindling tactics. In 1836, 14,609 Creeks had been sent west. They went through Arkansas, some barefoot, in the winter. Their baggage, which the commissioners had promised to send, was left behind, and never seen again. Hundreds, thousands, died.

These people were not the Indians that you see on television or moving picture shows. They were not created in the mind of a man. They were real people. They lived in cabins and well framed houses. Some were educated. They had their own religion. Some were Christians. In fact in many ways they excelled the white trappers and settlers who lived around them. You may ask how Indians could be persuaded to sign away their lands. In many cases of course they did not even sign

treaties. In cases where they did sign, however, several methods might be used. A popular method employed was the use of rum and other alcoholic beverages. As George P. Decker stated: "It was at these land ceding treaties, that free rum used to flow to fortify the white man's arguments." (21) Other Indians were told that the money from the land could be planted and would produce a crop of money on which they could live. Another argument was the guaranteeing of the Indians the right to hunt and fish on the lands forever. In several cases, as in the case of the New Echota Treaty, a small group of Indians signed a treaty, even though they did not represent the tribe. These people were persuaded to sign by gifts (bribes) from the officials.

Some people may point at the City of Salamanca and say that it is still being paid for. True, the people of that city are still paying for the use of the land, but they are paying only \$8,000 per year. And how, did such a city, able of course to pay much more, get such a bargain from the Indians? The answer is simple. The people used one of the same methods that is mentioned above: "The urban whites, with the aid of whiskey and bribery, succeeded in doping the Indians in true melodramatic style, to the point where they signed for a total rental of \$8,000 a year." (22) There is still 30 years left in this lease, and I would bet a few years of my life that at the end of this time, the land will still remain in the hands of the whites.

Some people, confronted with the record of the white man's methods in the acquisition of Indian lands, will say, "Look at the fine reservations we have 'given' to them." In the first place most of these reservations are not fine. Many are merely rocks and sand. In the second place, the white man has not given these reservations to the Indians. These reservations are all that is left of the Indian's country. This is often the main reason why he hates to lose it. To him land is not to be bought or sold. It is to have. Whitemen wonder why the Indian hates so much to lose his land. The white man looks at land differently. "Throughout history few Americans have understood the Indian's concept of land. It seems eminently fair to most Americans to take land as long as it is paid for. To the Senecas and to most American Indians land is not compensable." (23)

Is the Indian safe from further transgressions on his right to the land? No! Over one hundred and sixty years ago a treaty was made between the United States and the Seneca Nation. Part of this tribe of Indians lives on the Allegheny Reservation in western New York, and in Pennsylvania. The land was guaranteed to them by the Pickering Treaty: "Now, the United States acknowledges all the land within the aforementioned boundaries, to be the property of the Seneca Nation; and the United

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ACQUISITION OF INDIAN LAND: (CONT'D.)

States will never claim the same, nor disturb the Seneca Nation, nor any of the Six Nations, or of their Indian friends residing thereon and united with them, in the free use and enjoyment thereof: but it shall remain theirs, until they choose to sell the same to the people of the United States, who have the right to purchase." (24)

Now this treaty nears the point when it too will be broken. A dam has been proposed which will flood most of the Seneca Land and would drive 800 Indians from their land. Remember, this is all that these Indians have left. Remember also that the Indian looks upon land different from the way the white man looks upon it.

Everyone will admit that this dam is necessary. It is needed to protect Pittsburgh from flood. Also it would stop the Allegheny River's flood waters from entering the Ohio River. You may say then that the dam must be built on the reservation. This is not true. A different site has been found. When the Army Corps of Engineers surveyed for sites for the dam, they overlooked a very good site. Dr. Arthur E. Morgan, a very good engineer, and formerly head of the Tennessee Valley Authority, has proposed an alternate project. It is known as the Conewango - Cattaraugus Plan. He states: "Choice of the Conewango - Cattaraugus location would save the Seneca Indian Reservation, would protect Pittsburgh from twice as great a flood as would Kinzua, and would entirely remove upper Allegheny flood water from the Ohio, thus saving the need for spending probably more than \$100,000,000 for additional reservoirs; and especially, Conewango Reservoir with its vast capacity would make possible the storage of three times as much water as would Kinzua for increasing low water flow in the Ohio River--and all this at less cost than Kinzua." (25)

Thousands of letters have been written to the President protesting the building of this dam. Editorials in such newspapers as the Buffalo Courier - Express, the Christian Century, the Washington Post, and the New York Times have been written protesting against the building of this dam: "The United States has a good record of adhering to its treaties except in treaties made with Indian tribes. The oldest of such treaties still in force... is that signed with the Six Nations in 1794 during the Presidency of George Washington. This treaty set aside certain lands in western New York and Pennsylvania to be forever 'the property of the Seneca Nation.' The beautiful phrase used in such treaties was that these lands would be Indian 'as long as the moon rises, the grass is green, the rivers flow, and the sun shines.'... Only a few hundred

Indians are involved; but perhaps the rights of hundreds are as sound as the rights of millions.... Can't we stop in all our understandable hurry to right the wrongs of the big world, and do justice to a handful of people in one small corner of the earth?" (26)

Dr. Morgan's plan was rejected by the Chief of Engineers, on the grounds that the study of it would lead to plan seven and eight, etc. Letters written to the President came back answered by the Bureau of the Budget. Editorials go unheeded. It appears as though the story of the Senecas will be the same as the story of other Indians.

