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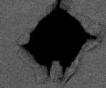
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We are forwarding herewith (a) a letter from the Austrian Association for Endangered Peoples addressed to Prime Minister Mulroney and to Minister Siddon, concerning the Lubicon Cree, as well as (b) a petition with signatures by 227 Austrian citizens and (c) a paper on the "Lubicon Cree and their struggle for Survival", by Peter R. Gerber, Professor for Anthropology at the Ethnological Museum in Zurich, Switzerland.

2. These documents were handed over to the Embassy on November 6 by Prof. Dr. Schwarzbauer, representative of the Austrian Association for Endangered Peoples, with the request to forward them to the offices of both Prime Minister Mulroney and Minister Siddon. We leave it to you to decide whether the attached documents should be forwarded to the PM or Mr. Siddon's office and whether a reply should be prepared to counter points raised in the attached documents.

3. This demarche made by the Association for Endangered Peoples has been accompanied by a small letter-writing campaign. We are responding to the letters by forwarding the standard "Information" sheet on the Lubicon issue. Should there be an updated version of this document prepared in the future, we would appreciate receiving 100 copies of it.

*J. Chacko*  
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Vienna, Nov. 5 1992

To the Honorable Prime Minister of Canada  
Brian MULRONEY  
and the Honorable Minister of Indian Affairs  
Tom SIDDON  
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Re: The Claim of the Lubicon Cree Indian Nation in Alberta  
– Note of Concern and Protest

Dear Mr. Mulroney, Dear Mr. Siddon:

The Association for Endangered Peoples – Austria is again protesting all the actions your government has taken against the Lubicon people during this year and before.

We would like to use this opportunity to inform you about our concerns relating to the treatment of the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation by the Canadian Federal Government.

1. We are aware that External Affairs is distributing among Canadian Embassies propaganda packages on the "Status of Lubicon Land Claim" and on "Lubicon Lake Indian Band and Daishowa" full of deliberate half-truths, distortions and inaccuracies, which are easy to refute point by point. The quality of this "information" is pretty much the same as the one circulated earlier this year (together with a "standard response letter"). We again express our frustration that the Canadian government is putting much more efforts and money into deliberately discrediting the Lubicon people instead of providing a fair settlement.

2. We are of the position that the so-called "new offer" delivered to the Lubicon people by Minister Tom Siddon this summer is nothing more than a slightly edited version of the "Take-it-or-leave-it" offer of 1989. This supposedly "new" offer is still not providing enough – in fact providing less than the original offer in 1988 dollars – to make the Lubicon society again economically self-sufficient.

3. We strongly oppose the idea that the Lubicon demands concerning a fair settlement exceed what other Indian bands have received in their settlements. A study comparing the Lubicon demands with recent Indian settlements in Canada on a per-capita basis shows that the Lubicons are well within the range of other settlements, in terms of land AND in terms of money.

4. We urge you, Prime Minister Mulroney and Minister Siddon, to negotiate with the Lubicon people in good faith and put away the awful practices which your government has developed against the Lubicon people. Especially we demand that representatives of the Canadian Government in dealing personally with Indian representatives behave respectful and not use coarse and vulgar language (we refer to a meeting on September 4 1992 between Mr. Siddon and Lubicon women where Mr. Siddon's behavior was explicitly reported as being "disrespectful and (using) coarse and vulgar language").

5. We strongly urge that relevant representatives of both levels of the Canadian Government appear before the Lubicon Settlement Commission to answer questions and to present their positions.

6. Relating to Daishowa and general forestry practices in Canada we would like to express our irritation that the chapter "forestry" in a federal report on the state of Canada's environment does not include important critical statements, which were included in the final draft of this report. Several members of our association, among them a forest academic, namely the undersigned, have visited Canada and have found out that Canadian forestry practices have nothing to do with forestry as understood here in Europe – it is more like mining coal or, in general, exploitation of any type of unrenewable resource. This federal report emphasizes the fact that concerning the environment and human rights of its aboriginal peoples official Canada usually says one thing, but does another thing in reality.

According to the Lubicon resolution, which was passed unanimously at the 8th European Meeting of Native American Support Groups in Genoa on July 25th 1992, the Association for Endangered Peoples – Austria will further support the struggle of the Lubicon people for a fair settlement with all means possible. We hope that the findings of the politically independent Lubicon Settlement Commission will contribute to speed up a fair process. We will spread the information made available by this commission.

Distinguished Swiss anthropologist, Dr. Peter R. Gerber, who is the vice-director of the Ethnological Museum of the University of Zurich/Switzerland, has written a remarkable brief and comprehensive paper on the Lubicon situation. His conclusions put the Canadian government in a very unfavorable light. We ask you to respond to that paper, which is attached, and to our note.

We are also pleased to pass on to you a petition concerning the Lubicon Cree signed by 227 Austrian citizens.

Sincerely Yours

For the board: Ass.Prof.Dr.Peter Schwarzbauer



Peter R. Gerber

## Exploitation of Resources against Land Rights: The Lubicon Cree and their Struggle for Survival<sup>1</sup>

«The story of the Lubicon Cree shows what can happen in Canada when a native community tries to assert rights to a territory rich in oil. It demonstrates that many people in Canada care deeply about the well-being of native people; but it also reveals to what extremes of deceit and cruelty federal and provincial governments are prepared to go to crush native rights.» (Goddard 1991:6)

### Patronage and Termination

In 1992, the aboriginal peoples of Canada — the Indians, Metis and Inuit — did not find any reason to celebrate neither the quincentenary of the so-called discovery of the Americas, nor the 125 years anniversary of the Canadian Confederation. On May 22, 1867, Queen Victoria had proclaimed the «British North American Acts», the constitution of the so-called «Dominion of Canada». With this imperial act the aboriginal peoples lost their sovereignty. Article 91, paragraph 24 of the British North American Acts stipulated that from this time on the government and parliament in Ottawa exerts «(...) the exclusive Legislative Authority (...) to (...) Indians, and Lands reserved for Indians».

To put this article of the constitution into effect the government enacted a special legislation, the Indian Act. This legislation was to comprehensively control the life of the indigenous peoples; they were degraded to mere wards of the state.

And even worse, in the spring of 1969 *termination* loomed, a kind of *final solution* of the so-called Indian problem. The quasi-revalorization to the status of «normal Canadians» would have extinguished the indigenous peoples, at least on paper. *Termination* intended to abrogate all reservations and special rights, to repeal the Indian Act as well as to dissolve the Department of Indian Affairs (DIAND). The government justified this program with article 7 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948, stating that all human beings are born equal in rights. Yet, reservations and special rights would lead to inequality; thus, these violations of article 7 of the Human Rights' Declaration would have to be removed, if Canada wished to become a state which protects the human rights in a honest and credible manner, according the argumentation of the liberal government of that time. (White Paper 1969)

However, it can have disastrous effects when the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is applied to indigenous communities. It is true that the human rights protect the individual person of an indigenous people against the dominating state, but indigenous peoples or communities continue to be almost unprotectedly exposed to the arbitrary rule of the dominating state.<sup>2</sup>

Therefore, this new Indian policy of the Canadian government of 1969 — with the «absolution» given by the Human Rights' article — would have undoubtedly led to nothing less but to the

ethnocide of Canada's first peoples. Fortunately, this attempted ethnocide triggered off an unexpectedly vehement reaction, not only among the indigenous peoples concerned but also among many white Canadians. A historic change emerged: the native people visibly manifested their claim to self-determination and were rewarded with a first success, after fighting a political struggle for several years: in 1982, they succeeded in explicitly confirming their legal existence in article 35 of the new Canadian Constitution. (Cf. Gerber 1984 and 1985)

Additional success became visible when in the fall of 1983 a Parliamentary commission — in which native representatives were also included — took up the demand for self-determination and specified the concept of an indigenous *self-government* in an extensive report. This so-called Penner Report<sup>3</sup> produced some optimism in Canada; and I shared the view that it was finally possible to find a universally acceptable solution for the self-determination of native people (cf. Gerber 1986). Yet today, my optimism of that time has completely disappeared. To my mind, a thesis has meanwhile materialized which can be pointedly expressed as follows:

«Wherever natural resources can be found, there is no place for aboriginal peoples.»

### The Aboriginal Rights

Since the new Canadian Constitution has been put into effect in April 1982, the political and legal struggle is about the question how to interpret the 1st paragraph of the said constitutional article 35. Paragraph 1 of the article reads as follows:

«The existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed.»

These «existing aboriginal rights» include rights pertaining to land that has neither been lost in a war nor ceded by a treaty. In the course of this paper, I am going to explain the position of the Canadian state as against this aboriginal land right, which has no legal grounds based on a treaty. The political and legal case of the Cree community living at Lubicon Lake in Northern Alberta serves this purpose.

Apart from the constitutional article quoted, a lawsuit was of decisive importance to the land rights' question of today; in 1973, the Supreme Court of Canada affirmed the fundamental existence of «aboriginal land rights».<sup>4</sup> Impressed by the ruling of the Court, the federal government hence extended the task of the Claims Commission that it had nominated in 1969: not only should this commission register so-called specific claims, i.e. legal claims based upon existing treaties, or those derived from the Indian Act, but it should also register so-called comprehensive claims, i.e. land claims on land that has neither been lost through a war, nor ceded by a treaty. By the end of 1991, the Claims Commission had received over 500 claims relating to treaty violations and 35 *comprehensive claims* (Coates 1992:1-10). The fact that the government still has its difficulties to recognize the existing aboriginal rights is shown by the small number of settled *comprehensive claims* so far: on an average one every year.<sup>5</sup>

The *comprehensive claims* explicitly refer to the term of «existing aboriginal rights» in the constitutional article 35. But it remains to be clarified what «existing» really means, for

example, for how long has a community lived on a claimed territory and how big is the entire used area. If this aboriginal living space has also been used by whites for a certain period of time and if in the end profitable resources are exploited, then the conflicting question of compensation comes into play. In other words: the quantitative extents of *comprehensive claims* — land size and financial claims — sometimes lead to such huge consequences that the «white side» of the negotiating table uses all dilatory tricks, such as the policy of divide and rule and other maneuvers, to get away as advantaged as possible.

On a national level, the course of the political events between 1982 and 1987 were decisive for the question of land rights. During this time, by means of a special constitutional mandate it was tried to interpret article 35, and above all, attempts were made to coherently define the term of «aboriginal rights». Yet, even after four meetings with the Provincial Premiers as well as with federal state officials and with the representatives of the four national native organizations no agreement was reached. Most of the provinces were against the proposal to introduce the already mentioned self-government as a genuine aboriginal right. According to the stated Penner Report of 1983, Canada should create a third government system of equal importance for native people in addition to the two existing government systems, namely the federal government and the province government. This third government should be granted equal rights to land and resources as granted to the provinces; however, those provinces rich in resources could not approve of this at all.<sup>6</sup>

Here, another factor of the continuous deprivation of aboriginal rights has to be mentioned: the right to use natural resources, which according to article 92 of the Canadian Constitution falls under the competence of each province. If resources are discovered, the province usually grants the mining rights to multinational companies. The native people have no say — even if it concerns land on which an aboriginal community has a *comprehensive claim* — and must be grateful if they are granted some royalties, at least.<sup>7</sup>

During all these negotiations with the prime ministers, for the native people it was evident that their *comprehensive claims* for self-government, for restitution of territories, for the right to dispose of natural resources as well as for compensation payments together were to be considered an indivisible political package. But on the national level, neither the right to self-government has been laid down in the constitution, which in their view is a self-evident right (as it has always existed), nor has the question of land rights in this connection been fundamentally solved. Some agreements like the James Bay-Agreement of 1975, or the self-government-agreement with the Sechelt First Nation in British Columbia of 1986 offer some approaches in the desired direction, but partially they reveal themselves as setbacks and they also carry the danger, that the federal government and the provincial governments could be in the position of dividing the native people along political lines to be easily manipulated.<sup>8</sup>

### The Lubicon Cree and their Landright

This is the general framework for the announced example of a political and legal case about land and compensation which has lasted for many decades: the *comprehensive claim* of the

Cree at Lake Lubicon.<sup>9</sup> For many native politicians, the Lubicon case is not only exemplary, but also stands as a testcase for the entire legal and political situation in Canada.<sup>10</sup>

The legal dispute started in 1899: representatives of the federal government and Indian communities in Northern Alberta and Saskatchewan had negotiated *Treaty 8* in that year. The «numbered» treaties — signed between 1871 and 1921 — legally recorded the individual native communities, recognized its members as registered Indians and set aside a reserve according to the number of members. To render *Treaty 8* effective, it was therefore necessary to find the scattered communities of that remote area, to register their members and to determine the respective reserve borders. In 1899 and 1900, two expeditions were sent into the aboriginal territory of the Lubicon Cree, i.e. into the area between Peace River and Athabasca River. However, these undertakings were not carried out too thoroughly, and thus, this Cree community was simply left out, although their existence was known. They must have been several thousand people, though many died of the worldwide Spanish influenza epidemic of 1918.

Since the turn of the century, the Lubicon Cree have tried to be registered as Indians in the first place and secondly, they have struggled as a community to get a reserve. A government official, who lived south of the Lubicon territory, tried to prevent this; he refused to grant legal aboriginal status to some Lubicon natives, others were allotted to other communities, and least of all he considered marking a reserve. In 1933, the Lubicon wrote to Ottawa directly and asked to be acknowledged as a registered community under *Treaty 8* and also to be granted a reserve.

But only in 1939 a first meeting between representatives of the government and the Lubicon took place. The request was answered and a reserve was put down, at least on a map. Its size amounted to approximately 66 km<sup>2</sup>, yet, the surveying of the land on the spot was never done. In the year 1940, bad weather prevented the landing of a surveyor team, later the credit for the surveying was cancelled because of the Second World War. In addition, the official mentioned before continued his arbitrary registration of the Lubicon between 1942 and 1947 and denied most of the officially counted 127 Lubicon Cree the legal status as registered Indians. From the total of six subgroups only the one in Little Buffalo was registered as a community.

### Tar Sand and Oil Boom

1947 a turn of events took place, which was to have disastrous effects: Alberta explored more and more oil, and expected huge tar sand deposits especially in the North.<sup>11</sup> Logically, the provincial government of Alberta acted on its own high-handed authority and assumed the control of the promised reserve territory. The promised land was then qualified as unsuitable for the establishment of a reserve, and if a reserve was at all granted, then only without the right to use the natural subsurface resources. 20 years of struggle to be registered and to get a reserve ended with an all-time low for the Lubicon, of which only 30 had an Indian status at that time.

When oil was discovered north of Little Buffalo in 1954, and the oil boom expanded to Northern Alberta, the conflict started to escalate between the exploiters of resources and the native people struggling for their aboriginal land. In 1967 for example, the tiny Lubicon Cree settlement at Marten River was simply razed to the ground and its inhabitants relocated. This shocking event produced a kind of «never again»-mentality among the Lubicon Cree.

As it is generally known, after the first oil crisis in 1973 the oil price increased, and prospection of tar sand started to be profitable; the search for oil in northern Alberta was intensified. This marked the beginning of the destruction of the traditional life style of the more than 400 Indians at Lake Lubicon.

1979, as an epilogue to the Iran-crisis, bulldozers, blasting and drilling teams invaded the traditional grounds of the Lubicon Cree. Their activities destroyed the forests and drove the game away. In the fifties, there were 11 oil pump jacks to be found on the Lubicon territory; in the sixties, there were 23; in the seventies, around 50. And then, within four years, between 1979 and 1983, in a 25 km-radius around Little Buffalo more than 400 oil pumps were erected. The effects of this explosive oil development of the Lubicon territory: in 1978, 90 % of the population lived a completely self-sufficient life; only 10 % depended on state welfare. But already 1984 the relationship was in inverse ratio to one another: 90 % of the population had become dependent on welfare. In 1979, the average income of the fur trade amounted to 5'000 \$ per trapper; in 1991, it yielded not a single dollar any more. In the meantime, the rate of medical cases and alcoholism jumped; and 1985, the first known suicide in the history of the Lubicon occurred.

### Unsuccessful Resistance

During the last 40 years, how did the Lubicon react in view of this increasingly disastrous development? According to their traditional economic systems as hunters and trappers and according to their solitary way of life within family ties far away from the dominating society, they seemed not to realize the imminent dangers. Thus, their first reactions looked quite helpless. When Chief Joseph Laboucan died in 1951 — he was the first chief to be elected in 1940 —, he was only replaced in 1973 with the election of Walter Whitehead; exactly in the year when the intensive search for oil was to be first felt in the Lubicon territory, also because of the construction of an all-weather highway from Peace River to Little Buffalo.

In the same year, Chief Whitehead appealed to the general assembly of the Indian Association of Alberta and asked for support in their struggle for a reserve. Under the then leadership of Harold Cardinal, the Indian Association hoped to be able to share in the economic and financial benefits of the tremendous tar sand business, as the tar sand deposits were found on traditional Indian territory.<sup>12</sup> But neither the provincial government nor the oil industry of Alberta wanted to listen.

In the fall of 1975, seven Indian communities, among which also the Lubicon Cree, filed a caveat and by virtue of «unextinguished aboriginal rights» claimed a territory of approximately

86'000 km<sup>2</sup> between Peace River and Athabasca River. First, the provincial as well as the federal government applied several delaying tactics and the caveat was thus put off. But later on, a ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada forced Alberta to deal with the caveat in court. During the court session, the provincial government pushed through an amendment of the Alberta Land Title Act to prohibit caveats on unpatented «Crown land». This legislation came to be known as Bill 29 and was to be applied retroactively. Hence, this legislation stands for a unique measure unheard of in a democracy. Yet, in 1977 this legal case was passed to the advantage of the provincial government, in spite of nationwide outrage and protest; the application was dismissed on grounds of no longer having a basis in law.

### The young Chief and his Adviser

Now, the time started for a man which has become the symbol of Indian resistance in Canada. He represents highest political integrity and stands out against all his white opponents in the provincial and federal government. I talk about Bernard Ominayak, who was elected Little Buffalo chief in 1978. Chief Ominayak was born as the oldest son of a hunter's family of six children in 1950. Together with his younger brother Leonard he went to school, but decided to quit it towards the end of grade ten, although some community elders judged him an intelligent and smart pupil and had designated him as future chief. Already as a child he had trapped with his father and had learned to be a hunter. After school, he worked as a hunter, but took also jobs with a logging outfit and a farming cooperative.

Slowly but deliberately Ominayak also worked himself through various community jobs, and watching from the back he acquired political skills. He noticed that many officials were corrupt and lacked the commitment needed; also, they showed a poor sense of responsibility towards their own people. This is widely spread among indigenous communities and can be explained by the fact that the community officials are paid by Indian Affairs in Ottawa and thus feel more accountable to Ottawa and not to their own communities.

