

PRAEMONITUS PRAEMUNITUS, OR FOREWARNED IS FORARMED

JIt's not very uncommon these days to compare our "modern" culture to George Orwell's dystopian masterpiece "1984". Indeed there are many frightening parallels in this post 9/11 world (the mantra of "War is Peace" that seems to be the policy of our current administration for example). However I would like to bring to your attention another literary work that may be even more poignant.

"Revolt In 2100" by Robert A. Heinlein consists of one novella and two short stories. The novella "If This Goes On" is the story of "the Second American Revolution". Set in an America where Christian fascism has a stranglehold on the populace and the country is run by the "Prophet Incarnate". Non-believers are referred to as "Pariahs" and summarily executed by public stoning.

The story follows one man, John Lyle, a legate in the prophet's elite force, "The Angels Of The Lord" and stationed in the capital city of "New Jerusalem". The plot follows John as he discovers that there are more important things in life than blind faith, such as love. And for that love John finds himself joining a revolutionary organization ("The Brethren") all the way to the moment of the bloody revolt that re-captures the United States for the people in the name of true freedom. Along the way John learns many important lessons such as thinking critically and following his own heart.

This story, although written in the early 1950s, speaks of the all too present threat of religious fundamentalism that threatens our liberty at all times. It is a compelling social commentary on things that may be if we're not too careful and diligent about protecting our most basic freedoms. "If This Goes On" also offers up a huge platter of food for thought in the form of politically philosophical discussions between characters that are still fresh and relevant more than fifty years after it was initially served up.

A definite "must read" for anyone who values and cherishes our most basic rights guaranteed to us in the Constitution... Rights that we may one day lose, "if this goes on." •



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State of Disunion

NUMBER OF YEARS
that the Six Nations has
been functioning as a
democracy:
900+

PERCENTAGE
OF U.S. HIGH
SCHOOLERS
who believe news
stories should require
"government approval":
36

NUMBER OF
WAIVERS
granted to Army
recruits with criminal
records in 2003:
4,918

MINIMUM AMOUNT
the Pentagon paid the
Lincoln Group PR firm
to plant favorable
stories in the Iraqi
press:
20,000,000

DOLLAR VALUE
of the world arms trade
in 2003:
28,500,000,000

NUMBER OF DAYS
that independent
journalist, Josh Wolf,
has been in Federal
custody:
186

MINIMUM NUMBER
of protesters killed
so far in the growing
conflict in Guinea:
120

NUMBER OF
WAIVERS
granted to Army
recruits with criminal
records in 2006:
8,129

AVERAGE AMOUNT
the Bush
Administration has
spent on PR firms per
year:
62,500,000

DOLLAR VALUE
of the world arms trade
in 2004:
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WELCOME TO THE UNDERGROUND

Jin the lead up to the American War in Iraq and during the past four years, the anti-war movement has been steadily growing. More people are willing to stand up and voice their concerns regarding the direction our country is headed. All to often, many voices are not heard, most notably the youth.

The Red Pill had the pleasure of talking to Richard Crespin, 17, of the Grand Junction Underground Action Alliance during one of their recent protests on 12th and North. This is the third of such protests organized by GJUAA, the second landed them a photograph in the local conservative newspaper. Richard said the response from the public during these protests have definitely been more positive



Richard Crespin of GJUAA on 12th and North
photo by Sally

than negative. Although the group has been organizing anti-war protests lately, their main focus has been counter-recruitment in local schools.

Started by Richard and a couple of his friends a little less than a year ago, GJUAA is a local contingent of the larger national activist organization—Underground Action Alliance. When asked what his motivation was for his action, Richard said, "The Iraq War and the way it was going." One of the main goals of the GJUAA is reform of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Section 9528 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires schools to provide names, addresses, and phone numbers of students to military recruiters or risk losing certain federal funding. It also allows military recruiters equal access to students as 'prospective employers.' Although the section allows for parents and students to 'opt-out' and not have their information released, this option is not usually emphasized in schools.