The story of the methods by which the Indians have lost their homelands is by no means the bloodiest. I could tell of massacres of Indians for no other reason than that they were Indians. I could tell you of the Wounded Knee Massacre, where 370 unarmed Indians (250 of them - helpless women and children) were massacred with Hotchkiss Machine guns, because they were Indians. I could tell the story of the Gnadenwhutten Massacre where the Indians who were killed were peaceful Christians - of the massacres at Cos Cob, Conestoga, Coquille River, and a hundred more that could be mentioned. Perhaps I could tell of the conditions that existed on the Indian reservations, where children were taken from their parents to 'schools' and forced to work at hard labor on a diet of 9 cents per day per child. When you have learned of these things, I might ask you a question. Who is the savage? Is he the Indian who fought bravely for his homeland and people, or is he the white man who took the land? Why, then, do we always picture the Indian as the savage? Perhaps it is to soothe our own consciences!

(Do-Ni-Kon-Re-Ti)

We are inserting this great message to our readers with the hope that our fellow North American Indians will stop and contemplate in the endearing Indian days of yore when he was free of prejudice through the white man's laws and religions.

Let us unite and continue being Onkwehonwe (true Man) by adhering to our language, our customs, festivals and culture.
(Ed.)

AN INDIAN MESSAGE:

Jasper Hill, a noted Chief of the Lenape, says, concerning the culture of our people:- "There are many distinctions that I could claim for my people, but I am satisfied with one of them--The fact that the history of America began with us. We are the possessors of a wonderful and beautiful legacy. We are of this continent as are the mountains and hills, the
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AN INDIAN MESSAGE: (CONT'D)

the buffalo and the beaver. Our bodies are formed of the dust of the bones of our ancestors, ---- and yet we are today a people pitied and crushed. For that reason our own love and heritage has been dispoiled. We are being assimilated gradually by the white race. Our greatest achievement today is but a shadow of which we realized yesterday. Truly, we have lost almost all of our treasures.

When the reign of the Redman was supreme; when we were lord over almost all this New World, we were indeed a happy man. For him the earth and universe were a library and his books, the stones, the lakes the rivers, the trees, the pastures, the sun, the stars; With these he shaped his cultural being. From these he received the beautiful inspiration for composing his songs and ceremonials. The fish, the animals, the birds, taught him to be courageous and faithful.

But this liberty and happy life has now vanished and the fire in the hearth of the Redman has been extinguished. We should light anew this fire. It should not be allowed to die out forever, because when my people have forgotten the music that our ancestors chanted and danced, when the sound of the Indian tom-tom has faded away, when the stridulations of strange music corrupts the melodies of the chant and the songs of the flute, then, truly, we will be a forgotten people!

When we are unable to relate the heroic deeds of our nobles, chieftains, sages, prophets and warriors, when the Indian mother cannot lull her children affectionately in her arms and against her breast, then, the white man shall have definitely strangled us and we will no longer be deserving of the designation 'American Indians'.

When the time comes when we know not how the white corn, squash, potatoes, tomatoes and tobacco are sown, then, we shall have abandoned the celebration of the sacred fiesta of Love and Thanksgiving---- Our bodies shall disintegrate and our spirits will be lose in the void!

When my people have forgotten completely their beautiful arts and crafts, their symbols, their pictographs, and their sign language----then, we will deserve to be called an indolent people!

When we are not able to commune with the animals, the birds, the trees, the flowers, the herbs---- then, indeed, we will constitute a degenerated people!

When we have abandoned completely our native language to adopt one which is strange; when we no longer venerate the

Great Spirit---then we will be a wretched and ignoble people!

When my people begin to look with indifference upon their costumes made from the feathers of the eagles; When their garments made from the skin of the deer and their beautifully embroidered beaded moccasins are not seen in their ceremonials, then may we be considered as traitors, for we would dishonor our country and our race!

When my People lose their great respect for the sacred Pipe of Peace; when they have forgotten how to comfort the heart and the troubled mind with the purified incense of Indian tobacco, then truly, we shall be considered a society of imbeciles!

When we have abandoned all that is ours; when we no longer commune with Nature; when we have lost all which the Great Spirit, God, bequeathed to us, then we shall be lifeless Indians. Our hearts will be empty although we may walk in populous cities with much gold and silver jingling in our pockets, nevertheless, we will be, actual true fact, walking mummies!

But all this should not come to pass, because we have not yet fulfilled our mission on this Earth. We must survive and build for our people a new hope. We must make our people happy again and offer consolation for their loneliness and misery. Then perhaps, in a day not too far away when we extricate ourselves from the dimness and ashes of the past, we will arise as a new people!

This is my message to the thirty million Indians of pure blood who live in the Americas".

Chief Jasper Hill, Delaware

The Long-House News will now submit a copy of the General Gage Judgment of March 22, 1762, which, we believe, will be of the utmost importance to enlighten the young Mohawks in learning that our Ancestors had the Society of Jesus(Jesuits) involved in a lawsuit that lasted for over forty years under the French Regime prior to 1759.

This should make our young men realize that the Jesuits, who were supposed to be the former "Iroquois" spiritual leaders while they were trying to wrest the title of Caughnawaga, known then as le Sault St. Louis.

I will, in the near future, comment on the preamble of the above judgment as to why it came into being only after three years after the fall of Quebec at the Plains of Abraham.

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