When another attempt to push the question of land rights through court failed, and when Harold Cardinal, the long-standing ally of the Lubicon Cree quitted the political scene, Bernard Ominayak decided to secure the help of a white adviser, a man which he had experienced as a hard working associate of Cardinal: his name is Fred Lennarson, nine years older than Bernard Ominayak, a committed social scientist and a long-time political activist, first in the civil-rights-movement in the US, later in Canada for other social causes.

First of all, Ominayak and Lennarson succeeded in forcing the federal and provincial government to grant the community all operating funds that so far had been illegally denied, as according to the government an Indigenous community without reserve would not be entitled to benefit from these government programs. With this mainly financial support it was possible to develop a proper administrative structure, i.e., a community office was built, a secretary hired, telephones installed and a housing project started. Furthermore, adult-education courses and an educational counselling program for school-age children as well as other social services were offered. Apart from the two official councilors, Chief Ominayak

created an unofficial, eleven-member council representing a cross section of local political interests. He tried hard to achieve the greatest transparency possible within the small community and to make decisions on the basis of consensus.

### **Strategy against Indians**

Unfortunately, this fast and positive turn in the development stood already against the negative developments around the community described earlier, when the oil boom started to destroy the land base of the Lubicon as of 1979. The traditional life of the Lubicon Cree was turned inside out, and they changed from self-sufficient native people into people depending on welfare. And behind this fact, presumes Goddard (1991:78), there is an elaborate political master strategy devised by the provincial government linked with the oil industry.

The first part of the strategy was based upon a judgement issued in 1980 by the Supreme Court of Canada involving the Baker Lake Inuit of the Northwest Territories. The ruling demanded in the case of «unextinguished aboriginal titles», a native society must prove that its members use the land traditionally. It therefore implied that the traditional hunting and gathering economy of the Lubicon Cree had to be wiped out by destroying their land base. Then, no longer would the Lubicon be able to prove that they used the land traditionally. The second part of the strategy involved the Alberta Natural Resources Act, under which the federal government is entitled to dispose of «unoccupied Crown lands» to set aside new reserves, for example. But because the oil companies with their oil drilling activities now «occupy» the Lubicon territory — which is considered «unoccupied Crown land» —, Ottawa can no longer dispose of this land.

Apart from this strategy that was obviously applied, the provincial government also tried with other means to gain control over the insubordinate Lubicon Cree. Using a policy of divide and rule of the most primitive kind, they sowed the seeds of discord in the community, in particular between the metis and the status Indians. Most of the metis really belonged to the group of status Indians, but had been stripped legal Indian status in the forties, as mentioned earlier. Due to the space available no further harassments by the provincial government are mentioned here (for more details cf. Goddard 1991:74-99); yet, these efforts to control the community resulted in a greater resistance on the part of the Lubicon, but the social disintegration of the community could not be stopped.

### **The Critical Development**

In 1982, the Lubicon once again tried to seek help via the court rooms. This time they employed the lawyer James O'Reilly, who had already been successful in two lawsuits involving indigenous peoples. However, in Alberta the presiding judge had previously been working as a lawyer for an oil company. Thus, the case was lost before short, but to underline his seriousness, Judge Forsyth delayed the case spending over a year to deal with a matter that is commonly dealt within a few weeks. An appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada was also

doomed to failure, but had its bitter consequences: the Lubicon were saddled with legal costs that totalled over 200'000 \$.

For the time being, all political and legal means were exhausted, hopelessness among the Indians increased. At the same time, Chief Bernard Ominayak and his advisor Fred Lennarson experienced for the first time that the public sympathized with the Lubicon's struggle for survival. A mailing-list was compiled and extended to several hundred of addresses. What had so far been a rather silent struggle with representatives of the provincial and federal government now systematically developed into a political media campaign, constantly informing the interested public and the media. Some individuals and various groups of the church and of socio-political supporters got actively involved into the struggle in favour of the Lubicon and started to contribute financially. This was badly needed: the burden of debts turned into a «legal sword of Damokles», hovering over the Lubicon, as Lennarson put it (Goddard 1991:113).

After the power changed from a liberal to a conservative government in the fall of 1984, the situation became more and more critical. The *Union Oil Company of Canada* announced plans to build a pipeline across the promised reserve land. This was the moment when the Lubicon chose a public form of protest for the very first time: a demonstration staged in front of the office skyscraper of the oil company triggered off a flood of media reports; letters to the editor, editorials and further demonstrations forced the company to give up the building plans until the question of land rights was solved.

The transition of power in Ottawa also induced a change in leadership of the Ministry of Indian Affairs: the new minister, David Crombie, commissioned investigations for each «Indian problem» that seemed to be important to him and had «reports» written about their findings. «Reports» are the darlings of Canadian politicians, because these tend to be very time-consuming; and when a specific «report» is published a few years later, the public opinion has long turned to other questions, and thus, for the government, the investigated problem has in a way solved itself nicely.

### The Fulton Paper

Minister David Crombie met with Chief Bernard Ominayak end of November 1984. The result of this meeting consisted in the move that Crombie employed the former Minister of Justice E. Davie Fulton who produced a report after one year of investigation that turned out to be pro-Lubicon, surprisingly enough. He called the report a «discussion paper». <sup>13</sup> An important aspect in the Fulton Paper were his efforts to adjust the opposite positions with convincing arguments. After 1973, when the federal Claims Commission started to extend its tasks, the Lubicon saw their legal case as a *comprehensive claim* on the grounds of «aboriginal land titles», whereas Ottawa continued to judge the case as a *specific claim* related to *Treaty 8*. Fulton broke through the unsolvable dispute trying to prove that the Lubicon Cree could assert their rights generously by means of the treaty obligations of the federal government. The reserve should be determined according to the number of population that has been defined by

the Lubicon, i.e. for 427 community members the size of the reserve would amount to 238 km<sup>2</sup>. Because the province of Alberta had already accepted the territory of the reserve to be approximately 66 km<sup>2</sup> planned in 1940, the federal government should buy the rest from Alberta, as it was in the responsibility of the government that the promised reserve had not been realized since 1940.

In addition, he endorsed the claims of the Lubicon to be compensated for the destruction of their traditional lifestyle. In this connection, the amount of 167 million \$ was mentioned for the first time, based on the calculations of the liabilities that the federal government had not yet paid since signing *Treaty 8* in 1899. Fulton however recommended to solve the problem by negotiating directly, particularly since the calculations were based on questionable grounds. This was probably the sorest point in the Fulton Paper, as the question of the financial compensations has not been solved to this day.

The reactions to this discussion paper were foreseeable: the Lubicon had new hopes, once more. Alberta reacted in a hostile way and Ottawa had the paper disappear silently, as a matter of fact it was never published. Of course, Fred Lennarson managed to get a copy and thus the public was soon informed. The reason why Ottawa did not like the Fulton Paper certainly had to do with the changes in its Indian policies that took place that time. For the conservative government started to drastically reduce the financial supports on the basis of a report by Vice Premier Kenneth Nielsen of April 1985, that had originally been kept secret. With this move, the termination policy was to be realized according to the old White Paper of 1969. (Cf. Gerber 1986:75)

### Boycott

Not much happened between 1986 and 1988, apart from the fact that the Lubicon started to mark their territory themselves and to educate the oil companies to ask the Lubicon community for permission first whether it was possible to drill for oil at a certain place. This procedure worked increasingly well, because the community council allowed such drillings, as long as they remained beyond the planned reserve lands. A reason why the oil companies behaved so well could be found in the fact that Canada was preparing for the Olympic winter games and thus all negative news had to be avoided. The Olympic winter games, namely, took place in and around Calgary, the oil city of Alberta.

As it is known, the Lubicon Cree used the games to make the world public aware of their situation: they called to boycott the games, which did not work out because of several reasons. Yet, they were more successful with their second call to the world of museums, not to provide loans for the gigantic exhibition called «The Spirit Sings» in the Glenbow Museum of Calgary, because the show was sponsored by Shell Oil of Canada, one of the oil companies destroying the lands of the Lubicon they depended upon. (Cf. Gerber 1987 and 1992)

### The Grimshaw-Agreement

After the Olympic games the scandalous story moved on again, as the Premier of Alberta, Don Getty, interfered in the dispute: to the surprise of many he contacted Bernard Ominayak personally and reached an agreement between the Lubicon Cree and the province of Alberta as to the disputed reserve territory. The so-called Grimshaw-Agreement of October 22, 1988 foresaw a reserve of 246 km<sup>2</sup>.<sup>15</sup>

Now the ball was played back to Ottawa, that agreed to the *Grimshaw-Agreement* as to the territory of the reserve. Ottawa also agreed that the Lubicon members in the meantime had amounted to 506 people. However, when it came to the financial compensations, the disputes started that have not been solved to this very day: the Lubicon claim 70 million \$ in direct investment funds in addition to compensation of 100 million \$, which might seem to be a considerable amount of money for outsiders but the fact is that in the first eight years of the oil boom in the Lubicon territory the oil companies made over 5 billion \$ in profits. The investments are meant to develop a new village, i.e. the construction of houses, the infrastructure needed for running water, electricity, drainage systems and streets, for a school, a community centre and for the construction of a farm and additional small businesses. All these investments in a tiny reserve of 246 km<sup>2</sup> were geared to develop a new, self-sufficient economy, as a substitution for the lost aboriginal territory of more than 10'000 km<sup>2</sup> that they used for their hunting and trapping economy. The new economic structure therefore was meant to free the community members from the humiliating and patronizing welfare, into which they were forced between 1979 and 1984.

### «Take-it-or-leave-it»

No agreement was reached, in particular when Ottawa came forward with a «take-it-or-leave-it»-offer in the form of an ultimatum in January 1989. The offer only included investment funds for setting up the infrastructures necessary, but no money was designated for economic development projects, let alone the opportunity to file compensation claims. For the Lubicon Cree this was unacceptable, as it was exactly the central question of constructing a new economic structure that remained unsolved. Chief Bernard Ominayak stressed the point:

«(What) we're looking at is to try and build a community that is going to be viable, both economically and as a community. (...) We've got people whose livelihood has been destroyed by the oil development. We don't want to just build a community where people are going to have nice houses but remain on welfare. We want to get out of that system. (...) We tried to negotiate with the federal government. We put the best effort we could into the talks, and they're not prepared to settle at this point in time. So we're going to be looking at all the possibilities. But we're not going to go begging to anybody. These guys have taken billions of dollars in resources from our lands. They keep saying that we're trying to take the taxpayers' dollars. That isn't the case.» (Goddard 1991:201)

### The Government-Indian

To force the Lubicon Cree down once and for all, the federal government shamelessly used the fact that some Lubicon members were not satisfied with the consistent position of Chief

Bernard Ominayak and the majority of the Lubicon. The social and economic disintegration wore the community rapidly down, because apart from the oil companies another threat became imminent since the beginning of 1988: the provincial government of Alberta granted the Japanese paper manufacturing company Daishowa logging rights over 29'000 km<sup>2</sup>, of which 11'000 km<sup>2</sup> alone over traditional Lubicon territory. Now the Lubicon had really become a superfluous plague, and for both governments in Ottawa and Edmonton just one political motto seemed to exist: «Only a non-Lubicon Cree is a good Cree.»

With the help of a few Lubicon community members, a few metis of the area and some non-status Indians, Indian Affairs hence created a new Indian community called Woodland Cree and granted to them a reserve of 142 km<sup>2</sup> on the calculation basis of 355 members.

29 million \$ for the construction of houses and infrastructure plus 19 million \$ for «economic development» were granted in addition, although no concrete development projects existed.

Within and outside of Canada people boiled with indignation and rejection. But this did not prevent the new Minister for Indian Affairs Tom Siddon to call this agreement a «clear indication of the federal government's commitment to honour its obligations» (Goddard 1991:211).<sup>16</sup>

In fall 1991 the federal government started a new negotiation phase, after the political atmosphere in the country had obviously changed against their existing overall Indian policy.<sup>17</sup> Yet, in relation to the specific negotiations with the Lubicon, the dealings went on as double-faced as ever, applying the usual delaying tactics. As mentioned before, there is no breakthrough in sight because the positions as to the financial questions are still incompatible.

### **Retrospect and Prospect**

Looking back to the last two decades of Canada's Indian policy, I can summarize as follows: With the two court decisions concerning the Niska-Tsimshian and the James Bay Cree in the year 1973 there were hopes that all *termination* policies would come to an end and that the indigenous peoples can look forward to a self-determined future, namely based upon existing special rights and treaties which are also specifically mentioned in the new Canadian Constitution of 1982. (Cf. among others Sanders 1975a, Smith 1974) Nevertheless, it was already in 1975 when the nationwide known Canadian professor of law Douglas Sanders stated that the Indian policy of Ottawa was not led by understanding but according to the power structure (Sanders 1975b:10). Power policy applied against native people has been a constant feature since the existence of the Canadian confederation. In this connection, it is not only David Hawkes — another Canadian professor of law — that speaks of internal colonialism in a publication of 1989 (Hawkes 1989a:65).<sup>18</sup>

The professor of anthropology Tony Hall proves in a study in the middle of the eighties that the interpretation of the term *self-government* by the federal government simply means a form of self-administration as in a white community within a province. An Indian reserve community

with such a model of self-administration would be under the control of the provincial government in the future and would be exposed to a massive pressure of assimilation. And the federal government in turn could sneak out of the responsibility towards the indigenous peoples, in other words, the old *termination*-ideology would still exist. (Hall 1986:78f) This is why Indian personalities and white lawyers have been pressing for years that so-called land claims have to be considered as «rights» to the land and not only as simple «claims», and that these «rights» are always linked to «self-determination».<sup>19</sup>

Because of the central question of land rights and of rights to the exploitation of resources, the Indian policy turns into a mere power game, in which the parties fight with unequal weapons. The federal government and the economy tangled up with it mainly operate with delaying tactics. Several lawyers are commissioned in court cases; these lawyers extend the trials with procedural means, thus making them either unaffordable to the indigenous peoples or indebting them. Also, the chances of the indigenous peoples are often small to win a case because the judges used to work as economic lawyers and are thus more or less biased.

The international pressure on Canada to justly solve its problem with indigenous peoples has nevertheless increased in the said time. In the case of the Lubicon, the UN-Human Rights Commission has expressed itself not exactly in a favourable way on the Canadian government policy. However, its wording was diplomatically ambiguous, which gave the federal government the possibility to spread its euphemistic interpretation of the judgement of Geneva. Now even the Canadian Human Rights Commission has expressed itself very negatively on several occasions, which is putting the federal government under considerable moral pressure. (AFN 1990b and 1990e) And some newer court cases have been decided in favour of the plaintive natives (cf. among others AFN 1990c). And last but not least, two investigating bodies dealing with the question of the constitution on a national level have formulated recommendations in favour of the native people.<sup>20</sup>

Once again, Ottawa tries to counteract this by implementing a huge propaganda machinery. For example, every Canadian embassy received standard answering-letters and several pages of background information on the Lubicon case in winter 1991/92. In these papers, half-truths and crude lies were widely used. For example, the absurd assertion was maintained that the Lubicon claimed a territory as big as Belgium and the Netherlands together, i.e. more than 72'000 km<sup>2</sup>. (LI 1991)

When it comes to the question of finances, the government is especially not willing to pay compensations, as this could amount to a confession of guilt. It could also become a precedence case, if due to compensation payments an indigenous community would be able to become economically independent and thus the internal colonialism could be ended. By delaying the process especially in this connection the federal government and the corporate interests involved hope the natives would lose patience; this does happen from time to time, as has been shown by the example of the Woodland Cree. Yet, native resistance has endured for 120 years and will continue to endure, said Mohawk Marlyne Kane after the failure of the First Ministers Conference in March 1987 (CARC 1988:24).

The resistance has taken on new shape in summer 1992, also in the case of the Lubicon Cree. So, for the first time in the history of the Lubicon 26 women joined up in the beginning of August 1992 to express themselves on the desperate situation of their people in a «Statement of the Lubicon Lake Nation Women»:

«We ask why? Why us, what have we done to deserve such treatment. Why can't the government settle with the Lubicon? Why have they spent so much time and energy trying to destroy us rather than deal fairly with us? What have we done, our children, our people? What wrong have we done to the outside? (...)»

The Lubicon women demand an end to the physical, emotional, economic, cultural and spiritual destruction. We demand an end to the invasion and devastation to all spheres of our lives. We demand an end to the government and corporation warfare with our lands and lives. We demand an end to the mockery of our Nation! We demand an end to the genocide. Hear our voice and our message — we don't know if we'll be here tomorrow.» (LI 1992:2)

Despite their political and legal particularity, the situation of the Cree at Lubicon Lake reflects the general situation of the Canadian native peoples. This is the reason why this contribution ends with a quote telling quite a lot on the question of self-determination of aboriginal peoples in Canada that has yet to be solved.<sup>21</sup> In fall 1991, the newly elected National Chief Ovide Mercredi spoke to the Montreal chapter of the Canadian Bar Association and rose the following question:

«And when you think about land and resources, why should we be the only landless people in the world? Why can we not enjoy land under our jurisdiction, a territory of our own where we can find expression of our self-determination, where we can make decisions about how we will exploit the natural resources available to us on our territory consistent with our own world view, our own economic agenda and our own values for economic development? Why do we always have to be placed in the position of having to beg the rest of Canada for the land that once belonged to our ancestors? Why in Canada, for example, can the federal government designate 20 percent of the land mass for future parks but not have the same political will to designate 20 percent of the total land mass of Canada for Indian territorial jurisdiction?» (Mercredi 1992:7)

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## Notes

- 1 Revised English version of a paper presented at the joint conference on «500 Jahre Zerstörung und Widerstand in den beiden Amerika. Land als existentielle Frage», organized by the Swiss Ethnological Society and the Swiss Society of Americanists in Bern, Mai 14-16, 1992, as well as at a public lecture in the Ethnological Museum of the University of Zurich, Mai 20, 1992. (Translated by Helena Nyberg, Zurich) In: Bulletin of the Swiss Society of Americanists No. 56, Geneva 1992 (in press)
- 2 Some UN-conventions offer a minimal protection under international law, provided that a nation state has recognized these, so e.g. the ILO-Conventions 107 and 169. (Cf. also the Brundtland Report 1991, United Nations 1991)
- 3 Named after the chairman of the commission, the liberal Keith Penner.
- 4 The court refused to give back to the Niska-Tsimshian their aboriginal land as reserve, i.e. as their own territory; yet, on closer consideration this negative judgement proved to be a change in the Canadian legislation: the majority of the judges accepted the existence of «aboriginal land rights»: three of the six judges were however of the opinion that with the founding of the Canadian confederation in 1867 these aboriginal land rights are abrogated. The other three spoke of the fact that these «aboriginal rights» are still valid. (Cf. among others Bruggmann/Gerber 1987:182f.; Sanders 1973)
- 5 The negligible settlement rate of such cases is one of the many indicators of how little importance is attached to the Department of Indian Affairs within the government. An additional sign is the fact that DIAND-ministers

succeeded each other very fast: between 1985 and 1990 the minister was replaced four times. This shows how easy it is to delay essential decisions; the new minister in office needs time, of course, to get acquainted with the job... (Cf. Poulin 1991:10f.)