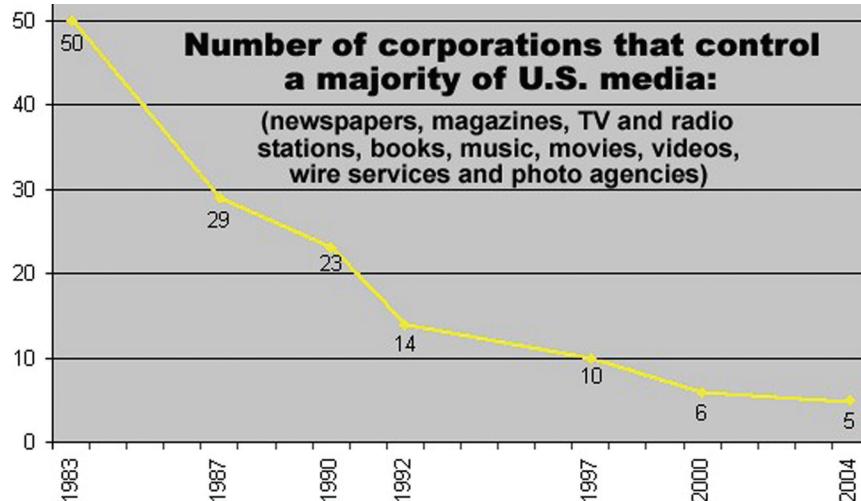
What the GJUAA is looking for is, "basically flipping No Child Left Behind, where students 'opt-in', instead of opting out" Richard said, "and having limited exposure to military recruiters in schools." In addition to street protests, members of GJUAA spread their message by word of mouth, going out and talking to their peers at schools, in the streets, in malls about other options. They provide opt-out forms and information to teens in regards to military recruitment.

It is important to listen to what the youth are saying about this war and military recruitment. After all, they are the ones fighting and dying for our government's decisions. It will be them who will go to war in the event of a draft. Regardless of whether they can vote yet or not, their voices are important and necessary when discussing the future direction of our country. Not only is it important to listen, but it is even more urgent that the younger generation get up and say something—the GJUAA is doing that. •

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PROFIT OVER PEOPLE; MEGA MEDIA AND YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW



Heople all over the country look to local news sources for information about what is going on in their neighborhood, state, country and world. What most of these people never realize is that these sources of news aren't locally owned or even interested in providing quality news and information that pertains to their lives. Nope, it's all about the profit margin and efficiency, with a dash of corporate special interest to make it that much more palatable.

Since 1983, the corporate media world has seen a mass of mergers and conglomeration that is literally mind numbing in its scope and depth. Today a total of five corporations control what several hundred million Americans read, view and listen to. You can look back on several examples of this new media landscape and find amazing stories of how disastrous this can be for communities and our democracy.

On January 18, 2002, a Canadian Pacific railway train went off of the tracks and spilled 250,000 gallons of hazardous material just outside of Minot, North Dakota. Minot is a quiet town of about 40,000 people and as a cloud of toxic gas flooded its streets, 911 operators sent panicked callers to the air waves to seek vital evacuation information. Unfortunately, all six of Minot's radio stations had been purchased by Clear Channel Communications. So instead of emergency warnings, all the people heard were prerecorded programs taped hundreds of miles away and crappy pop songs stuck on a permanent loop.

In September 2003, when Hurricane Isabel ravaged Richmond, Virginia, federal disaster workers

needed to get out a warning not to drink the water to hundreds of thousands of people across the region. However, major media companies had once again purchased the local stations and not a single employee was found to open the studio doors to disaster workers who were trying to help millions of people. Instead of emergency life saving information, all the public heard was voice recorded shows, music, and advertising.

When it comes to illegally steering the course of our Democracy, major media conglomerates are even more brutal and dispassionate about the public interest. As one of the top lobbying groups in Washington, corporate media is right up there with the pharmaceutical industry, defense industry, and big oil. They don't only target the halls of Congress. In 2003, a report came out showing how media lobbyists have showered commissioners at the FCC with nearly 2.8 million dollars in 8 years.

While everyone accepts the fact that the White House has close ties with the media industry, few realize how close those ties truly are. The Hicks brothers of Capstar Broadcasting Corporation have been tied to the Bush family for generations. They have paid a total of 450 million dollars to Bush supporters and in 1998, they ponied up the money that President Bush used to purchase the Texas Rangers in 1998. Since then, every whim and fancy of deregulation of media ownership has been faithfully carried out by the Bush regime.

It doesn't stop there. When you look at the role

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Every Friday and Saturday • Noon

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of media in the 2004 elections, it gets even seamier and more corrupt. According to a University of Maryland study, most Americans who got their news from commercial TV networks held fundamental misconceptions about the Iraq War. Many still thought that Iraq was directly linked to 911, that WMDs had been found in Iraq, and that the world supported our invasion of Iraq. Out of all those thousands of surveys viewers of CBS, FOX, NBC and CNN had been deliberately misled. Of those people who were informed thoroughly about the war, only 23 percent supported the war.