- 6 After the failure of the First Ministers Conference in March 1987 it was clearly crystallized that the provinces play the decisive role in the revision of the constitution in relation to indigenous rights. In this connection, a few books were published on the subject, e.g. CARC 1988, Hawkes 1989a and the anthologies of Hawkes 1989b as well as Long and Boldt 1988.
- 7 No environmental protection measures have so far been applied, because the extraction of the resources often happens in remote areas. This is why several cases of contamination of air, water and land with negative effects on the state of health for the local population — usually indigenous — have been documented. One of the most blatant cases was the mercury pollution of English-Wabigoon River and the destruction of the Ojibway-community in Grassy Narrows in the Northwest of Ontario; cf. Shkilnyk 1985. See Goldstick 1987 on the deadly effects of uranium mining for an Indigenous community in northern Saskatchewan.
- 8 As to the James Bay Agreement see among others Richardson 1991; as to the Sechelt self-government-model see Etkin 1988.
- 9 The files and records that I have personally received by the PR-office of the Lubicon community since summer 1986 already fill twelve big folders. Therefore, John Goddard's book «Last Stand of the Lubicon Cree», a highly competent summary of this legal case, was very helpful for my presentation of events.
- 10 The former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, George Erasmus, wrote in a letter dated November 18, 1987, directed to all Chiefs in Canada:  
«Lubicon's battle is our battle and your battle. Lubicon's situation is not only one of the best known of aboriginal people's struggles around the world, its success can set precedents and cause major policy change which could benefit all First Nations in Canada.» (AFN 1987:3)
- 11 In 1973, the tar sand reserves were estimated to run to 800 billion barrels of oil, i.e. greater than the entire world's conventional oil reserves, judged to be 600 billion barrels; one barrel amounts to 159 liter. (Goddard 1991:47)
- 12 Harold Cardinal distinguished himself at the beginning of the seventies on a national level as an eloquent political fighter and author in the quashing of the White Paper-policy; cf. Cardinal 1969 and 1977.
- 13 Fulton also arranged that Indian Affairs paid the Lubicon Cree the debts of 1,5 million \$; however, only in the sense of an advance payment in view of a future conclusion of a claim settlement.
- 14 Between 1985 and 1990 the per capita funding of Indian Affairs was reduced by 11%. In the same time period, the total budget was however nominally increased by 50% — from 1,6 billion to 2,4 billion \$ —, but when inflation is taken into account, then the increase is reduced to 19%; and if the fact is taken into account that the figure of status-Indians has been increased by 34% since 1985, then the funding has been reduced in real terms. (AFN 1990a:5; cf. also Angus 1991)
- 15 For 42 km<sup>2</sup>, however, only a surface-use would have been granted to the Lubicon; but they would have a right to co-determine the use of possible subsurface-resources.
- 16 The vote among the Woodland Cree on the conclusion of the agreement with Indian Affairs on July 5 and 6, 1991 was to boldly exemplify the arbitrary use of power of the federal government: the eligible voters were promised 50 \$ reimbursement of expenses and in case of passing of the agreement a bonus of 1'000 \$ per head. As in the former communist countries, the result of the vote was thus preprogrammed: 87% of eligible voters had participated in the vote, 98,5% approval to ratify the agreement. A few days later the Woodland Cree were informed that the reimbursement of the expenses and the promised bonus of 1'000 \$ was to be deducted from the next welfare payments...
- 17 The national associations of native people demanded the same status as «distinct societies», as should have been granted to the Province of Quebec within the Canadian confederation according to the so-called Meech Lake-agreement between the federal and provincial governments of summer 1987 (AFN 1990d). After the failure of Meech Lake in summer 1990 the constitutional question in Canada has yet to be solved.
- 18 Various publications of recent times deal with the difficult relationships between whites and Indians (e.g. Miller 1989 and 1991) or settle with the official policy towards native people (e.g. York 1990, York and Pindera

1991) on the one hand, on the other hand they voice the annoyance and the revival will of the indigenous peoples (e.g. CARC 1988, Richardson 1989).

- 19 In this respect, the former National Chief Georges Erasmus said in an interview already in fall 1985:  
 «What we recommended was that rather than extinguishment, there should be a recognition of rights, and a recognition of title. We also proposed that the negotiation forum should not be one that only deals with land, but also with self-government. Another major recommendation was that all settlements should provide sufficient land and resources, and control and jurisdiction. If the land base is sufficient, and the resource ownership is sufficient claimant First Nations can grow and flourish, as well as protect traditional culture and be able to develop new economic future.» (AFN 1985:11)  
 Six years later Ovide Mercredi had to repeat this statement almost word for word in an interview after his election to succeed Erasmus as National Chief:  
 «Aboriginal people believe a new country can be built that will have as one of its fundamental characteristics the recognition, protection, and promotion of our treaty and aboriginal rights, which by definition includes our inherent ancient right of self-determination.»  
 And Mercredi is being further quoted in a summary: «He is also an advocate for the recognition of aboriginal title as a fundamental pillar for comprehensive land negotiations agreements, or modern treaties.» (AN 1991:4)
- 20 The Beaudoin-Dobbie Special Joint Committee, consisting of Parliament and Senate members, respecting «The Government of Canada's proposals for a renewed Canada», recommends in its report of February 28, 1992 «the entrenchment in section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 of inherent right of aboriginal peoples to self-government within Canada» and «that representatives of the aboriginal peoples of Canada be invited to all future constitutional conferences» (Beaudoin-Dobbie Report 1992:29, 32). And the Spicer Commission (also called Citizens Forum) — appointed by the government — represented the opinion of the Canadian people in its report in June 27, 1991, demanding a speedy and fair regulation of the territorial and treaty claims of the aboriginal peoples and at the same time demanding self-government for them (AFN 1991:2). The new Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples appointed in summer 1991 will most probably come up with similar recommendations (cf. Dickson Report 1991).
- 21 In August 1992 the federal government, the First Ministers of the provinces and the representatives of the aboriginal peoples agreed on a new constitutional agreement granting the Province of Quebec a special status and the aboriginal peoples the realization of self-government models within five years. The Canadian people, however, has rejected this agreement in the nation-wide referendum of October 26, 1992 — and the aboriginal peoples of Canada have again to wait for their true self-determination...

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PETITION ON THE LUBICON SITUATION

WHEREAS The Lubicon Lake Indian people in Northern Alberta have never ceded their traditional lands and therefore retain unextinguished aboriginal land rights thereto:

AND WHEREAS The Alberta Provincial Government and dozens of oil companies have undertaken a massive campaign to undermine and subvert the aboriginal land rights of the Lubicon Lake Indians, so that they might have unrestricted access to the valuable gas and oil resources which those lands are also known to contain:

AND WHEREAS The massive campaign undertaken by the Alberta Provincial Government and the oil companies to undermine and subvert the aboriginal land rights of the Lubicon Lake Indians has included the deliberate and systematic destruction of the Band's traditional lands, traditional economy and traditional way of life:

AND WHEREAS The deliberate and systematic destruction of the Band's traditional lands, traditional economy and traditional way of life has now reached the point where the very survival of aboriginal people is in serious jeopardy:

THEREFORE we, the undersigned, do hereby demand that the Canadian Government immediately commence negotiations based on the recommendations of the Fulton Discussion Paper and in addition take any and all action necessary to ensure that the Lubicon Lake Indians are protected from further abuse, and to ensure that the aboriginal land rights of the Lubicon Lake Indians are properly recognized and respected.

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 IN THE ABOVE MATTER IN THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT AND HAVE  
 OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRY REGARDING THE LUBICON CREE INDIANS  
 OF CANADA WAS ADDRESSED TO THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER  
 ON MAY 5, 1992 BY MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRIAN GREEN PARTY,  
 I.E. GRANDITS, PETROVIC AND FRIENDS.

2, THE FEDERAL FOREIGN MINISTER HAS REPLIED TO THE  
 QUESTIONS ON JULY 2, 1992, NR. 2839/AB. WE HAVE OBTAINED  
 THE TEXT OF THE REPLY. THE GERMAN ORIGINAL AS WELL AS  
 A TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH OF THE REPLIES IS ATTACHED  
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Schriftliche Anfrage der Abgeordneten  
 Grandits, Petrovic Freundinnen und Freunde  
 betreffend die Lubicon Cree Indianer

1839 IAB  
 1992 -07- 02  
 zu 2878 IJ

An den

Präsidenten des Nationalrates

Parlament  
1017 Wien

Die Abgeordneten zum Nationalrat Grandits, Petrovic Freundinnen und Freunde  
 haben am 5. Mai 1992 unter der Nr. 2878/J an mich eine schriftliche Anfrage  
 betreffend die Lubicon Cree Indianer gerichtet welche den folgenden Wortlaut hat:

1. Was gedenkt die österreichische Bundesregierung in bezug auf die drohenden Umweltzerstörungen mit Genehmigung der kanadischen Regierung zu unternehmen?
2. Wird die österreichische Bundesregierung diesmal die durch die KSZE ermöglichten Mechanismen nutzen, indem sie ein Informationsansuchen an die kanadische Regierung über den Fall der Lubicon Cree stellt? Wenn sie das nicht tut, warum nicht?
3. Wird die österreichische Bundesregierung in bilateralen Gesprächen auf diesen Fall eingehen? Wenn nein, warum nicht?
4. Wird die österreichische Bundesregierung im Zuge eines Notifikationsverfahrens die übrigen KSZE Mitglieder von dieser Menschenrechtsverletzung in Kenntnis setzen? Wenn sie dies nicht zu tun gedenkt, warum nicht?

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Ich bevoie mich diese Anfrage wie folgt zu beantworten:

Zu 1.:

Die Gewährung von umfangreichen Kahlschlagsrechten durch die Regierung der Provinz Alberta ist im Prinzip eine innerstaatliche kanadische Angelegenheit. Der Konzessionär der Kahlschlagsrechte hat allerdings öffentlich bekanntgegeben, daß er jedenfalls in diesem Jahr und vermutlich auch später keine Baumfällungen in der von den Lubicon Cree beanspruchten Region vornehmen wird.

Was die befürchtete massive Verunreinigung zweier Flüsse durch die Holzverarbeitung betrifft, ist festzuhalten, daß die Verarbeitung größtenteils in einer bereits bestehenden Pulpfabrik erfolgen könnte, welche den bestehenden kanadischen Vorschriften auf dem Gebiet des Umweltschutzes, insbesondere des Gewässerschutzes vollkommen entspricht. Außerdem werden 1994 die Gewässerschutzvorschriften in Kanada neuerlich verschärft werden. Die neuen verschärften Umweltschutzbestimmungen werden von der bestehenden Pulpfabrik in vollem Umfang einzuhalten sein.

Österreich hat die UNESCO-Konvention zum Schutz des weltweiten kulturellen und natürlichen Erbes bisher nicht unterzeichnet, wohl aber seinerzeit Kanada. Eine österreichische Einwirkungsmöglichkeit auf Einhaltung dieser Konvention durch Kanada ist jedoch deswegen nicht gegeben, weil Kanada zwischenzeitlich aus der UNESCO ausgetreten ist.

Zu 2.:

Die Lubicon Cree Indianer haben 1984 wegen behaupteter Verletzung der Bestimmungen des "Internationalen Paktes über bürgerliche und politische Rechte" den UN-Menschenrechtsausschuß angerufen. Der Ausschuß hat eine Verletzung dessen festgestellt. Es wurde auch ausdrücklich hinzugefügt, daß der beteiligte Staat eine Besserung der Situation durch ein dem Ausschuß geeignet erscheinendes Mittel angeboten hat, nämlich die zwischen der kanadischen Regierung und den Lubicon Cree laufenden Verhandlungen. Die Minister für Indianerangelegenheiten der kanadischen Bundesregierung und der zuständigen Provinzregierung von Alberta sowie der Häuptling der Lubicon Cree Ominayak haben sich am 1. November 1991 sowie am 14. und 21. Februar 1992 zu intensiven Gesprächen getroffen. Die Gesprächsrunde soll in den kommenden Monaten fortgesetzt werden. Außerdem können sich die Lubicon Cree stets auch an die kanadischen Gerichte wenden.

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Im Hinblick auf die bereits erwähnte Entscheidung des Menschenrechtsausschusses sowie die derzeit laufenden Gespräche zwischen der kanadischen Regierung und den Lubicon Cree erscheint zum gegenwärtigen Zeitpunkt die Stellung eines formellen Informationsersuchens gemäß dem KSZE-Mechanismus an die kanadische Regierung weder vertretbar noch politisch opportun.

Zu 3.:

Der Fall der Lubicon Cree Indianer war bereits Gegenstand einer eingehenden Aussprache des österreichischen Missionsschefs im kanadischen Ministerium für Indianerangelegenheiten und Angelegenheiten des Nordens. Die kanadische Seite drückte ihre Bereitschaft aus, jederzeit über die Situation Aufklärung zu geben. Obwohl die Forderung der Lubicon Cree noch immer nicht endgültig geregelt ist, berechtigen die derzeitigen Gespräche doch zu größerer Hoffnung. Die Lubicon Cree sind bestrebt eine neue Siedlung zu bauen. Die Provinzregierung von Alberta hat versichert, daß das ursprünglich angebotene Land noch immer verfügbar ist. Auch die kanadische Bundesregierung ist bereit, beim Bau der Siedlung entsprechend zu helfen. Derzeit werden diesbezüglich konkrete Möglichkeiten analysiert.

Zu 4.:

Die österreichische Bundesregierung wird von einem Notifikationsverfahren zwecks Verständigung der übrigen KSZE-Mitglieder über die Situation der Lubicon Cree aus den unter Ziffer 2 angeführten Gründen Abstand nehmen. Kanada hat angeboten, den österreichischen Botschafter zu einer Besichtigung an Ort und Stelle einzuladen, um sich ein eigenes Bild von der Situation zu verschaffen. Sollten innerhalb angemessener Frist keine Fortschritte bei den Verhandlungen mit den Lubicon Cree erzielt werden, werde ich den österreichischen Missionsschef beauftragen, eine solche Fact Finding Mission durchzuführen.

DER BUNDESMINISTER FÜR  
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*Almuth*

July 13, 1992

I have the honour to answer your questions as follows:

Ad 1.:

The granting of extensive clear-cutting rights by the Government of the Province of Alberta is, in principle, an internal Canadian affair. The concessionaire of the clear-cutting rights has, however, publicly announced that this year and probably also at a later time, no trees will be felled in the area claimed by the Lubicon Cree.

With regard to the feared massive pollution of two rivers caused by wood processing, it should be noted that the processing could be carried out to a large extent in an already existing pulp factory, which fully meets the existing Canadian requirements in the field of environmental protection, particularly the protection of water bodies. Moreover, the regulations governing the protection of water bodies in Canada will again be tightened in 1994. The new, stricter environmental regulations will have to be fully observed by the pulp factory.

As opposed to Canada, Austria has so far not signed the UNESCO Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Austria cannot exert influence on Canada concerning the observance of the Convention, because in the meantime Canada has left UNESCO.

Ad 2.:

In 1984 the Lubicon Cree Indians appealed to the UN Committee on Human Rights concerning violation of the regulations of the "International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights". The Committee found that the regulations had been violated. It was also added expressly that the state concerned had offered to improve the situation by taking a measure deemed suitable by the Committee, namely the current negotiations between the Canadian Government and the Lubicon Cree. The Ministers for Indian Affairs of the Canadian Federal Government and the competent Provincial Government of Alberta as well as the head of the Lubicon Cree, Chief Ominayak, met for intensive talks on 1 November 1991 and on 14 and 21 February 1992. The negotiations are to be continued in the coming months. Moreover, the Lubicon Cree can always appeal to the Canadian courts.

In view of the decision of the Committee on Human Rights already mentioned as well as the current talks between the Canadian Government and the Lubicon Cree, a formal request for information to the Canadian Government according to the CSCE mechanism seems neither justifiable nor politically opportune at the moment.

Ad 3.:

The case of the Lubicon Cree has already been the subject of a detailed discussion that took place in the Canadian Ministry of Indian Affairs and Northern Development with the head of the Austrian mission. The Canadian side expressed its willingness to clarify the situation at any time. Although the request of the Lubicon Cree is not yet finally settled, the current talks give rise to considerable hope. The Lubicon Cree intend to build a new settlement. The Provincial Government of Alberta has declared that the land originally offered is still available. The Canadian Federal Government is also ready to provide appropriate assistance in the building of the settlement. At the moment, concrete possibilities in this matter are being analyzed.

Ad 4.:

On the basis of the reasons given under 2, the Austrian Federal Government will refrain from a notification procedure for the purpose of informing the other CSCE member states of the situation of the Lubicon Cree. Canada has offered to invite the Austrian ambassador to visit the area so that he can obtain a clear picture of the situation. If no progress should be made in the negotiations with the Lubicon Cree within an appropriate period of time, I will request the head of the Austrian mission to carry out such a fact-finding mission.

The Federal Minister for  
Foreign Affairs

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RE: LUBICON - QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT

ATTACHED IS THE QUESTION/ANSWER CARD WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED TO  
RESPOND TO A QUESTION WHICH ROSS HARVEY IS EXPECTED TO POSE THIS  
AFTERNOON. I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A REFERENCE TO THE UN HUMAN  
RIGHTS COMMITTEE DECISION, HOWEVER IT WAS NOT INCLUDED, AND SO  
THE RESPONSE HAS A MORE DOMESTIC FLAVOUR.

TRUST THAT CHARLES WILL ENSURE THAT COPY IS PROVIDED TO YOUR  
MINISTER.

**HOUSE RESPONSE****THE ISSUE**

**Deputy Minister's meeting with Dr. Kurt Herndl, Austrian Ambassador,  
May 15, 1992.**

**SUGGESTED REPLY**

- I can confirm that Mr. Swain met with the Austrian Ambassador to Canada on May 15, 1992.
- The meeting was requested by the Ambassador following a Parliamentary Enquiry by the Green Party in Austrian Parliament concerning the Lubicon Lake Band and alleged clear-cut logging on the Band's so-called traditional territory.
- Mr. Swain responded to questions by the Ambassador on the current status of Lubicon negotiations. Mr. Swain also advised him that Daishowa Canada Ltd., which holds cutting rights in the area, is not now logging within the area sensitive to the Lubicon.
- A copy of the Parliamentary Enquiry is available to the member.

**BACKGROUND**

See attached memorandum.

**PRESS LINE**

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FURTHER TO OUR REFTEL, INAHULL HAS OFFERED FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS

AS ANSWER TO EURPARL QUESTIONS.

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IN 1984 THE LUBICON STARTED AN APPEAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE'S FINDING CONFIRMED WHAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS ALREADY ACKNOWLEDGED -- THAT A AN OBLIGATION TO THE LUBICONS EXISTS WHICH MUST BE SETTLED.