Even in the lead up of the 2004 elections, CEO of NBC Universal spoke at the Republican National Convention and publicly stated, "President Bush already has the job and he should have it for four more years." Then Sumner Redstone, a CEO from CBS Viacom, thoroughly endorsed GW, "Viacom standpoint, the election of a Republican administration is a better deal," Redstone told an audience of CEOs in Hong Kong before the 2004 elections, "because the Republican administration has stood for many things we believe in, deregulation and so on." He even had the audacity to add, "I vote for what's good for Viacom."

Wow, misreporting on news for political ends, bribing officials that are supposed to work for the public good, and shrinking the market with which the people can speak out on issues. How can it be local news or accurate news when a company produces all of the news at a central location and then streams it straight to your TV, radio, newspaper and

computer? They've fired thousands of journalists across the country in order to increase profits (Think of outsourcing jobs) and I doubt if they are really concerned about your point of view or beliefs.

In Grand Junction, five radio stations are owned by Cumulus Media Partners, they own 345 stations in 67 markets. KFQX, KGJT and KREX are owned by Hoak Media Corporation, a Dallas based corporation that owns a plethora of stations across the U.S. According to their website, "Where possible, Hoak Media will try to operate duopolies to further improve the Company's share of both local and national revenue in the market and reduce the operating expenses of the combined stations." So there goes competition and variety in your air waves. KKCO is owned and operated by the Gray Television Group a conglomerate that owns 43 stations across the country. Then you have The Daily Sentinel which is owned by Cox Enterprises a goth of a company that controls 17 daily papers, 26 non-dailies, 80 radio stations, 15 TV stations, and 3 national advertising firms. In total, they control over 300 separate businesses. The Free Press and La Tribuna are then owned by Swift Communications who controls 47 papers and directly control 7 smaller investment groups.

If you still think that these companies have your community's best interest in mind, well then I have some ocean front property in Fruita I can sell you. Or you can simply take the Media's own words for it, or as Michael Eisner from Disney said, "We have no obligation to make history. We have no obligation to make art. We have no obligation to make a statement. To make money is our only objective."

MEDICINAL USES FOR LSD?

LSD is an enigmatic substance, capable of producing mind bending, life changing effects with very low doses. Unfortunately, by implementing draconian laws and regulations regarding LSD's legitimate study, we've lost several years of momentum in research. Up until 1967, LSD was legal and was available for free from Sandoz Laboratories in Basel, Switzerland.

Great work was being done, with results looking most promising in the treatment of alcoholics and schizophrenics. Strides were also made toward the treatment of "cluster headaches," also known as migraines. Nowadays, it is difficult for most therapists to obtain, and stiff legal penalties prevent almost everyone from doing useful research.

Despite 25 years of intense research, very little is known about LSD. Once taken, the tiny dose disappears almost immediately. No one has come close to explaining why over 90% of LSD users feel some sort of experience relating spiritually to god. Closely guarded studies reported in this month's issue of the journal, "Neurons," offer hope of some

sort of breakthrough.

LSD flips molecular switches, known as "serotonin 2a molecules." This is interesting because some of the newer anti-psychotic drugs, such as Risperidol also act on these cells, just in a different way.

Here we have a medication that is useful with mental illness, migraine headaches, and may hold the key to better treatment of schizophrenics. All this is being held up by antiquated and moralistic judeo-christian values impeding the flow of science.

We need to band together to prevent government regulation or religious extremists from allowing research into LSD, medicinal marijuana, stem cells and even evolution. It's time we got serious about decriminalizing drugs and stop buying into their hype that "drugs are bad." One place we can start is, who funds the War on Drugs? Who would stand to lose the most money if drugs such as LSD or marijuana were made legal and self administered?

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TURMOIL IN GUINEA

Holent demonstrations rocked the West African country of Guinea earlier this month, just two weeks after union leaders called off a massive January strike, which drew the largest crowds yet to protest against the 22-year reign of President Lansana Conté. Demonstrations have been marred by bloodshed, with more than one-hundred reported civilians killed by security forces, and have drawn questions about the continued security of the country, a linch-pin in a recently troubled region, and the imminent potential of a military coup.