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE FOUND THAT THE OFFER WHICH CANADA HAS ALREADY MADE TO THE BAND IS FAIR AND REASONABLE AND WOULD MEET ANY OBLIGATION CANADA HAS UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS. AFTER EXAMINING THE FACTS, THE UN AGREED THAT THE GOVERMENT OFFER TO THE LUBICON LAKE INDIANS IS AN APPROPRIATE REMEDY. WHEN THIS DECISION WAS RELEASED IN MAY 1990 THE MINISTER FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT, TOM SIDDON, INDICATED THE GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT BAND LEADERS WOULD ACCEPT THE OFFER.

THE LUBICON LEADERSHIP HAS SO FAR REFUSED. THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT IMPOSE A SETTLEMENT ON THE BAND.

PARA. 9 FROM TELEX BPF2045 29JAN92 COULD ALSO BE USED IN RESPONSE:

REGARDING ACCUSATIONS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PERMITTING MINING AND FORESTRY ON LUBICON LAND, YOU MAY USE THE FOLLOWING LINE: - IT IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PERMITTING MINING AND FORESTRY OPERATIONS TO TAKE PLACE ON LUBICON LAND. THE LUBICON CLAIM IS UNREASONABLE (CALLING FOR AN AREA OF 25,000 SQUARE MILES) AND EXCESSIVE. FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO YIELD TO SUCH DEMANDS WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE AND WOULD AFFECT THE LIVELIHOOD OF OTHER PEOPLE RESIDENT INT THE AREA. THE PLACES WHERE MINIG AND FORESTRY ARE OCCURRING ARE AREAS OUTSIDE OF ANY REASONABLE DEFINITION OF LUBICON LAND.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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WE ATTACH A QUESTION ASKED IN THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT CONCERNING  
THE LUBICON LAND CLAIM AND UN INTEREST IN THE ISSUE.AUSTRIAN AMB  
HERNDL, WHO IS ALSO MEMBER OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, HAS  
BEEN BRIEFED BY DM OF INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS AND HAS  
APPARENTLY REPORTED TO AUSTRIAN GOVT IN EFFORT TO ASSIST IN  
REPLYING.GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD MONITOR PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS  
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CHARLES, PLEASE PASS COPY TO SIMON DOYON OR ALAN MINZ.

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The provincial government's approach is creating an irrevocable situation which not only effectively knocks the bottom out of all recent negotiations but also once and for all destroys the economic existence of the Lubicon Cree and deprives them of their legitimate territory. It is no longer just a question of paying out a few million dollars in compensation or allowing the Cree to keep a few square kilometres of land more or less - we are concerned here with the very survival of an entire people.

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Karen: I believe paragraph 9 of a telex sent to  
posts in January '92 (BPF2045 29 Jan 92) would  
still be an appropriate response to questions about  
resource extraction from on Lubicon lands.

Cathy

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PLACE IN CANADA TO EXCHANGE ABORIGINAL RIGHTS FOR TREATY RIGHTS.  
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10. SHOULD MISSIONS WISH, THE TEXT OF LETTER COULD BE UPDATED TO INDICATE THAT THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS MET WITH CHIEF OMINAYAK IN NOV AND THAT ANOTHER MEETING IS PLANNED FOR FEB INVOLVING THE CHIEF AND FED AND PROV MINISTERS.
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# information

## STATUS OF LUBICON LAKE CLAIM

### BACKGROUND

In 1933, the heads of fourteen Indian families living near Lubicon Lake petitioned the federal government. They stated that they were treaty Indians and mostly members of the Whitefish Lake Band, which had received a reserve in 1908. However, the families said they lived apart from the Whitefish Lake Band and that they wanted a reserve of their own at Lubicon Lake.

In 1939, the government agreed to recognize them as a band and to provide a 25.4 square mile reserve for their population of 127 people, in accordance with the provisions of Treaty 8.

The Second World War intervened and, in the years following, the claim was not pursued. During this period the band was treated like all other bands. It received government support for housing, band salaries and administration, education and social assistance.

### THE LUBICON CLAIM

In 1980 the Lubicon Lake Band filed a statement of claim in the Federal Court of Canada against Canada, Alberta and various oil companies.

The Lubicon claim was in three parts:

- they had aboriginal title; failing that,
- they were within the Treaty 8 area and were entitled to a settlement based upon its benefits; and failing that,
- they were promised a reserve which they had yet to receive.

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In their statement of claim, the band maintained that it represented approximately 200 people who sought title to 25,000 square miles -- approximately 10 per cent of the province of Alberta -- along with \$1 billion in damages. Since the federal court can only hear actions against the federal government and its institutions, the band later initiated a second action against Alberta and 11 oil companies in the Alberta courts.

The band's billion dollar claim, and a later demand that oil and gas activity be shut down, captured the attention of the media.

The federal government has not accepted the band's claim to have aboriginal title -- thereby rejecting their claim to 25,000 square miles -- since aboriginal rights to land had been dealt with by Treaty 8. It is, therefore, the second or third parts of the claim which Canada has accepted and has been trying to settle.

The basis of the claim is found in Treaty No. 8, signed in 1899 between the Federal Crown and the Indians of Northern Alberta, among others. The Treaty provides for one square mile of land for a family of five, or 128 acres per Indian, plus other benefits. Both the federal and provincial governments acknowledge that the land is owed and that the Treaty claim is valid. The main obstacle to final settlement is the band's continued demands for monetary compensation.

Alberta has offered the Lubicon Lake Cree 95 square miles of land for a reserve, inclusive of mines and minerals. This meets a demand of the band and has been accepted by it. It would create the sixth largest reserve in Alberta, even though the Lubicon Lake Band is only the 29th largest band in the province.

In addition, in a formal offer made in January 1989, Canada offered \$34 million to build a new community including up to 133 new houses, a band office, sewer and water system, community hall and school. Canada also offered to provide another \$10.4 million for an economic development package, all of which would not prejudice any further court challenges the Lubicon Band might launch to win additional compensation under Treaty 8.

Both the Alberta and Canadian governments have tried repeatedly to resolve the claim. Numerous attempts have been made to settle outstanding differences but to date all offers have been rejected. Fortunately, land is no longer an issue as the band has agreed to the provincial offer of 95 square miles to create a reserve.

Compensation is the remaining issue in this dispute. Both governments are offering a total of \$15,000,000 to be used for socio-economic development without restriction on its use. There would be no tax on any of these funds.

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The band now seeks \$170,000,000. Its case against Canada is a demand for the band's share of programs and services since 1899 -- an issue which Canada has invited the band to pursue in the courts. The Lubicon Lake Band has refused to do this.

In 1984, it started an appeal to the United Nations Human Rights Committee. The Committee's finding confirmed what the Government of Canada has already acknowledged -- that an obligation to the Lubicons exists which must be settled.

The Human Rights Committee found that the offer which Canada has already made to the band is fair and reasonable and would meet any obligation Canada has under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. After examining the facts, the U.N. agreed that the government offer to the Lubicon Lake Indians is an appropriate remedy. When this decision was released in May, 1990 the Minister for Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Tom Siddon, indicated the government's desire to resolve this matter and expressed the hope that band leaders would accept the offer.

The Lubicon leadership has so far refused. The government cannot impose a settlement on the band.

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RE: LUBICON - QUESTION IN THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT

ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF A  
QUESTION POSED IN THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT REGARDING THE LUBICON.

DEPUTY OF DIAND MET ON MAY 15, 1992 WITH THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR  
TO DISCUSS THE LUBICON SITUATION.

CHARLES, PLEASE PASS COPY TO SIMON DOYON OR ALAN MINZ.

**Secretary of State—Secrétariat d'État**

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**PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRY**

From: Members of the Austrian Parliament Grandits and Petrovic, and friends

To: The Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs

Subject: The Lubicon Cree Indians

Today, after 500 years of suppression and persecution of the aboriginal inhabitants of North America, the situation of the Lubicon Cree Indians in the province of Alberta, Canada is more precarious than ever. As early as in 1987, a complaint was lodged with the UN Committee on Human Rights which caused that body to agree to look into the matter. Nevertheless, the Canadian government still continues to ignore the needs of the Lubicon Cree.

The most serious encroachment on the rights of the Lubicon Cree has been perpetrated by the provincial government of Alberta which has granted clear-cutting rights for an area of over 29,000 km<sup>2</sup>, taking in the entire territory claimed by the Lubicon Cree. This land was one of the items discussed in the unsuccessful negotiations which were broken off on 24.1.1989.

The provincial government's approach is creating an irrevocable situation which not only effectively knocks the bottom out of all recent negotiations but also once and for all destroys the economic existence of the Lubicon Cree and deprives them of their legitimate territory. It is no longer just a question of paying out a few million dollars in compensation or allowing the Cree to keep a few square kilometres of land more or less - we are concerned here with the very survival of an entire people.

Giving permission to clear-cut this area creates problems, not only in terms of human rights but also at the ecological level. The plans call for a gigantic area of still intact forest (larger than the entire area covered by commercial forest in Austria) to be felled. A total of 11,000 trees per day are to be cut down and turned into 1,000 tonnes of chlorine-bleached sulfate pulp. Two of the largest rivers in northern Canada, the Peace River and the Athabasca River, which still carry reasonably clean water, will be massively polluted by the effluents from this production process. Since both rivers also flow through the Wood Buffalo National Park (one of the largest, still untouched natural landscapes in North America, which furthermore is covered by the "Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage), this area will also be severely affected.

Therefore, the undersigned Members of the Austrian Parliament wish to put the following

Question:

1. What action does the Austrian Federal Government intend to take with regard to the threatened destruction of the environment which has been approved by the Canadian government?
2. Will the Austrian Federal Government this time make use of the mechanisms available under the CSCE to request information from the Canadian government on the case of the Lubicon Cree Indians? If not, why not?
3. Will the Austrian Federal Government enter into bilateral discussions on this matter? If not, why not?

4. Will the Austrian Federal Government, through the notification procedure, inform the other member nations of the CSCE of this infringement of human rights? If not, why not?

**Signatures**

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RE: ABORIGINAL ISSUES

FURTHER TO OUR RECENT PHONE CONVERSATION, ATTACHED IS A COPY OF  
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THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (HRC) DECISION ON  
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THE LETTER REGARDING THE MOHAWK TRIALS FROM THE DIRECT ACTION  
MOVEMENT IS ENCLOSED AS WELL. THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN  
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## ANFRAGE

der Abgeordneten Grandits, Petrovic, Freundinnen und Freunde  
an den Bundesminister für Auswärtige Angelegenheiten  
betreffend die Lubicon Cree Indianer

Die Situation der Lubicon Cree Indianer in der Provinz Alberta, Kanada, ist heute, im 500. Jahr der Unterdrückung und Verfolgung der Ureinwohner Amerikas, bedrohlicher denn je. Schon im Jahr 1987 hat eine Beschwerde den UNO-Menschenrechtsausschuß dazu bewogen, diesen Fall zu hören. Dennoch mißachtet die kanadische Regierung die Bedürfnisse der Lubicon Cree nach wie vor.

Der schwerwiegendste Eingriff in die Rechte der Lubicon Cree entsteht durch die von der Provinzregierung Alberta vergebenen Kahlschlagsrechte für eine Fläche über 29.000 km<sup>2</sup>; die das gesamte Gebiet umfassen, das die Lubicon Cree beanspruchen und das Teil der Verhandlungen war, die am 24.1.1989 ergebnislos abgebrochen wurden.

Diese Vorgangsweise schafft unwiderrufliche, vollendete Tatsachen, die den Lubicon Cree nicht nur die Grundlage neuerlicher Verhandlungen, sondern ihre wirtschaftliche Existenz und ihren Lebensraum endgültig entziehen. Es geht also nicht mehr um einige Millionen Dollar Entschädigung oder um ein paar Quadratkilometer Land mehr oder weniger, es geht um das Überleben eines Volkes.

Diese Kahlschlagsrechte sind nicht nur ein Menschenrechtsproblem, sondern auch ein ökologisches. Es soll eine riesige, noch zusammenhängende Waldfläche (größer als die gesamte Wirtschaftswaldfläche Österreichs) abgeholtzt werden. Pro Tag sollen 11.000 Bäume gefällt und zu 1.000 Tonnen chlorgebleichtem Sulfat-Zellsstoff verarbeitet werden. Durch die Abwässer dieser Produktion werden zwei der größten Flüsse Nordkanadas, die derzeit noch halbwegs sauberes Wasser führen, der Peace River und der Athabasca River, massiv verunreinigt werden. Da beide Flüsse auch durch den Wood Buffalo Nationalpark fließen, wird dieser (eine der größten noch unberührten Naturlandschaften Nordamerikas, die darüber hinaus unter dem Schutz der "Konvention zum Schutze des Kulturs- und Naturerbes der Welt" stehen) ebenfalls stark in Mitleidenschaft gezogen.

Daher stellen die unterfertigten Abgeordneten folgende

### Anfrage:

- Was gedenkt die österreichische Bundesregierung in Bezug auf die drohenden Umweltzerstörungen mit Genehmigung der kanadischen Regierung zu unternehmen?

2. Wird die österreichische Bundesregierung diesmal die durch die KSZE ermöglichten Mechanismen nutzen, indem sie ein Informationsantrag an die kanadische Regierung über den Fall der Lubicon Cree stellt? Wenn sie das nicht tut, warum nicht?
3. Wird die österreichische Bundesregierung in bilateralen Gesprächen auf diesen Fall eingehen? Wenn nein, warum nicht?
4. Wird die österreichische Bundesregierung im Zuge eines Notifikationsverfahrens die übrigen KSZE-Mitglieder von dieser Menschenrechtsverletzung in Kenntnis setzen? Wenn sie dies nicht zu tun gedenkt, warum nicht?

Marjana Sandis

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14th April 1992

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you on behalf of the DAM-IWA in order to protest about the trial of the Mohawks people following the brutal police raid carried out in July 1990 and the continued harassment meted out to their community by police cars, boats on the river and low flying helicopters with frequent arrests and traffic stops which only increase tension and fear within the Mohawk community.

We have been informed that the first trial involving three defendants has resulted in two of these being found guilty and sentenced to between 2 and 4 years imprisonment. We understand that another 39 have reached the initial stages of jury selection. We have also been informed that the mayor of Oka who originally planned to build a golf course on native lands which sparked off the events of July 1990 is now planning to build condominiums on the same territory.

We urge your government to drop all charges against Mohawk activists defending their land rights and further urge your government to settle this issue with the Mohawks to the natives satisfaction. It is rather ironic that in the year of commemorating the "discovery" of the Americas that the natives seem to suffer little improved "justice" than 500 years ago.

I hope you will give this matter some attention and look forward to your reply.

Yours Sincerely,

Simon Flynn, DAM-IWA International Secretary

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THIS TEL CONVEYS URGENT REQUEST FM DORAN/DGI FOR INFO TO  
HELP EURCOM RESPOND TO RECENT QUESTIONS IN EUROPARLIAMENT  
WHICH FOR FIRST TIME ARE DIRECTED AT CDN (RATHER THAN  
TROPICAL) FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. THEY DEAL  
SPECIFICALLY WITH CDN RAINFORESTS (READ OLD GROWTH FORESTS)  
AND NATIVE/ABORIGINAL CLAIMS TO FOREST LAND.

2. QUESTION ON CDN RAINFORESTS (NO.535/92) WAS PUT TO THE  
COMMISSION BY MRS ANITA POLLACK/UK-SOCIALISTS MAR92.

QUESTION READS QUOTE LA COMMUNAUTE EUROPEENE IMPORTE-T-ELLE  
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PROVENANCE DES FORETS PLUVIALES CANADIENNES ? DANS  
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3. MRS POLLACK HAS RECENTLY BECOME A MEMBER OF GLOBE (GLOBAL  
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CAMPAIGNED ACTIVELY FOR PROTECTION OF TROPICAL FORESTS AND AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON FORESTS. EC MEMBERS OF GLOBE (MOSTLY MEMBERS OF EUROPARL CTTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND CONSUMER PROTECTION) HAVE SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINED EUROPARLIAMENT RESOLUTION JAN92 ENCOURAGING EC SUPPORT AT JUNE UNCED MTG FOR SUCH A CONVENTION. MRS POLLACK IS ALSO MEMBER OF EUROPARLIAMENTARY INTERGROUP ON ANIMAL WELFARE.

3. ACCORDING TO DORAN, QUESTION ON FOREST LAND CLAIMS HAS NOT YET BEEN PUT TO EUROPARL BUT COMMISSION HAS BEEN INFORMALLY PUT ON NOTICE TO EXPECT IT SOON. TEXT PROVIDED BY DORAN (PLSE PROTECT) READS QUOTE IS THE COMMISSION AWARE THAT THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HAS FOUND CANADA GUILTY OF INFRINGING ARTICLE 27 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS BECAUSE OF THE ILLEGAL EXTRACTION OF RAW MATERIALS FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE LUBICON CREE AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THEIR SUBSISTENCE ECONOMY ? UNQUOTE. SHE DID NOT IDENTIFY ORIGIN OF QUESTION OR WHO WOULD INTRODUCE IT IN EUROPARL.

4. ABOVE QUESTIONS WERE RAISED BY DORAN IN MTG PM 29APR SHE REQUESTED WITH MERCIER/DM/FORCAN AS BRIEF COURTESY/CONTACT VISIT. WE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY AWARE OF QUESTION FM POLLACK BUT NOT OF PLANNED QUESTION ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS DECISION ABOUT LAND CLAIMS.

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5. IN CONSIDERING RESPONSE TO INQUIRY ABOUT PRODUCTS FM CDN RAINFORESTS, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER TERM RAINFOREST APPLIES TO CDN FORESTS AND IF SO TO WHAT PART (EG. DOES THIS APPLY TO COASTAL BC OLD-GROWTH FORESTS ?). YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO BEAR IN MIND THAT DORAN WAS CONSIDERING RESPONSE TO EFFECT THAT STATS WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO COMMISSION FOR REPLY. SUGGEST YOU CONSULT RWT, FORCAN AND BC MIN OF FORESTS AS APPROPRIATE FOR INFO TO RESPOND TO THIS QUESTION WHICH WE REPORTED AT FORESTRY SEMINAR LAST WK.

6. PLANNED INQUIRY ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION ON NATIVE LAND CLAIMS IS MORE SPECIFIC. WE RAISED ISSUE BRIEFLY DURING FORESTRY SEMINAR LAST WK WITH WHITAKER/INAHULL WHOM YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT ON AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. EVEN THOUGH COMMISSION REPS HAVE ACCESS TO UN DECISIONS, IT WOULD CLEARLY BE MORE TO OUR ADVANTAGE TO SEE THAT THEY HAVE THE BEST INFO WE COULD MUSTER TO DEAL WITH THIS ALLEGATION.

7. AS EURCOM IS PRESSED TO PROVIDE EARLY RESPONSE, DORAN HAS ASKED FOR QUICK REPLY. WLD THEREFORE APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE BY 11MAY AT LATEST.

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---CDN FORESTRY/LUBICON LAND CLAIMS:EUROPARL QUESTIONS

THIS TEL CONVEYS URGENT REQUEST FM DORAN/DGI FOR INFO TO

HELP EURCOM RESPOND TO RECENT QUESTIONS IN EUROPARLIAMENT

WHICH FOR FIRST TIME ARE DIRECTED AT CDN (RATHER THAN

TROPICAL) FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. THEY DEAL

SPECIFICALLY WITH CDN RAINFORESTS (READ OLD GROWTH FORESTS)

AND NATIVE/ABORIGINAL CLAIMS TO FOREST LAND.

2. QUESTION ON CDN RAINFORESTS (NO.535/92) WAS PUT TO THE  
COMMISSION BY MRS ANITA POLLACK/UK-SOCIALISTS MAR92.

QUESTION READS QUOTE LA COMMUNAUTE EUROPEENE IMPORTE-T-ELLE  
DU BOIS DE CONSTRUCTION OU DE LA PATE A PAPIER EN  
PROVENANCE DES FORETS PLUVIALES CANADIENNES ? DANS  
LAFFIRMATIVE, VERS QUELS PAYS ET EN QUELLES QUANTITES ?  
UNQUOTE.

3. MRS POLLACK HAS RECENTLY BECOME A MEMBER OF GLOBE (GLOBAL  
LEGISLATORS FOR A BALANCED ENVIRONMENT) WHICH HAS

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CAMPAIGNED ACTIVELY FOR PROTECTION OF TROPICAL FORESTS AND AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON FORESTS. EC MEMBERS OF GLOBE (MOSTLY MEMBERS OF EUROPARL CTTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND CONSUMER PROTECTION) HAVE SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINED EUROPARLIAMENT RESOLUTION JAN92 ENCOURAGING EC SUPPORT AT JUNE UNCED MTG FOR SUCH A CONVENTION. MRS POLLACK IS ALSO MEMBER OF EUROPARLIAMENTARY INTERGROUP ON ANIMAL WELFARE.

3. ACCORDING TO DORAN, QUESTION ON FOREST LAND CLAIMS HAS NOT YET BEEN PUT TO EUROPARL BUT COMMISSION HAS BEEN INFORMALLY PUT ON NOTICE TO EXPECT IT SOON. TEXT PROVIDED BY DORAN (PLSE PROTECT) READS QUOTE IS THE COMMISSION AWARE THAT THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HAS FOUND CANADA GUILTY OF INFRINGING ARTICLE 27 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS BECAUSE OF THE ILLEGAL EXTRACTION OF RAW MATERIALS FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE LUBICON CREE AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THEIR SUBSISTENCE ECONOMY ? UNQUOTE. SHE DID NOT IDENTIFY ORIGIN OF QUESTION OR WHO WOULD INTRODUCE IT IN EUROPARL.

4. ABOVE QUESTIONS WERE RAISED BY DORAN IN MTG PM 29APR SHE REQUESTED WITH MERCIER/DM/FORCAN AS BRIEF COURTESY/CONTACT VISIT. WE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY AWARE OF QUESTION FM POLLACK BUT NOT OF PLANNED QUESTION ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS DECISION ABOUT LAND CLAIMS.

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5. IN CONSIDERING RESPONSE TO INQUIRY ABOUT PRODUCTS FM CDN RAINFORESTS, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER TERM RAINFOREST APPLIES TO CDN FORESTS AND IF SO TO WHAT PART (EG. DOES THIS APPLY TO COASTAL BC OLD-GROWTH FORESTS ?). YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO BEAR IN MIND THAT DORAN WAS CONSIDERING RESPONSE TO EFFECT THAT STATS WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO COMMISSION FOR REPLY. SUGGEST YOU CONSULT RWT, FORCAN AND BC MIN OF FORESTS AS APPROPRIATE FOR INFO TO RESPOND TO THIS QUESTION WHICH WE REPORTED AT FORESTRY SEMINAR LAST WK.

6. PLANNED INQUIRY ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION ON NATIVE LAND CLAIMS IS MORE SPECIFIC. WE RAISED ISSUE BRIEFLY DURING FORESTRY SEMINAR LAST WK WITH WHITAKER/INAHULL WHOM YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT ON AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. EVEN THOUGH COMMISSION REPS HAVE ACCESS TO UN DECISIONS, IT WOULD CLEARLY BE MORE TO OUR ADVANTAGE TO SEE THAT THEY HAVE THE BEST INFO WE COULD MUSTER TO DEAL WITH THIS ALLEGATION.

7. AS EURCOM IS PRESSED TO PROVIDE EARLY RESPONSE, DORAN HAS ASKED FOR QUICK REPLY. WLD THEREFORE APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE BY 11MAY AT LATEST.

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Attached is the inter-departmentally agreed response to the question from Mr. Ross Harvey, M.P. (Edmonton East) on Chief Ominayak's Communication to the UN Human Rights Committee.

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# INQUIRY OF MINISTRY

## DEMANDE DE RENSEIGNEMENTS AU GOUVERNEMENT

PREPARE IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH MARKED "TEXT" AND "TRANSLATION"  
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Mr. Harvey (Edmonton East)

November 26, 1991

REPLY BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
RÉPONSE PAR LE SECRÉTAIRE D'ÉTAT AUX AFFAIRES EXTÉRIEURES

United Nations Human Rights Committee Views  
on Communication Number 167/1984 --  
Bernard Ominayak, Chief of the Lubicon Lake  
Band, v. Canada

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MINISTRE OU SECRÉTAIRE PARLEMENTAIRE

QUESTION

With respect to the United Nations Human Rights Committee views concerning Communication Number 167/1984 Bernard Ominayak, Chief of the Lubicon Lake Band v. Canada, has the government received since October 1, 1990 any request or requests for further information from the Special Rapporteur for Follow-up on Views of the Human Rights Committee, and, if so, (a) when did the government receive such request(s), (b) has the government responded to such request(s), and, if so (i) when did the government reply (ii) what did the government reply?

REPLY / REPRÉSENTE

TEXT  
TEXTE TRANSLATION  
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The UN Human Rights Centre, as part of its routine procedure, has requested further information from the Government of Canada with respect to Chief Ominayak's communication following the release of the Human Rights Committee's views in May 1990. You will recall that the Committee, while finding that an obligation exists to the Lubicon which must be settled, found the Canadian government's offer to be an appropriate remedy. While we have responded to the Committee's request for further information, I emphasize that the Committee, as a matter of practice, considers the response confidential at this stage and that Canada respects this rule. I cannot, therefore, comment on the content of our response. With regard to more recent developments, Minister Siddon took the initiative and met with Chief Ominayak on November 1, 1991. That meeting proved productive and a further meeting is planned involving the Minister, the Alberta Minister responsible for Native Affairs and Chief Ominayak in February.



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RÉPONSE PAR LE SECRÉTAIRE D'ÉTAT AUX AFFAIRES EXTÉRIEURES

L'avis de la Commission des droits de la personne des Nations Unies à l'égard de la communication n° 167/1984 - Bernard Ominayak, chef de la bande indienne du Lac Lubicon, v. Canada

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QUESTION

En ce qui concerne l'avis de la Commission des droits de la personne des Nations Unies à l'égard de la communication n° 167/1984, Bernard Ominayak, chef de la bande indienne du Lac Lubicon v. Canada, le gouvernement a-t-il, depuis le 1<sup>er</sup> octobre 1990, reçu du rapporteur spécial une ou des demandes de renseignements supplémentaires au sujet d'un suivi sur l'avis de la Commission des droits de la personne et, dans l'affirmative, a) quand le gouvernement a-t-il reçu cette (ou ces) demande(s), b) le gouvernement y a-t-il répondu et, dans l'affirmative, (i) quand l'a-t-il fait (ii) en quoi consistait la réponse?

REPLY / RÉPONSE

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Dans le cadre de sa procédure normale, le Centre pour les droits de l'homme des Nations Unies a demandé au gouvernement du Canada d'autres renseignements sur la communication du chef Ominayak qui a suivi la diffusion des vues du Comité des droits de l'homme, en mai 1990. Comme vous le savez, le Comité a indiqué que le gouvernement du Canada avait une obligation envers la bande de Lubicon, mais que son offre constituait une solution appropriée. Bien que nous ayons fourni au Comité les renseignements supplémentaires qu'il a demandés, je tiens à souligner que le Comité considère ces renseignements comme confidentiels pour l'instant et que le Canada respecte cette règle. Je ne peux donc faire de commentaires sur le contenu de notre réponse. En ce qui concerne les faits plus récents, le ministre Siddon a pris l'initiative de rencontrer le chef Ominayak le 1<sup>er</sup> novembre dernier. Cet entretien s'est révélé fructueux, et une autre rencontre entre le Ministre, le ministre albertain chargé des affaires autochtones et le chef Ominayak doit avoir lieu en février.

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COMMENTS/COMMENTAIRES:

RE: QUESTION ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE AND LUBICON

HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON SUGGESTED REPLY, AFTER DISCUSSION  
 WITH BOB COULTER.

- IT MIGHT BE INDICATED THAT SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR FOR FOLLOW-UP IS NEW PROCEDURE, APPLYING TO ALL DECISIONS OF HRC, NOT SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR LUBICON.
- PARTICULARLY GIVEN RECENT MISINTERPRETATIONS (OR DELIBERATE MISSTATEMENTS) OF HRC'S DECISION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO NOTE THAT

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HRC DECISION WHICH WAS RELEASED IN MAY 1990 IS PUBLIC. ITS CONCLUSIONS COULD BE SUMMARIZED - WHILE FINDING THAT AN OBLIGATION TO THE LUBICON EXISTS WHICH MUST BE SETTLED, THE HRC FOUND THE GOVERNMENT OFFER TO BE AN APPROPRIATE REMEDY.

- TO BETTER REFLECT THE CURRENT SITUATION, SUGGEST DELETION OF TEXT, STARTING WITH THE WORDS "HOWEVER, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY ..." THIS COULD BE REPLACED WITH: "WITH REGARD TO MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, MINISTER SIDDON TOOK THE INITIATIVE AND MET WITH CHIEF OMINAYAK ON NOVEMBER 1, 1991. THAT MEETING PROVED PRODUCTIVE AND A FURTHER MEETING IS PLANNED INVOLVING THE MINISTER, THE ALBERTA MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS, AND CHIEF OMINAYAK IN FEBRUARY 1992.

WOULD APPRECIATE SEEING A COPY OF THE REVISED VERSION BEFORE IT IS SENT OUT.

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**MESSAGE**

Attached is the proposed response to the written question put forward by Ross Harvey, MP. We have been advised by Geneva that the Centre for Human Rights considers the response confidential at this stage. However, it may become public upon the release of the Special Rapporteur's Report in the Fall of 1992. I would appreciate receiving your comments on the proposed response by Monday, January 6.

(One page follows)

A. Frenette

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RE: Communication No. 167/1984

Dear Sir:

The Lubicon people wish to apprise the Committee of developments respecting the Committee's March 26, 1990, decision on violation of Lubicon rights under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. We also wish to inquire about promised Committee follow-up on that decision.

No Negotiations

There have been no negotiations between the Lubicon people and the Government of Canada since January 24, 1989, when Canadian Government representatives deliberately broke down negotiations with a surprise "take-it-or-leave-it" settlement offer known in advance to be untenable because it provided the Lubicon people with absolutely no hope of ever again becoming socially, politically or economically self-sufficient. Since that time Canadian Government representatives have reiterated repeatedly that their clearly unacceptable so-called "take-it-or-leave-it" offer will not be changed.

In essence the Canadian Government has offered to build houses for the Lubicon people and to support us forever on welfare -- like animals in the zoo who are cared for and fed at an appointed time -- in exchange for our acquiescence to the deliberate destruction of our self-sufficient way of life and the pillage of our resource-rich 10,000 square kilometre traditional territory. The genocidal

consequences for aboriginal people of such an arrangement are well known and are a national disgrace in Canada with aboriginal people suffering 90% plus unemployment rates, overcrowded and inadequate housing, high disease and alcoholism rates, high illiteracy rates, infant mortality rates nearly twice the national average, average life expectancy 10 years shorter than the national average, violent deaths three times more common than among non-aboriginal people, death by poisoning or injury four times more common, an overall death rate four times higher than other people in the country and the highest suicide rate of any racial or ethnic group in the world.

#### Continuing Subversion of Lubicon Rights and Society

As predicted Canada has proceeded apace with efforts to subvert rights which the Lubicon people supposedly enjoy under Canadian law and to tear Lubicon society asunder, creating a whole new aboriginal society with supposedly equal rights to our unceded traditional territory out of disparate individuals technically belonging to a half-a-dozen different aboriginal societies from the surrounding area, selecting and paying a lawyer to "negotiate" a settlement of aboriginal land rights over our unceded traditional territory supposedly on behalf of this new Government-created aboriginal society, promising to pay the members of this new Government-created aboriginal society \$1,000 each (which they learned later would be deducted from their normal welfare payments) if they accepted this Government contrived settlement agreement, and then publicly claiming that the Lubicon people no longer hold unextinguished aboriginal land rights to our traditional territory, because, supposedly, "other natives, who shared those traditional lands with the Lubicons either signed or adhered to Treaty No. 9".

The very wording of the Canadian "Indian Act" legislation under which this new "Band" was created illustrates the nature of the problem faced not only by the Lubicon people but also by all of the aboriginal people in Canada. Certainly such provisions directed at any other distinct people or political jurisdiction in the country is both unimaginable and would be rightly condemned as an unacceptable violation of civil and political rights. The operative section of that 1985 Canadian "Indian Act" legislation reads, in part:

"17.(1) The Minister may, whenever he considers it desirable...constitute new Bands and establish Band lists with respect thereto from existing Band lists, or from the (Government-created) Indian Register, if requested to do so by (an unspecified number of) persons proposing to form the new Band. (In this case the Government of Canada actually sent

agents into the area surrounding the traditional Lubicon territory to solicit and organize such a request.)

"(2) Where pursuant to subsection (1) a new Band has been established from an existing Band or any part thereof (underlining added), such portion of the reserve lands and funds of the existing Band as the Minister (in his sole discretion) determines shall be held for the use and benefit of the new Band. (This clause literally gives the Minister the legal power to take apart any aboriginal society in the country and to distribute the lands and resources rightfully belonging to that aboriginal society as he sees fit.)

"(3) No protest may be made...in respect of the deletion from or the addition to a Band List consequent on the exercise by the Minister of any of his powers under subsection (1)."

#### Committee Members Now Implicated in the Genocide of the Lubicon people

Most recently, and in response to Lubicon efforts to block clear-cutting of trees in our unceded traditional territory by a Japanese forestry company to whom the Alberta Provincial Government has sold the timber rights to a huge 41,000 square kilometre area which completely blankets our 10,000 square kilometre traditional territory -- something which would almost certainly complete the genocidal process being deliberately and systematically directed against the Lubicon people by the Canadian and Alberta Governments -- the Canadian Government initiated a major new anti-Lubicon propaganda campaign claiming, among other things, that "the Human Rights Committee found the (take-it-or-leave-it) offer which Canada made to the (Lubicon people) is fair and reasonable and would meet any obligation Canada has under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights". Thus has the Government of Canada now used the imprecise wording of the Committee's Lubicon decision to implicate the members of the Human Rights Committee in the genocide of the Lubicon people -- much in the same way that the Nazis implicated the international community in the Holocaust by citing refusals of other countries to accept German Jews.

#### Promised Follow-up

Lastly we would like to know what if anything has happened with promised Committee follow-up on the decision. We were advised by Committee staff at the time of the decision that a Special Rapporteur would be appointed to follow-up on the Committee's

decision and that Canada would be reported annually to the General Assembly so long as the violation of our rights continued -- along with other violators of the International Covenant such as South Africa. The violation of our rights clearly continues. We've heard nothing from or about any "Special Rapporteur". And we're distressed to note that Canada is not even being reported to the General Assembly as being in continuing violation of our rights under the Covenant.

As a people whose society is being systematically destroyed and whose members have literally been dying while the Committee spent years contemplating our increasingly desperate plight, it seems to us that the Committee could at least now keep its promise to annually report the results of its tragically ineffectual decision on continuing violation of our civil and political rights to the General Assembly.

Sincerely,



Bernard Ominayak, Chief  
Lubicon Lake Indian Nation

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TODAY I RECEIVED A COPY OF THE ATTACHED LETTER WHICH WAS SIGNED BY CHIEF OMINAYAK ON DECEMBER 18, 1991 AND SENT TO JAKOB MOLLER OF THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

IT IS NOW NEARLY FIVE MONTHS SINCE THIS WAS SIGNED. IT HAS NOT COME TO ME THROUGH REGULAR UN/CANADA CHANNELS. WHILE WE HAVE OFTEN EXPERIENCED DELAYS OF SEVERAL MONTHS IN THE TRANSMISSION OF MATERIALS, WE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THIS LETTER BEFORE NOW THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THIS BE INVESTIGATED.

THE TEXT OF THE LETTER IS VERY HARSH AND ALARMING. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE ON THE ORIGINAL LIST OF CC'S BUT I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED THAT IT HAS NOW RECEIVED WIDER DISTRIBUTION. IT MAY EXPLAIN THE INCREASE IN ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING THE LUBICON: STARTING WITH THE DEMONSTRATIONS IN EUROPE AT THE END OF JANUARY AND THE MORE RECENT INQUIRIES IN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT.

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The Permanent Mission of Canada presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations (Centre for Human Rights) and has the honour to attach the response of the Government of Canada to the communications concerning Lubicon Lake Band.

The Permanent Mission of Canada avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the United Nations (Centre for Human Rights) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, November 26, 1991



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--- HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE: OMINAYAK V. CANADA

GRATEFUL YOU DELIVER TO HUMAN RIGHTS CTTEE CDN FOLLOW-UP RESPONSE  
REGARDING LUBICON LAKE BAND.

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**RESPONSE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE'S VIEWS IN**

**CHIEF OMINAYAK v. CANADA**

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, by note No. G/SO 215/51 CANA (38) 167/1984, dated 12 February 1991, requested from Canada "any relevant information on measures taken to implement the remedy offered by the State party in respect of communication No. 167/1984, following the adoption of the Committee's views". As the Committee is aware, that remedy consisted of a comprehensive package of benefits and programmes valued at \$45 million (non-inclusive of the value of land, mineral rights, or possible provincial contributions) and a 95 square mile reserve. As well, the Committee was advised that the Lubicon Lake Band had withdrawn from negotiations on 24 January 1989 over the issue of whether the Band should receive additional compensation of approximately \$170 million.

There have been no formal discussions between Canada and the Band since January 24, 1989, although tripartite meetings among lawyers for Canada, the province of Alberta and the Band occurred in February 1990. The meetings were terminated on February 22, 1990, again because of the Band's demand for additional compensation of at least \$170 million.