Guinea, situated between Guinea-Bissau, Sierra Leone and Liberia on Africa's Atlantic coast, has seen its mineral and agricultural riches squandered by mismanagement and corruption in the fifty years since independence. The country was the only to reject a proposed constitution for France's African colonies in 1958, becoming the earliest in the region to gain independence. Strongman Ahmed Sékou Touré, Conté's predecessor, famously declared to the world: "We prefer poverty in freedom to riches in slavery."

Conté took power in a 1984 coup after Touré's death, suspended the country's constitution, disbanded the National Assembly, made political activity illegal and was declared President of the Republic. He released several hundred surviving political prisoners tortured during the Touré regime and declared a new commitment to development and human rights in the country, promising to forge new foreign alliances to replace Guinea's dependence on Soviet funds and expertise. The country held its first contested elections in 1993, though opponents and foreign observers accused the government of massive fraud. A similar election was held in 1998, returning Conté to power, and a constitutional amendment put to the vote in 2001 to remove term limits for the presidency passed by a much-disputed 98.4%. The opposition boycotted his 2003 re-election.

Guinea is home to 30% of the world's bauxite reserves and controls a significant portion of West Africa's diamond trade. During the 1990s, the mining sector regularly accounted for some three-quarters of exports. Hundreds of millions of dollars in mineral revenues have been squandered by Conté, his military allies and ruling clique. The agricultural sector has stagnated, resulting in food shortages and inflation. Unemployment has risen and foreign debt has soared in a story all-too-familiar in post-independence Africa. In 2006, the German NGO Transparency International ranked Guinea as the most corrupt country in Africa and the third most corrupt in the world, just behind Haiti and the government in Iraq. The socialist state-development model undertaken by Touré did however make great strides in uniting Guinea's three main ethnic groups under a cohesive national identity, alleviating some of the sectarian tensions which have sparked bloody

conflicts in the region. Some observers, however, fear that the power vacuum Conté seems ready to impart will incite a power struggle along ethnic lines.

Now in his early 70s, President Conté is known to be suffering from diabetes and several other illnesses. In 2006, he sought medical treatment in Morocco and Switzerland, and critics have raised questions regarding his mental and physical capacity to continue leadership in the country. Several of his wives have been accused of manipulating his decrepit state to raid the state treasury and secure other last-minute prizes of the regime. He has survived numerous assassination attempts, most famously in 1996 and again in 2005. Meanwhile, would-be successors are biding their time for what is expected to be a potentially violent struggle for power. Says the International Crisis Group, a policy institute: "the deterioration of its internal situation remains a source of immediate concern for the whole region as Guinea is at risk of becoming West Africa's next failed state. President Lansana Conté's poor health and the resulting political uncertainty are driving the country towards chaos as demonstrated by a series of melodramatic cabinet reshuffles in April and June 2006... Should Conté fail to serve his full term (until 2010) there is an increasing likelihood that the constitutional directives for succession will be ignored and a military coup will occur."

Following an early agreement with representatives of January's strike, which shut down the remainder of government services, the food and distribution industries and the country's mines, Conté has indicated that he will concede to the selection of a transitional "consensus" Prime Minister to be appointed by the government and opposition. The biggest test shall come when and if he nominates a Prime Minister who, according to Guinea's constitution, shall wield authority to appoint and dismiss his cabinet and investigate high officials. International attention has been drawn to the crisis, with Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and ECOWAS, the Economic Community of West African States, demanding investigation of the recent killings by security forces.

Bram Posthumus, a West African analyst, believes that popular dissatisfaction has reached critical levels: "What these strikes tell me is that people in Guinea have been tipped over the edge. The strike will continue," though it "remains to be seen" just how various military factions and aspiring groups will react to this trying time in the country's history.

For you Google Earth-ers out there, a good example of the mining bonanza and environmental devastation which characterized Conté's regime can be found at 7.32.17N and 8.29.50W.

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Tuesday, February, 27th • 7PM

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FREE PRESS? FREE JOSH WOLF!