In May and September 1990, there were a number of private discussions between representatives of the Canadian and Alberta governments and the Band's solicitor regarding prospects for the Band's acceptance of the Government's offer with the right to have any outstanding issues arbitrated (i.e., additional compensation). A response from the Band is still pending. In the meantime, the Government's offer has remained and continues to remain open for acceptance.

On a related issue, the Committee, in December 1988, was advised that the federal and Alberta governments were in negotiations with the neighbouring Woodland Cree Indian Band with respect to its entitlements under Treaty 8. The Woodland Cree and the Lubicon Lake Bands have the same rights under Treaty 8 and are of similar size. It should be noted that the Woodland Cree Band now includes about 185 former members of the Lubicon Lake Band. On July 5 and 6, 1991 in a referendum the members of the Woodland Cree Band accepted a negotiated settlement of their treaty entitlement claim. The settlement was similar to the 1989 offer to the Lubicon Lake Band.

Finally, a copy of the Canadian Statement made to the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations in July 1991 is attached. This statement outlines some recent developments relating to aboriginal issues in Canada.



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**CANADIAN STATEMENT TO UNITED NATIONS WORKING GROUP ON INDIGENOUS  
POPULATIONS ON A REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS PERTAINING TO THE  
PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS  
OF INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS**

GERALD E. SHANNON  
AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
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MADAM CHAIRPERSON,

I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE AMONG SO MANY DISTINGUISHED EXPERTS, REPRESENTATIVES OF ABORIGINAL GROUPS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE A CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE SITUATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD.

TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU THE CHANGES THAT ARE UNDERWAY WITH CANADA'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE. TO MEET THE CHALLENGES WE FACE AS A COUNTRY, WE MUST ADDRESS THE FUNDAMENTAL AND LEGITIMATE CONCERNs OF ALL CANADIANS. AND WE MUST LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THE VOICES OF THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE. CANADIANS ARE CURRENTLY TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR HOPES AND VIEWS ON THE KIND OF COUNTRY CANADA SHOULD BE. THEY HAVE STRONGLY STATED THAT ABORIGINAL GRIEVANCES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IF A NEW SOCIAL COMPACT IS TO EMERGE IN WHICH ABORIGINAL PEOPLE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF OTHER CANADIANS. THE SPECIAL PLACE OF OUR FIRST CITIZENS IN CANADA IS BASED ON THEIR ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHTS WHICH ARE RECOGNIZED IN THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION. CANADIANS RECOGNIZE THAT CANADA'S ABORIGINAL PEOPLE WANT TO GOVERN THEMSELVES WITHIN THE CANADIAN CONFEDERATION AND THAT TOGETHER ALL CANADIANS CAN BUILD A PLACE WHERE THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE CAN FLOURISH.

LAST YEAR, I ADDRESSED YOU DURING THE COURSE OF DIFFICULT EVENTS AT OKA AND THE MOHAWK COMMUNITIES OF KANESATAKE AND KAHNEWAKE. IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, THERE WERE SEVERAL EFFORTS AT NEGOTIATION TO TRY TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION AND THE REMOVAL OF BARRICADES. AFTER THE BARRICADES CAME DOWN, THERE WAS A NEED FOR HEALING, ALONG WITH EXAMINATION OF WHAT HAPPENED.

AS PART OF EFFORTS TO AID HEALING WITHIN KANESATAKE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESPONDED TO OVERTURES FROM THE KANESATAKE COMMUNITY, AND ENGAGED THE SERVICES OF A NEUTRAL THIRD PARTY TO SEEK COMMUNITY VIEWS THROUGH A PLEBISCITE ON THE METHOD BY WHICH THEY WISHED TO CHOOSE THEIR LEADERS. A LARGE MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS CHOSE TO HAVE AN ELECTED COUNCIL. ON JUNE 28, 1991, A CHIEF AND COUNCIL WERE ELECTED FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD. THE NEW COUNCIL WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFINING AND IMPLEMENTING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS. IT WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE TO OVERSEE ALL COMMUNITY SERVICES; AND TO NEGOTIATE LAND GRIEVANCES, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, AND SELF-GOVERNMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AND QUEBEC GOVERNMENTS.

IN MAY OF THIS YEAR, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS OF THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT REPORTED ON THEIR ENQUIRY INTO THE EVENTS AT KANESATAKE AND KAHNEWAKE DURING THE SUMMER OF 1990. THEY MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL BE RESPONDING TO EACH OF THESE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. ONE OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN ACTED ON BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA THROUGH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A ROYAL COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL SITUATION OF THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE OF CANADA.

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MADAM CHAIRPERSON,

THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, LAST SEPTEMBER 25, ANNOUNCED A NEW NATIVE AGENDA TO PRESERVE THE SPECIAL PLACE OF OUR FIRST CITIZENS IN CANADA. IN SETTING OUT THIS NEW NATIVE AGENDA, HE COMMITTED THE GOVERNMENT TO:

- ACCELERATE THE SETTLEMENT OF LAND CLAIMS;
- IMPROVE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES;
- OFFER LEGISLATIVE ALTERNATIVES TO THE INDIAN ACT; AND
- REVIEW THE FUNDAMENTAL PLACE AND ROLE OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN CANADA.

I WILL ADDRESS EACH OF THESE POINTS IN TURN, THE FIRST BEING THAT OF LAND CLAIMS. IN PREVIOUS YEARS CANADA HAS EXPLAINED THE BACKGROUND AND THE NATURE OF LAND CLAIMS AVAILABLE TO CANADA'S ABORIGINAL PEOPLE, SO I SHALL NOT DETAIL THESE AGAIN. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF RESOLVING BOTH COMPREHENSIVE AND SPECIFIC LAND CLAIMS, AND TO COMMIT GREATER RESOURCES TO CLAIMS SETTLEMENT.

COMPREHENSIVE LAND CLAIMS CONCERN TERRITORIES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN DEALT WITH BY TREATY OR OTHER LEGAL MEANS. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS GENERALLY INVOLVE LARGE AREAS OF LAND, FINANCIAL COMPENSATION ALONG WITH GUARANTEED PARTICIPATION IN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARDS, AS WELL AS OTHER RIGHTS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS DISCARDED ITS LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF CLAIMS UNDER NEGOTIATION AT A TIME. THIS OPENS THE POSSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATION OF AN ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CURRENTLY, SEVEN COMPREHENSIVE CLAIMS ARE IN ACTIVE NEGOTIATION, INCLUDING THE CLAIM OF THE NASKAPI MONTAGNAIS INNU ASSOCIATION IN LABRADOR. INNOVATIONS TO THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS ARE BEING CONSIDERED, SUCH AS REGIONAL OR PROVINCE-WIDE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WHERE THERE ARE MANY CLAIMS, A TASK FORCE INVOLVING INDIAN LEADERSHIP, THE PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, HAS RECENTLY SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LAND CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS.

IN THE CASE OF SPECIFIC CLAIMS MADE PURSUANT TO EXISTING TREATIES, THE INDIAN ACT OR OTHER AGREEMENTS, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A SPECIFIC CLAIMS COMMISSION TO WHICH INDIAN PARTIES TO THE PROCESS CAN REFER GOVERNMENT DECISIONS ON THEIR CLAIMS FOR REVIEW. A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY WITH NOTABLE EXPERIENCE IN RESOLVING NATIVE CLAIMS HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO CHAIR THE COMMISSION. THE MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS COMMISSION IS THAT IT WILL PROVIDE A REVIEW MECHANISM FOR SPECIFIC CLAIMS WHICH IS INDEPENDENT AND LESS ADVERSARIAL THAN THE JUDICIAL PROCESS, WHILE STILL LEAVING

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INDIAN CLAIMANTS FREE TO TAKE THEIR CLAIMS TO THE COURTS IF THEY CHOOSE. THE COMMISSION WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN INDIVIDUAL CASES TO THE CABINET, BOTH ON THE QUESTION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LAWFUL OBLIGATIONS AND THE CRITERIA ON WHICH COMPENSATION IS TO BE NEGOTIATED. IN ADDITION, A JOINT WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF INDIGENOUS AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL SOON BE ESTABLISHED TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THE SPECIFIC CLAIMS POLICY ITSELF.

OTHER SPECIFIC CLAIMS CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE. CLAIMS ORIGINATING PRIOR TO THE FORMATION OF CANADA IN 1867 ARE NOW ACCEPTED UNDER THE PROCESS. A FASTER SETTLEMENT PROCESS FOR SMALLER CLAIMS IS BEING PUT IN PLACE. AS WELL, AUTHORITY HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED TO THE MINISTER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES OF UP TO \$7 MILLION PER CLAIM, IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE FINANCIAL APPROVALS. THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE IS TO SETTLE SOME 500 SPECIFIC CLAIMS BY THE TURN OF THE CENTURY.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON,

THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF TOO MANY ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES LAG BEHIND THOSE OF MOST OTHER CANADIAN COMMUNITIES. THE SECOND POINT IN THE NATIVE AGENDA IS THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO AMELIORATE THESE CONDITIONS. AMONG THE INITIATIVES THAT WILL BE PURSUED BY CANADA IN THIS REGARD ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- EXTENSION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES IN PARTICULAR AREAS OF THE COUNTRY;
- IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INDIAN HOUSING POLICY;
- DEVELOPMENT OF MORE EFFECTIVE INDIAN POLICING SERVICES ON RESERVE;
- HELPING TO MAKE INDIAN EDUCATION MORE RELEVANT TO THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES; AND
- PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS ON RESERVE.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PUBLIC ISSUES TO FACE GOVERNMENTS FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, MADAM CHAIRPERSON, CONCERN'S OUR GLOBAL AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE HAVE A STRONG INTEREST IN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND THEIR TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES CAN TEACH US A GREAT DEAL ABOUT MODELS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS PUT FORWARD A GREEN PLAN TO COME TO GRIPS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATIONS THAT REQUIRE ATTENTION. ONE IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE GREEN PLAN, THE ARCTIC ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY, EMPHASIZES THE INVOLVEMENT OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS

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ASSOCIATED WITH THE STRATEGY. THESE PROJECTS CONCERN THE CLEANUP OF WASTE, THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF WATER, THE ANALYSIS OF CONTAMINANTS IN NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS AND THE DIETS OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE. AS WELL, THE POLICY ALLOWS FOR THE INTEGRATION OF ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES. THE INVOLVEMENT OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AT ALL STAGES OF THE ARCTIC ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY ENSURES THAT PLANS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VIEWPOINTS OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AND THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL CONDITIONS IN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES.

IN KEEPING WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN DOMESTIC ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, CANADA IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH ABORIGINAL PEOPLE TO FACILITATE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCED). AT THE SECOND UNCED PREPCOM, CANADA, ALONG WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, PROPOSED A RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE PLENARY, RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION THAT INDIGENOUS PEOPLE COULD MAKE TO UNCED, AND INVITING THEIR INPUT INTO THE PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR THE CONFERENCE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA'S ABORIGINAL PEOPLE ON OUR DELEGATION TO THE UNCED PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER INDIGENOUS GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS LEADING UP TO THE CONFERENCE IN JUNE 1992.

ON ANOTHER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTER, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ANNOUNCED ON JULY 10, 1991 THAT A PUBLIC REVIEW WILL BE HELD OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL REPERCUSSIONS OF THE ENTIRE GRANDE BALEINE HYDRO-ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, INCLUDING THE ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURES. THE PANEL CONDUCTING THE REVIEW WILL WORK, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, WITH THE EXISTING PROVINCIAL PANELS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, THE CREEES AND THE INUIT. IT WILL RESPECT THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT. WHEN ANNOUNCING THE DECISION, THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF HOLDING A FULL AND PUBLIC ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECT, BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON,

THE THIRD POINT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S NATIVE AGENDA RELATES TO LEGISLATIVE ALTERNATIVES TO THE INDIAN ACT. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INDIAN ACT IN CANADA IS PATERNALISTIC AND WAYS MUST BE FOUND TO BETTER SERVE THE INTERESTS OF FIRST NATIONS. UNDER INDIAN LEADERSHIP, WORK IS WELL UNDERWAY TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES TO THE INDIAN ACT TO ENABLE INDIANS TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. THOSE INDIAN COMMUNITIES THAT PREFER TO GOVERN THEMSELVES APART FROM THE INDIAN ACT CAN NEGOTIATE SELF-GOVERNMENT THROUGH NEW LEGISLATIVE ARRANGEMENTS THAT REFLECT MORE CLOSELY THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES. IN ADDITION, ABORIGINAL GROUPS

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PURSUING COMPREHENSIVE LAND CLAIMS HAVE THE OPTION OF NEGOTIATING SELF-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS, PARALLEL WITH THE CLAIMS PROCESS. DISCUSSIONS ON SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR METIS AND OFF RESERVE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE ARE BEING HELD IN SEVERAL PROVINCES. THE GOVERNMENT IS THUS RESPONDING AS FLEXIBLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE DIFFERING NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON,

THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES THAT COMPOSE THE FIRST THREE PARTS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S NATIVE AGENDA ARE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE PLACE TO WHICH ABORIGINAL PEOPLE ASPIRE IN CANADIAN SOCIETY. I MENTIONED EARLIER THAT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM IS ONCE AGAIN AT THE FOREFRONT OF PUBLIC ISSUES IN CANADA. CANADIANS, AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS, ARE RE-ASSESSING WHAT SORTS OF STRUCTURES ARE NEEDED TO GUIDE CANADA INTO THE FUTURE. BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM HAVE INDICATED CLEARLY THAT ABORIGINAL CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES WILL BE A CENTRAL PART OF THE DISCUSSIONS ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE. FURTHERMORE, ABORIGINAL PEOPLE WILL BE PROVIDED WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS.

IN ORDER TO CHART A NEW COURSE, THE GOVERNMENT IS ENGAGED IN A BROAD CONSULTATIVE PROCESS INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POSITION PAPER OUTLINING OPTIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM. TWO COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED TO HEAR THE VIEWS OF CANADIANS HAVE ALREADY REPORTED, AND BOTH HAVE IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE. ONE COMMITTEE, A CITIZEN'S FORUM ON CANADA'S FUTURE, SUGGESTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZE ABORIGINAL SELF-GOVERNMENT IN THE CONSTITUTION. SECONDLY, A SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING PROCESS HAS MADE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE INVOLVEMENT OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AMONG OTHERS, WILL BE REVIEWED BY A THIRD COMMITTEE, THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND THE SENATE, WHICH WILL BEGIN WORK IN SEPTEMBER TO HEAR THE VIEWS OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS, ABORIGINAL GROUPS AND OTHERS, ON PROPOSALS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE FOR CANADA. INITIATED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS, AN ABORIGINAL TASK FORCE WILL ALSO BE ESTABLISHED, SO THAT ABORIGINAL PEOPLE CAN DEFINE THEIR OBJECTIVES FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM IN A PARALLEL PROCESS TO THAT OF THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE. LINKAGES WILL BE ESTABLISHED SO THAT THE TWO GROUPS MAY COMMUNICATE AS THE PROCESSES ADVANCE. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WAY, WE CAN PROCEED TO THE NEXT STAGE OF DISCUSSIONS LEADING TOWARD THE CONSTITUTIONAL ENTRENCHMENT OF ABORIGINAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

IN APRIL, THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A ROYAL COMMISSION ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS. IN RESPONSE TO ABORIGINAL REQUESTS THAT THEY BE CONSULTED ON THE COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION, THE PRIME MINISTER APPOINTED JUSTICE DICKSON, RETIRED CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA, TO ENGAGE IN WIDESPREAD CONSULTATIONS ON

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THESE TWO POINTS. JUSTICE DICKSON IS EXPECTED TO REPORT TO THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON,

THE PRIME MINISTER'S UNDERTAKING TO "REVIEW THE FUNDAMENTAL PLACE AND ROLE OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN CANADA" IS WELL UNDERWAY. LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENTS, THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND CONSTITUTIONAL RENEWAL HOLD PROMISE THAT WE CAN INDEED REACH THE GOVERNMENT'S GOAL OF "FULL PARTICIPATION OF CANADA'S ABORIGINAL PEOPLES IN CANADA'S ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND POLITICAL LIFE ACROSS THE COUNTRY."

THANK YOU MADAM CHAIRPERSON.

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REFTEL (NOTAL) REQUESTED UPDATE ON STATUS OF LUBICON LAND CLAIM AND INFO ON POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN CLAIM AND DAISHOWA TO ALLOW POST TO RESPOND TO LET ON ISSUE FROM NGO.

2. WE HAVE SINCE RECD REQUEST FOR SIMILAR INFO FROM GERMAN ASSOCIATION OF PAPER MANUFACTURERS. AS ANNEX TO REQUEST ASSOC FORWARDED COPIES OF LETTERS TO IT FROM FOLLOWING QUOTE NGO S UNQUOTE: QUOTE GESELLSCHAFT FUER OEKOLOGISCHE FORSCHUNG UNQUOTE (SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH) BASED IN MUNIC, TWO REGIONAL SECTIONS OF QUOTE GESELLSCHAFT FUER BEDROHTE VOELKER UNQUOTE (SOCIETY FOR ENDANGERED PEOPLES), AND QUOTE ARTISTS UNITED FOR NATURE, NGO WHICH ALSO CONTACTED EMBASSY DIRECT. YOU WILL RECALL THAT SOCIETY FOR ENDANGERED PEOPLES WAS PRESENT AT YOUR BRIEFING LAST JAN IN BONN AND WE INTERMITTANTLY CORRESPOND WITH VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THIS

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ORGANIZATION.

3. FOLLOWING CLAIMS ARE MADE IN LETTERS:

- A) ALBERTA SOLD TRADITIONAL LUBICAON LANDS TO DAISHOWA IN 1988.
- B) DAISHOWA AND ITS AFFILIATE CARIBOO PULP AND PAPER IS PRACTISING CLEAR-CUTTING OF AREA AND DIRECTLY THREATENING EXISTENCE OF LUBICON.
- C) DAISHOWA PULP MILL ON PEACE RIVER IS POLLUTING WATER WITH SULFATES AND CHLORINE.
- D) U.N. HAS DENOUNCED CDN GOVT AND DAISHOWA AND CLASSED THEIR ACTIVITIES EXPLICITLY AS GENOCIDE.

4. FROM CONTEXT OF LETTERS IT APPEARS THAT SIMILAR LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO MAJOR PUBLISHERS. AUTHORS ENCOURAGE RECIPIENTS TO REVIEW THEIR SOURCING OF NEWSPRINT AND CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES.

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HAVE RECEIVED LETTER FROM ORGANIZATION CALLED QUOTE ARTISTS UNITED FOR NATURE UNQUOTE, A MUNICH-BASED NGO UNKNOWN TO US. LETTER LINKS LUBICON CLAIM WITH REPORTEDLY DESTRUCTIVE FORESTRY PRACTICES OF JAPANESE PAPER MANUFACTURER DAISHOWA IN ALBERTA. PARTICULARREFERENCE IS MADE TO CLEAR-CUTTING AND BLEACHING.

2. ALTHOUG WE CANNOT DETERMINE IF THIS IS SHOT IN DARK OR BEGINNING OF NEW CAMPAIGN, WISH TO BE PREPARED FOR ALL EVENTUALITIES. WOULD APPREC A) UPDATE ON STATUS OF LUBICON LAND CLAIM, B) LINK, IF ANY BETWEEN LAND CLAIMED BY NATIVES AND TIMBER LEASE ACCORDED TO DAISHOWA.

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Paul Brunet

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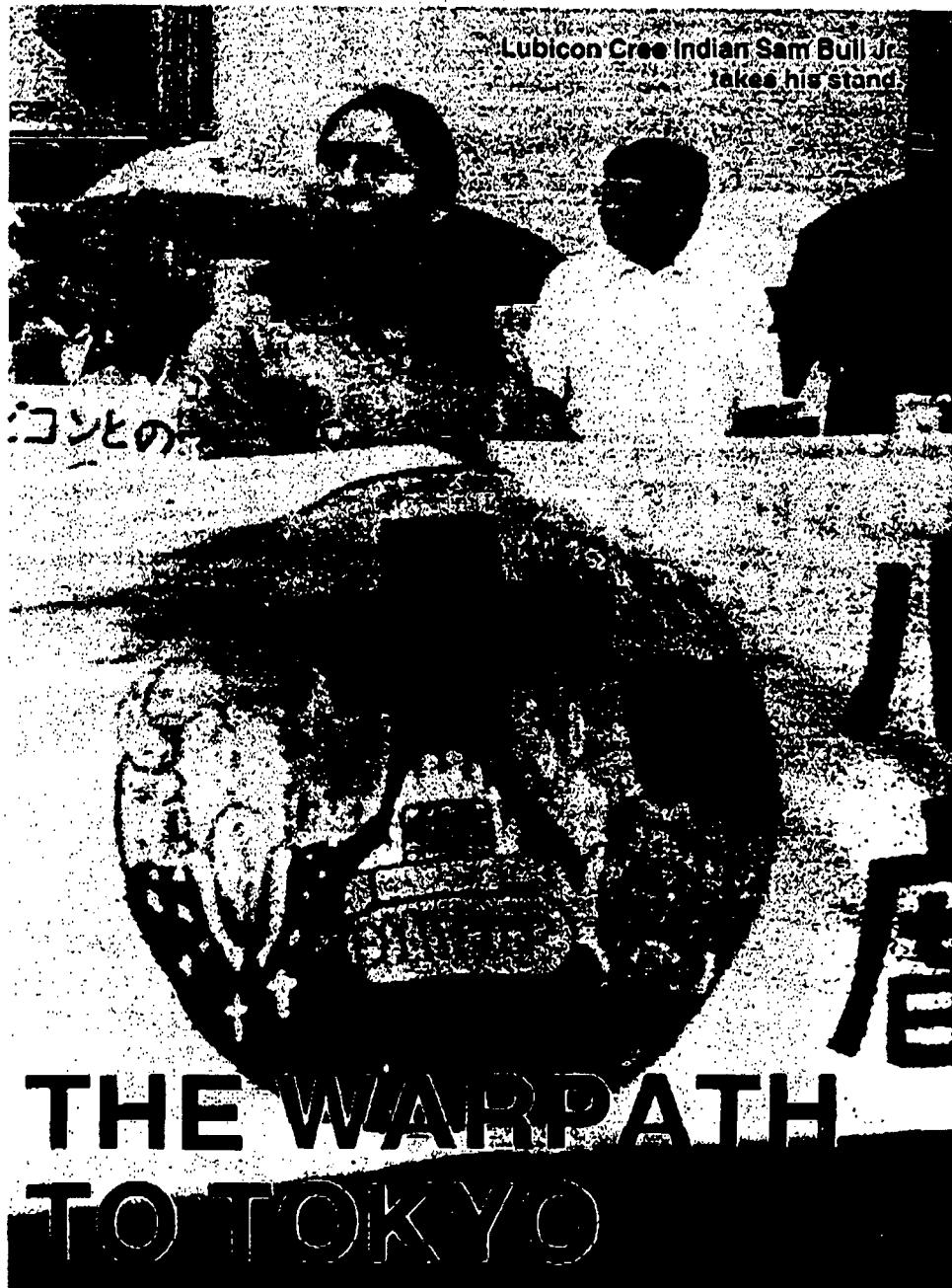
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**Shinjinrui:  
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Hideo Banzai says the economy is under threat from within as well as without. Page 14.

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Suzan Aikins' work will be shown at the 36th CWAJ Print Show and Sale at the Tokyo American Club. Page 16.



**THE WARPATH**

**TOKYO**

By Hugh Paxton

**W**hen Canadian Indians and leading churchmen massed outside a sleek Otemachi office block recently, it attracted more than a few curious glances as the business district disgorged its workers for lunch.

Just as inconspicuous were the banners held by the delegation's sup-

porters. "Stop Daishowa Geopoece!" "Canada's Trees — Japan's Garbage!" and "Daishowa Out!"

From the offices of Daishowa Paper Mfg Ltd, however, there was no response. Daishowa's chairman, Kiminori Saito, had already made it clear that any meeting between his company and the Indians would be "inappropriate." And there was no last-minute change of heart.

After an hour's wait in steady typhoon rains, the Lubicon Indian delegation ran out of patience. "We came to Tokyo to talk with Daishowa Paper's executives about their

operations on our land," shouted Lubicon chief, Bernard Ominayak, his voice rising against the steady grumble of Tokyo's mid-day traffic. "We wanted to avoid a dangerous and potentially violent confrontation between their people and ours. But they have made it clear that they will not meet us. We will proceed accordingly."

To the applause of supporters, Ominayak carefully painted a blood-red cross through a placard bearing Daishowa's company symbol.

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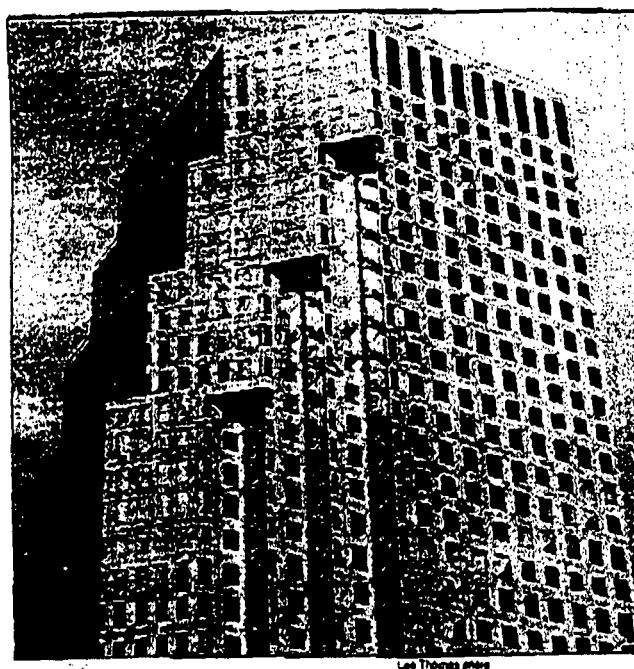
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Vancouver headquarters of Daishowa Canada

Two days later the Lubicon Cree delegation returned to their native Alberta, in Ominayak's words "to prepare for the next stage."

Bernard Ominayak himself refused to comment on what steps the Lubicon would take to protect their "traditional lands" against Daishowa's logging subsidiaries. But many Indian rights analysts believe that there is a strong possibility of a violent confrontation.

"We are organizing boycotts of Daishowa products and we will continue to petition the Canadian authorities," says Fred Lannarson, the Lubicon's advisor. "But ultimately the Lubicon have made it very clear that if Daishowa goes ahead and begins logging in unceded Lubicon territory this fall, the Lubicon will oppose it on the ground."

In Canada's current climate of inter-racial tension, such warnings should be taken seriously. Last



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Tom Harrisawa,  
vice president  
of Daishowa Canada

year, armed Mohawks took to barricades in梧州, northwest of Montreal, to protest a golf course being extended onto land they claimed was theirs. In a brief exchange of gunfire, a Quebec Provincial Police officer was killed and the 65-day stand-off that followed made headlines worldwide.

According to Glen Davies of the Canadian Council of Churches, the Oka confrontation did much to focus Canadian people's attention on the rights of indigenous Indians. "Groups from around the country are now working together to further the cause of aboriginal people," he says.

Davies, whose organization partially sponsored the Lubicon delegation's visit to Tokyo, emphasizes that if Daishowa does log on Lubicon land, it won't just find itself up against 500 Lubicon Cree Indians. "The churches of Canada are com-

pletely behind Chief Ominayak in this issue," he says.

So too, is the United Nations Human Rights Commission. After 40 years of unsuccessful attempts to negotiate a land rights settlement with the Canadian government, the Lubicon took their case to international arbitration. The UN commission ruled in their favor and declared that the Canadian government "had violated the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation's rights under Article 27 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights."

Despite this, there has still been no breakthrough. "The Lubicon are no nearer to reaching a satisfactory agreement with the government than they were 60 years ago," says Indian rights attorney Sam Sun Jr. "Instead," he contends, "Lubicon territory has been ruthlessly destroyed by oil companies aided by the Alberta government."

Says Ominayak, "An estimated \$9 billion worth of oil has been extracted from our territory and not one cent of it has been given to the Lubicon," 95 percent of whose people now live on welfare in conditions of extreme poverty. "We have had our traditional hunting grounds destroyed for the profit of other people," he adds.

Although the value of those hunting grounds, under Canadian law, the disputed territory is still classified as "Crown land" Rio Macdonald of Tokyo's Alberta provincial office, says, "This means that the land belongs to the Alberta provincial government."

As do royalties accruing from oil, minerals or lumber extracted within its boundaries, she explains. "The government has the right to decide what to do with the land," Macdonald says.

### By Lee Thomas

**F**or three days this summer, Japan's Ainu joined hands with indigenous peoples of Canada and Japanese Canadians to fight against the destruction of the environment and to protect the rights of aboriginal peoples throughout the world.

A delegation of Ainu from Nibutani village in Hokkaido, headed by story teller Shigeru Kayano, traveled to Canada to take part in a three-day Earth Spirit Festival. The central message of the festival, held in an area known as The Harbourfront in Toronto, was that the struggle to protect the earth is a global one and that all peoples on this earth are equal.

The area came alive with First Nation Indians, Inuit and Ainu, as well as Japanese-Canadian music, theater, film, art, literature and crafts. There were also conferences and seminars on the environment.

Kayano, one of the few remaining Ainu still fluent in his native tongue, is the founder and curator of the National Ainu Cultural Resource Center. Since the age of 30, when Ainu elders convinced him of the tragedy of letting their civilization disappear, he has made it his life work to restore the Ainu culture and identity. Until then he was one of many Ainu who denied their

### Ainu join with Indians

Ainu delegation  
in Toronto



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Ainu identity, and was indifferent toward total assimilation with the Japanese people at large.

Kayano had always thought highly of the Canadian government for establishing treaties with the indigenous peoples of Canada, thereby legally recognizing their aboriginal status. But he soon realized that the native battle for land rights in Canada is far from resolved and that treaties are easily broken. Yet he still feels that even as a symbolic gesture, treaties have their uses. He was angry that the Japanese have never sat down with Ainu people for "ukochar-anke" — an Ainu word meaning a mutual exchange of words. "The

Japanese invaded our lands and conquered us, then forgot we ever existed as a people with our own customs, language and traditions, despite reminding us of it daily through racial bullying and discriminatory employment practices," he said. It is still difficult for Ainu to work in banks or the police force.

The Ainu are also protesting the construction of a dam near the mouth of Saru River in Nibutani that threatens to flood large areas of their traditional land. Kayano spoke with Cree people of Northern Quebec during his visit to Canada, who are under similar threat from damming of their rivers. The Crees stressed the importance of

sustaining a land base. "A distinct way of life cannot be maintained without the preservation of the lands upon which it is based," said

"You cannot replace the environment and your activities on it with financial compensation."

In a further expression of solidarity, a delegation from the Lubicon Lake Cree Nation from Northern Alberta recently visited the Nibutani Ainu in Hokkaido. The chief of the Lubicon, Bernard Ominayak, was disappointed but unperturbed by the Japanese government's intransigence toward the land issue. "We have been fighting for recognition of our land title for over 50 years within the Canadian legal system and it has got us nowhere," he said. "We are losing our land and people are being destroyed, just like ours. We've learned that we're in the good will of the government's good will as suicide." Unless we can take more direct action, he was skeptical about the chances of survival as an independent group of aboriginal people.

Both the native peoples of Canada and the U.S. are claiming the rights to develop their land not "unnaturally" for profit and naturally" to protect the way of life

Lee Thomas is a Canadian reporter

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Remains of clear cutting on Lubicon territory

In September 1987, the Alberta government exercised that right by releasing a 22-minute video titled "Room to Grow." The video spearheaded a campaign to diversify the province's oil-dependent economy at a time when oil prices were slumping. By any standards, the campaign and the video were extremely successful.

Daishowa Paper Mfg. Ltd., a huge company known for its aggressive overseas expansion policies, was first at the table, followed by a dozen other Japanese, American and Canadian firms, including Procter & Gamble Cellulose, Honshu Paper,

and Mitsubishi Paper.

Within months of the video's release, and without public hearings, the Alberta government issued 20-year leases for a forested area approximately the size of Britain. As Rae Macdonald admits, "There's nothing much left to lease now."

A sizable percentage of this previously undisturbed forest was aspen, known to Indians as "noisy leaf" because of the sighing sound the trees make in a breeze. To early American loggers who lacked the know-how that was necessary to process it, this slender hardwood was simply "junk wood," or a "weed."

Born of timber culture woods, such as spruce and fir, Japanese technology, however, based on the hardwoods of southern Asia, had devised a processing system that could convert aspen into veneer paper. Aspen was suddenly in demand.

The timber company's enthusiasm was easy to understand — the logic of the Alberta government, perhaps less so. Michael Nifluk and Ed Goss, members of the Great Bear Rainforest Council, say:

"It's like the Japanese came in and said, 'We're going to cut down all the aspen in the boreal forest. We're going to do it in a way that's better than you've ever done it before. You can't stop us.'

The Alberta government and the judges presiding over a suit against logging operations in the northern forests. Three-hundred thousand Albertans (one-quarter of the state's population) have so far signed a petition calling for a moratorium on Kraft-pulp mills of the sort Daishowa has built.

Kraft-mills cause pollution and destroy the environment," says attorney Bill Bull. "They would not be allowed in Japan."

Tom Hammarstrom, president of the Lubicon First Nation, says:

Daishowa's \$380-million Paper mill, disputes this claim: "Kraft mills are legal in every country in the world apart from West Germany," he says. "There are odors and there is run-off," he admits. But he points to Daishowa's water purification plant as an example of the company's commitment to combating water pollution. "The mill was constructed at the invitation of the government," he adds.

He also denies Lubicon claims made in 1988, Daishowa Canada's managing director, Koichi Kitagawa, promises to begin logging on the disputed territory until a land rights agreement is reached.

No agreement was ever made," he claims. "The Indians, themselves, dispute the legitimacy of the community. Says Lennarson, "If the Indians were Capote's puppys instead of Daishowa's big dogs, we'd be a mile long and still growing."

Hammarstrom swears that Kitagawa gave him word that no logging would commence on unceded Lubicon territory.

Whether such a promise was made or not, Daishowa has clearly lost some of its potency with the long-standing land dispute recent

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in court. In July, Bull, on behalf of the Indians, filed a writ of habeas corpus against Daishowa in Tokyo to force the company to release four Indians who confers with the press, below from left, Paul Lefebvre, Alexander Edward O'malleyak, Sam Bull and Sam Bull Jr.



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Hard times  
on the Lubicon

In 1978, the Alberta provincial government completed an all-weather road into Lubicon Lake Cree Indian territory, paving the way for an invasion of oil companies and, later, logging companies to exploit local resources. Nearly 400 oil wells, which have extracted an estimated \$1 billion in oil revenues to date, have been drilled within a 16-mile radius of the Lubicon community. None of the proceeds, however, have gone to the Lubicon people.

More recently, the Japanese forestry giant Daishowa has been pushing subsidiary and subcontracted logging companies to "clear-cut" the area — to supply wood to its controversial \$650 million bleach-Kraft paper mill in neighboring Peace River.

"It really boils down to raw resource extraction and Third World economics," says Dawn Hill, a Mohawk Indian from the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ontario. "Japan is destroying Canadian forests and the Lubicon people are the ones who are paying the price. Daishowa is a card in a political game and it is being used to get rid of a small group of people."

Where oil extraction and logging has taken place in Canada, the environment has often been so disrupted that it has left many native Indians little wildlife to hunt or



Walter Whitehead, Lubicon hunter and trapper, makes less money.

bread. Thus they say, they have been deprived of their main source of food and income. In 1979, for example, the Lubicon trapped 219 moose; in 1989, they took only 19. During the same period, the average annual income from trapping fell from more than \$5,000 per man to less than \$400.

The Lubicon Lake Cree Nation has a population of about 400 and is centered in and around a village called Little Buffalo. The community store, with its corrugated iron walls and roof, resembles an air-raid shelter. It is poorly stocked with cheap processed fare such as tinned meats and fruits, salted snacks and sweet fizzy drinks. Occasionally, the owner might sell

few poor Indians losing a few trees," she says. "Natives all over Canada will be watching what happens here. The Lubicon struggle is prophetic, and the outcome will affect us all."

Shy, soft-spoken and unassuming, Bernard Ominayak is not what you might expect of an Indian chief. His wooden house is modestly furnished and in need of repairs. It is a 10-minute walk to the nearest neighbor. Without plumbing, water is drawn and transported from a nearby river. A latrine serves as the chief's toilet.

Most striking is his self-possession under pressure. Chief Ominayak says any land settlement with the government must include a provision for land resource and wildlife management to ensure that future generations inherit more than an ecological wasteland. "I'm not willing to compromise the rights of our children for short-term gains," he says. The prospect of having to fight to prevent logging doesn't seem to frighten him. "We've done everything we can to avoid a confrontation," he says, "but if Daishowa or its affiliated companies log on our land this fall then we're prepared to stop them on the ground if necessary."

This could well be the Lubicon's last stand to prevent resource extraction from plunging their community into irreparable poverty. "Look into their eyes," says Hill. "They are a desperate people with nothing to lose." — L.T.

Indians demand  
logging end

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tempts to sell the Peace River mill to Marubeni have failed, leaving Daishowa no option but to begin logging, says James Munro of Daishowa's Edmonton office. "We cannot indefinitely postpone the timber harvest to which we are entitled," he adds.