"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson—



In February 6th, Josh Wolf, a video-blogger and freelance journalist, became the longest imprisoned journalist in US history for refusing to reveal his sources. Wolf has refused to testify against or turn over video out takes from an anarchist demonstration he covered on July 8, 2005 in San Francisco. Wolf published a video of the protest on his blog and sold footage to local TV stations which showed police and demonstrators scuffling. The video can be found at: <http://ia300117.us.archive.org/0/items/JoshWolfAllEmpiresMustFall/AllEmpiresMustFall.mov>

Wolf, who was named journalist of the year by the Society of Professional Journalists of Northern California, should be protected by the California Shield Law which is supposed to protect journalists and their sources, but the federal government has claimed jurisdiction in the case because some of the demonstrators

Wednesday, February, 28th • 7PM

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tried to catch a police cruiser on fire, and federal terrorism dollars had been given to San Francisco, so the cruiser is part federal property and thus they have jurisdiction. "I am unaware of any precedent," said Julian Davis of the Free Josh Wolf Coalition. Wolf has described his case as an "anarchist witch hunt" saying the federal government is trying to "Identify civil dissidents and using members of the news media to actively assist."

The Federal Prosecutor has charged time and again that Josh Wolf is only a journalist in his "imagination."

"Who gets to decide who's a journalist?" asked Julian Davis. "The judge and the prosecutor have argued that being a journalist is in Josh's head. It's an Orwellian decision." Davis said. Clearly, Josh is a journalist since major news sources and journalist organization consider him a journalist. "Keeping Josh Wolf in jail would be tantamount to denying the role that the media is supposed to play in a democracy, one of questioning and criticizing," said Reporters Without Borders.

"The media landscape has expanded," Davis said, noting that blogs, youtube, and open publishing forums like Indymedia has allowed 'citizen journalism' to explode.

There is some hope for Josh, who's spent the last 184 days at the Dublin Federal Detention Center. Judge Alsup has asked another judge to step in and try to negotiate a resolution to the conflict. Davis attributed this change in the case to the media attention Josh has received since setting the record of longest imprisoned journalist in US history.

For more info check out:
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ONE YEAR OF RECLAMATION: HAUDENOSAUNEE STRUGGLE CONTINUES AT KANONHSTATON (AN UPDATE ON INDIGENOUS STRUGGLE IN ONTARIO, CANADA)

Editors note: The Red Pill was one of the first US media outlets to report the on going indigenous struggles taking place in Canada; Vol 4 Num 9.

 **W**ho are the Haudenosaunee?

The Haudenosaunee, otherwise known as the Iroquois Confederacy or the Six Nations, are the nations whose land base once stretched over the main part of North Eastern America (or Turtle Island). They are the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora nations. Now their land base is a scattering of reserves in both Canada and the United States. The Six Nations reserve in Ontario is home to 20,000 people of all six nations and comprises a tiny percentage of the land promised to them. The Haldimand Treaty (1784) promised some of the Haudenosaunee (who had fled to Canada after fighting with the British in the Revolutionary War) six miles on either side of the Grand River from source to end. Most of this land is now inhabited by non-indigenous settlements. The Haudenosaunee means "People of the Longhouse". They are one of the world's oldest democratically organized societies. Under the Great Law of Peace in the 1100s, the Confederacy nations have had a directly democratic system of government in which decisions are made by consensus and women have an equal and leading role. Their government was used by Marx and Engels as the model for a functioning classless society, and their symbolism and certain ideas (although not nearly enough) were co-opted into the American constitution.

February 28th, 2007 will mark one year of the reclamation of Kanonhstaton (protected place), the site of a planned housing development on Haudenosaunee land adjacent to the Six Nations reserve in Ontario, Canada. Last February a group of people led by the Clan Mothers (the traditional female leadership of the Haudenosaunee) reclaimed the land, on which construction had begun, and camped out through a freezing winter. Since that point the reclamation has survived a police raid on April 20th, which was fought back by thousands of residents of the reserve, who then barricaded the highways and railway lines until June to protect the reclamation from further police attack. After the raid by Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the reclamation faced severe racist agitation among the local town of Caledonia. The KKK among other groups arrived to play on the fears of people living on land they know to belong to the Haudenosaunee Nations by treaty rights. Since it became clear that the reclamation was not going to back down, the Canadian government bought the land and massively compensated the developers, Henco for lost projected profits (\$16 million) and placed



the land in "trust" for the Haudenosaunee. Considering the justifiably low level of trust felt for the Canadian government, the reclamation continues. Although the struggle to take back the land has not yet been won, the fact that the reclamation has survived almost a year of siege without eviction shows the strength of the Onkwehon:weh (original people) movement, not just in Six Nations but also across Canada.

One attack on the reclamation has been sixty-nine criminal charges filed against thirty-two of the reclamation's people. Some are still in hiding, and have to endure the restrictions that entails. One man, Trevor Miller was denied bail from August until the 8th of February. The argument was put forward in Miller's court hearings that Canadian courts do not have the jurisdiction to judge Onkwehon:weh prisoners, that they should be turned over to the confederacy councils and judged under Haudenosaunee law. On February 8th the judge released Miller to the Mohawk Nation.

The most recent demonstrations against the site come from a man called Gary McHale who has been targeting the situation in Caledonia to expound his theory that there is a "two tier justice" system in Canada unfairly benefiting Onkwehon:weh people. On January 21st, 2007, he held his third demonstration to plant Canadian flags as near to the reclamation site as he can get, hoping to be arrested to prove his point. Despite his best efforts to incite the reclamation through his racist and insulting posturing, he has mostly been ignored.

Negotiations with the government have been slow, as the government side is eager to drag them out as long as possible while the reclamation becomes logically more and more tiring to sustain. However, the Haudenosaunee are approaching the talks with a firm stance that they will be conducted on a nation-to-nation basis. The issues concerning the piece of land at Kanonhstaton are not issues that can be dealt with under Canadian law, but are issues of violations of international treaties, originally made with the British crown, but which the Canadian government

is bound to uphold. The basis of relations between the Haudenosaunee and the original settlers is laid out by the Two Row Wampum, which agreed that the Haudenosaunee would travel down the river in their canoe, and the newcomers would travel in their ship. "Neither of us will make compulsory laws or interfere in the internal affairs of the other. Neither of us will try to steer the others vessel". In other words, the Europeans are allowed to live on Turtle Island but not to control, dispossess or in any way interfere with the Haudenosaunee.

The reclamation of Kanonhstaton has not only secured the burial grounds from development, but is a part of the struggle for traditional forms of government, spirituality and organization. The New Year began with a handover of the old Council house to the Confederacy Council. This is incredibly significant as the Confederacy (the traditional government) has not been able to meet in their government house since 1924, when the Band council was imposed by the Canadian state (through the Indian Act) and the Clan mothers and Council had to go underground. Janie Jamieson, who with others began the reclamation said "We told them that we were going to stay there until the land is reinstated... back to us as Onkwehon:weh people and that also, we want the Confederacy to be at that [negotiation] table. Nobody else." The fact that the Confederacy has been at the negotiating table with the Canadian government is historic in that normally the government, be it Canadian or U.S. refuses to deal with any but the Band or Tribal council. Methods of genocide are not confined to massacres and dispossession of land, but can also mean the obliteration of a people by absorption into the colonizer society. The 20th Century saw systematic attempts to achieve this goal: through imposing the Band Council as a 'European' form of government and through the residential school system among many other tactics. From 1874 to 1996 (though most closed by the late 1970s) the residential schools separated Onkwehon:weh children from their families and communities, forced them to speak English, educated them as the Christian churches saw fit and subjected them to physical and sexual abuse. In spite of all this the Haudenosaunee confederacy continues, although the communities are much changed.

Indigenous resistance is happening across Canada, everywhere land rights are ignored, the environment is polluted and Onkwehon:weh communities' rights are attacked. Not far from Six Nations on the Grand River is the Tyendinega Mohawk reserve where they have their own struggle for the Culbertson Tract. The Federal government admitted in 2003 that the Tyendinega Mohawks have a claim to the land, but since then have been trying to buy them out. Since November people in

Tyendinega have been taking action aimed at halting development in the Culbertson Tract and also against a Deseronto quarry, that digs up and sells Mohawk land from inside the Tract. What success at Kanonhstaton, Six Nations could and does mean is a step forward for all the other struggles for indigenous sovereignty, land rights and environmental protection that are happening throughout Canada. Sakej Ward, the head of the East Coast Warrior Society (in a paper by Taiake Alfred "Warrior societies in Indigenous communities") said "I don't see us having a strong enough military power to conquer Canada but I do see us having the strength to create a condition of deterrence where colonial domination becomes very difficult for Canada to continue. This will create the physical and political space for us to pursue our own definition of our rights and our ways of life." This struggle, for a 'condition of deterrence' is one that should be supported and learnt from, in that this buffer area between the state and communities of the poor, oppressed and indigenous can create the "space" to build the systems and organization we need.

Support for the reclamation site in the form of funds and solidarity is greatly appreciated, maintaining the reclamation is a huge financial endeavour, especially through the cold, long winter.



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"You work three jobs? ... Uniquely American, isn't it? I mean, that is fantastic that you're doing that."

—George W. Bush to a divorced mother of three, Omaha, Nebraska, Feb. 4, 2005