Hamaoka stresses, "There will be no logging by Daishowa Canada, its subcontractors or anybody connected to us on land claimed by the Lubicon." He admits, however, that logging will take place by Brewster Construction Ltd., but that "Brewster is a family owned company that

had been logging in the area for the past 13 years."

Brewster was bought by Ontario, Canada Ltd. last year. In that same year, Buchanan Brothers, another Daishowa subsidiary, began logging on unceded Lubicon land — despite Ominayak's warning that "failure to obtain operating permits from the Lubicon Indian nation will make such operations subject to removal at any time without further notice." Bernard Ominayak's personal trap line — a trapping area decided by consensus among the Lubicon — was bulldozed during Buchanan's logging operations, and, shortly afterward, some of Buchanan's equipment was attacked. Thirteen Lubicon were subsequently arrested and charged with mischief, arson, disguise with intent and possession of explosive.

Following the recent failure of the Lubicon delegation to meet Daishowa Canada in mid-September, tensions between the two parties seem steeper than ever, Hamaoka says. He deeply regrets these extreme situations. He points to the opportunities for employment with the Peace River Kraft mill off the Lubicon. "They do need to be exploited and they need to be developed," he says seriously, "but they can't be banned." He points to Daishowa's high-level saw mill as an example. "Over 40 percent of the people employed there are aboriginal. If they can be successful, so can the Lubicons."

Bernard Ominayak and his supporters dismiss such attitudes impatiently. The Lubicon stress that they do not want a single package of money of the sort that was proposed by the government in 1989, when

they were offered a surprise "take it or leave it" compensation deal of \$45 million. "With a clean conscience," says Ominayak, "would leave our people forever dependent on welfare and on outsiders to manage and provide for us. We will never accept such a humiliating future."

Nor do the Lubicon want to be employed by Daishowa Canada, which Sam Bull Jr. has dubbed a forest-eating monster. "What we want is a sustainable future for our people," says Ominayak. "That means we want our land rights. In Alberta, temperatures have already reached zero degrees, says Stephen McKay of Friends of the Earth. That means that the logging could start any day now."

And Sam Bull says, "We are ready for them. Indian youth across Canada are preparing — . . .

## What the readers are saying

Mari fan

For my money, Mari Shima-mura is the best thing that has ever happened to The Weekly, and I could only be more impressed by your revelation (The Weekly, Sept. 28) that you and the mysteriously named S-ko have also fallen victim to the discreet charms of music.

So I read your comments with great interest — and a grin to the side bit about Takatoriki, which cannot go unchallenged.

Distinctly unattractive? My

other at Fujishima baya, I hope to have the opportunity to set you straight on this dismal oversight.

For one thing, Takatoriki cannot possibly be subjected to comparison with the Waka-Taka phenomenon. If the Hanada boys are Mozart, for example, then Takatoriki is just out rock'n'roll! If Takahashina is an evening curled up on satin pillows eating chocolate bon-bons, then Takatoriki is a gallop across the movie on a horse furiously out of control. In other words, to each his own, but for pity's sake don't give this connector a chance at the

light of the sport.

Or, as I have often said, if sumo were sonnets, this guy is Shakespeare! Who else can you recognize half a block away from behind just by the way he struts? And I suppose you didn't catch him last January on the TV song competition, merrily bellowing out the Regain theme song with a docile Waka-Taka back-up group: Nan, you would have fallen for him on the spot, as I did. Coatsuit, indeed!

Incidentally, Fujishima baya does have six children. Toporumu,

above-mentioned heartthrob, Taku-atoriki.

Becky Tanaka  
Tokyo

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# Marubeni eyes paper pulp mill on Indian land

By JOY TADAKI

Staff writer

Marubeni Corp. is considering the joint purchase of an Alberta paper pulp mill, now at the heart of a dispute over the use of Indian lands, from Daishowa Paper Mfg. Co., a Marubeni spokesman said Friday.

If purchased, the pulp plant in Peace River would be owned by Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd., a Canadian company owned equally by Daishowa and Marubeni Terutaka Sugano said.

Daishowa officials refused to comment on the company's plans for the factory.

However, Tom Hamaoka, vice president and general

manager of Daishowa Canada, said in a telephone interview Thursday that he knows of no formal plan to sell the plant.

"The terminology in terms of a sale is totally incorrect," Hamaoka said.

In a Canadian radio news broadcast Wednesday, Hamaoka said that despite reports of a joint venture between Daishowa and Marubeni, "there have been no formal negotiations." The firm hasn't even been approached to date, he said.

Spokesman Sugano said Marubeni's decision to purchase the plant will be finalized by December.

Peace River logging plans

have been challenged by Canada's Lubicon Indians, who have been pursuing a claim against the Canadian government over rights to the natural resources on traditional Indian lands.

The potential sale follows the recent Tokyo visit by four Lubicon Indian representatives requesting a meeting with Tokyo Daishowa officials.

The refusal to meet sparked a Sept. 18 demonstration by the Indian delegation, gathering supporters outside the company's headquarters in Otemachi, Tokyo.

The Indians claim that Daishowa Canada will break a 1988 verbal agreement if

logging begins before their land rights claim is settled with the Canadian federal government.

Daishowa said it legitimately bought logging rights from the Alberta government, and the dispute remains a matter between the Indians and the Canadian federal government, according to a prepared Daishowa statement.

According to sources, the proposed sale remains part of a plan to reduce Daishowa's ¥450 billion debt.

Daishowa is expected to ask at least ¥90 billion for the 9-month-old plant, equivalent to the amount of its investment in the facility.

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Ci-bas veuillez trouver cinq articles repris de journaux japonais, traduits par l'ambassade, concernant la visite des Cris du Lac Lubicon au Japon. Veuillez noter que ces articles proviennent de journaux régionaux avec un tirage qui ne dépasse 500,000 lecteurs.

Le sixième article provenant du Mainichi Shinbum - tirage 4,000,000 lecteurs - traite d'une Japonaise qui parcourt l'Amérique du Nord afin de protester contre la situation des Autochtones.

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Minami Nihon Shinbun, le 12 septembre 1991

Rubrique intitulée "Keshi-gomu" (Gomme à effacer)

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En conférence de presse le chef a déclaré: "si la forêt disparaît, l'écologie de la région sera détruite et nous aussi." Il prévoit de rendre aux bureaux de Daishowa à Tokyo le 18 septembre pour tenter d'obtenir une rencontre avec des représentants de la compagnie. La compagnie refuse cependant de lui accorder cette rencontre prétextant qu'elle "procède à la coupe des arbres avec l'assentiment du gouvernement canadien et des autres autorités. Quant aux revendications territoriales des indiens, il s'agit d'un problème entre le gouvernement canadien et les indiens auquel Daishowa ne devrait pas se mêler."

Le chef Ominayak dit avoir demandé à deux reprises à des représentants de la filiale canadienne de Daishowa de le rencontrer, mais en vain. "C'est la vie de la forêt qui est en jeu. Le nombre d'orignaux a déjà diminué de façon dramatique. Si la compagnie Daishowa prétend avoir obtenu du gouvernement canadien le droit de couper les arbres, elle fait fausse route et j'aimerais pouvoir m'adresser aux représentants de la compagnie-mère de vive voix," a déclaré le chef Ominayak.

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Nishi Nippon Shinbun, le 19 septembre 1991

Au sujet de la coupe du bois au Canada  
**DES INDIENS INDIGENES PROTESTENT AUPRES D'UNE ENTREPRISE JAPONAISE**

Le 18 septembre un groupe d'environ 100 personnes formé de Bernard Ominayak, chef des Cris du Lac Lubicon, et de sympathisants a manifesté devant les bureaux de Daishowa Paper situés à Otemachi pour protester la coupe du bois à laquelle se livre sa filiale canadienne en Alberta. Les protestataires ont sommé la compagnie "de cesser sur le champ cette coupe des arbres qui usurpe aux peuples autochtones leur droit de préserver leur mode de vie traditionnel." Le chef Ominayak a demandé une rencontre avec le président de la compagnie, mais la compagnie a refusé, insistant "qu'il s'agissait d'un problème entre les indiens et le gouvernement canadien."

Selon les sympathisants, Daishowa Canada, filiale canadienne de Daishowa, s'adonne à la coupe du bois et à la production de pâte à papier depuis qu'elle a obtenu du gouvernement des droits de coupe sur un territoire de 30,000 kilomètres carrés à Peace River en Alberta. Au sujet du territoire, le chef Ominayak affirme que "Daishowa avait démontré un manque total d'égard envers nous qui habitons ces terres depuis plusieurs générations lorsqu'elle a fait l'acquisition de cette concession territoriale."

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Sports Nippon, le 12 septembre 1991

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Fukui Shinbun, le 12 septembre 1991

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L'usine de pâte à papier de la filiale de Daishowa a été terminée en juillet 1990 et a produit 340,000 tonnes annuellement. En 1988, la filiale canadienne de Daishowa, appelée Daishowa Canada, se portait acquéreur d'un territoire de 30,000 kilomètres carrés (environ X 1.5 la superficie de l'île de Shikoku) au nord de l'usine pour lesquels elle obtint les droits de coupe. La filiale a d'abord commencé par la coupe des peupliers et autres essences forestières, mais elle prévoit élargir l'étendue de sa coupe à compter de cet automne. Cependant, les Cris du Lac Lubicon (population d'environ 500 personnes) ont l'habitude de chasser l'orignal et autres gibiers en plein cœur de ce territoire. Le gouvernement a accordé aux Cris environ 100 kilomètres carrés, alors qu'ils prétendent détenir des droits ancestraux sur 10,000 mètres carrés, avec le résultat que le problème persiste.

N.B. L'article paru dans l'édition du 16 septembre du Nara Shinbun reprend mot pour mot le contenu de l'article ci-haut. Il en va de même pour l'édition du 12 septembre du Kahoku Shinpo, ainsi que pour l'édition du 12 septembre du Niigata Nippo et celle du 13 septembre du Kii Mimpo, qui ont toutes deux laissé tomber le dernier paragraphe cependant.

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Un chef indien vient au Japon réclamer une rencontre avec une firme productrice de papier

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Le chef des Cris du Lac Lubicon, une tribu d'indiens autochtones revendiquant des droits de propriété sur un territoire de la province canadienne de l'Alberta où une filiale de Daishowa Paper (compagnie japonaise dont le siège social est situé dans la ville de Muji à Shizuoka) coupe des arbres pour faire de la pâte à papier, M. Bernard Ominayak, âgé de 41 ans, est venu au Japon sommer la compagnie de cesser la coupe des arbres - ce qu'il fit lors d'une conférence de presse.

En conférence de presse le chef a déclaré: "si la forêt disparaît, l'éologie de la région sera détruite et nous aussi." Il prévoit se rendre aux bureaux de Daishowa à Tokyo le 18 septembre pour tenter d'obtenir une rencontre avec des représentants de la compagnie. La compagnie refuse cependant de lui accorder cette rencontre prétextant qu'elle "procède à la coupe des arbres avec l'assentiment du gouvernement canadien et des autres autorités. Quant aux revendications territoriales des indiens, il s'agit d'un problème entre le gouvernement canadien et les indiens auquel Daishowa ne devrait pas se mêler."

L'usine de pâte et papier de la filiale de Daishowa a été terminé en juillet 1990 et ont y produit 340,000 tonnes. En 1988, la filiale canadienne, appelée Daishowa Canada, se portait acquéreur d'un territoire de 30,000 kilomètres carrés (environ 1.5 la superficie de l'île de Shikoku) au nord de l'usine pour lesquels elle obtint les droits de coupe. La filiale commença par la coupe des peupliers et autres essences forestières mais elle prévoit élargir l'étendu de sa coupe à compter de l'automne de cette année. Cependant, les Lubicon Cris (population d'environ 500 personnes) vivent en chassant l'orignal en plein cœur du territoire. Le gouvernement a accordé aux Cris environ 100 kilomètres carrés, alors qu'ils prétendent détention des droits ancestraux sur 10,000 mètres carrés, avec le résultat que le problème persiste.

Les Cris du Lac Lubicon demandent à Daishowa du Canada de cesser la coupe jusqu'à ce que le contentieux territorial entre les indiens et le gouvernement canadien soit réglé. Souliognong qu'en novembre dernier un incident s'est produit lorsque quelqu'un mit le feu à une abatteuse d'arbres.

Le chef Ominayak dit avoir demandé à deux reprises à des représentants de la filiale canadienne de Daishowa de le rencontrer, mais en vain. "C'est la vie de la forêt qui est en jeu. Le nombre d'orignaux a déjà diminué de façon dramatique. Si la compagnie Daishowa prétend avoir obtenu du gouvernement canadien le droit de couper les arbres, elle fait fausse route et j'aimerais pouvoir m'adresser aux représentants de la compagnie-mère de vive voix," a déclaré le chef Ominayak.

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Mainichi Shinbun, le 17 septembre 1991 (par Akinobu Okuda)

Tête rasée, une Japonaise parcourt l'Amérique du Nord pour protester la discrimination envers les Indiens "MON ACTION VISE A PROVOQUER UNE REACTION LOCALE" dit-elle.

Cet été, Mayumi Nakata, une artiste-coiffeuse de 29 ans de Nishimiya à Hyogo au Japon, s'est rasée la tête, sacrifiant du même coup sa chevelure noire, pour se lancer dans une tournée du Canada et des États-Unis afin de protester la discrimination envers les Indiens d'Amérique. Là-bas, elle a présenté des spectacles de performance dans le cadre du mouvement "Mail Art" qui susciteront l'intérêt de plusieurs habitants locaux.

Mlle Nakata est une des meilleures élèves de Shozo Shimamoto, professeur d'arts plastiques de l'Université Takarazuka bien connu à l'étranger en tant qu'adepte du "Mail Art". Le "Mail Art" consiste à utiliser du calmar séché ou des planches à couper au lieu du papier lors d'échanges épistolaires et compterait environ 3,000 adeptes à travers le monde.

Lors de l'été 1990 le professeur Shimamoto, grâce aux contacts établis avec le "Mail Art", participait au mouvement "Sacred Run" organisé par l'activiste indien Dennis Banks des États-Unis. Mlle Nakata était aussi de la tournée qui les mena de Londres à Moscou et au cours de laquelle ils parcourèrent 8,000 kilomètres.

Banks était le leader du groupe d'indiens disant défendre les droits légitime des indiens impliqué dans une confrontation armée avec le gouvernement américain à Wounded Knee en février 1973. Aujourd'hui il poursuit toujours son art visant à faire connaître le caractère unique de la culture des Indiens d'Amérique.

Cet été, après s'être rendue seule au Canada pour participer à la cérémonie marquant le départ du "Sacred Run", Mlle Nakata a ensuite entrepris une traversée de l'Amérique du Nord qui dura environ jusqu'à la fin du mois d'août et au cours de laquelle elle visita plusieurs régions des États-Unis et du Canada, y allant de son propre "Net Run" marqué par une série d'échanges avec les différentes communautés indiennes et les adeptes du "Mail Art".

C'est à Vancouver le matin de la cérémonie marquant l'ouverture du "Sacred Run" que Mlle Nakata se rasa la tête. Elle se fit couper les cheveux parce qu'elle croit depuis longtemps "qu'on communique avec Dieu à travers les cheveux", mais aussi en guise d'offrande pour le "Sacred Run" puisque les Indiens ont tendance à attribuer aux cheveux un caractère sacré.

Ensuite elle s'est rendu à Seattle, San-Francisco, Dallas, New-York, où elle eut des échanges avec des adeptes du "Mail Art". Elle put aussi compter sur le support de six sympathisants - parmi lesquels se trouvait une femme - qui décidèrent eux aussi, de leur propre chef, de se faire raser la tête.

A Dallas une performance organisée par des artistes d'"Art Mail" locaux fut annoncé dans les journaux, si bien que plusieurs spectateurs assistèrent à la performance ce qui valut à l'artiste

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qui se fit raser la tête des applaudissements nourris pour son beau crâne lisse.

Avant son départ, Mlle Nakata eut une dispute avec son père, administrateur d'une école de coiffeur, qui la déshérita. Elle entend profiter de ce voyage pour se prendre son envol en tant qu'artiste et affirme que "les cheveux sont pour moi un médium d'expression très important. Ce n'est pas tout d'avoir une société où toutes les jolies femmes ont les cheveux de la même longueur, j'aspire à une forme d'expression plus libre et spontanée. Je pense que les femmes japonaises ne s'intéressent pas suffisamment à leurs cheveux."

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To The Canadian Embassy  
 The Ambassador of Canada  
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Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Traditional Lubicon Indian Nation and their land dispute with the Government of Canada and Alberta.

Being informed since years about the fact that the Governments of Canada and Alberta claim jurisdiction over traditional Lubicon territory with no apparent legal or historical justification, protest I that the Governments of Canada and Alberta have sold the right to exploit Lubicon oil resources, so that the massive exploitation activities have destroyed the traditional Lubicon hunting and trapping economy.

The Government of Canada has sold the trees from the unceded Lubicon territory to a giant Japanese Multinational : Daishowa, who started clear-cutting huge parts of the unceded Lubicon territory.

Hereby do I demand to stop immediatly the activities of Daishowa until the jurisdictional dispute between the Government of Canada and the Lubicon Indian Nation is settled. The agreement of March 8, 1988 must be honored.

The Government must accept the major responsibility for what it has done and continues to do to the Lubicon People.

Sincerely,

*Martina Roels*

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Enclosed : Copy of the resolution on  
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Resolution on Daishowa and the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation

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WHEREAS the people of the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation have never ceded ownership of their traditional territory in any legally or historically recognized way;

AND WHEREAS the Governments of Canada and Alberta claim jurisdiction over traditional Lubicon Territory with no apparent legal or historical justification;

AND WHEREAS the Governments of Canada and Alberta have sought to impose their questionable jurisdiction over unceded Lubicon territory by, among other things, selling Lubicon natural resources;

AND WHEREAS over the past 15 years the Governments of Canada and Alberta have sold the right to exploit Lubicon oil resources to dozens of oil companies, whose massive exploitation activities have destroyed the traditional Lubicon hunting and trapping economy and threatened the very existence of the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation;

AND WHEREAS the Governments of Canada and Alberta have now sold the trees from the unceded Lubicon territory to a Japanese forestry company named Daishowa;

AND WHEREAS Daishowa plans to start clear-cutting huge parts of the unceded Lubicon Territory as early as this fall, which, if those plans are acted upon, will almost certainly assure the complete destruction and extinction of the traditional Lubicon society;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the participants of the 7th European Meeting of North American Indian Support Groups, representing Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States and various aboriginal nations and organizations, do hereby demand that Daishowa not take advantage of the jurisdictional dispute between the Governments of Canada and the Lubicon Indian Nation for its own economic benefit and stay out of the traditional Lubicon territory until the jurisdictional dispute between both levels of Canadian Government and the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation is satisfactorily resolved.

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We are sending article from English-language  
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# Group protests logging on Canadian Indian land

By JOY TADAKI  
Staff writer

Chanting "Lubicon land for Lubicon people," about 40 demonstrators gathered outside the Tokyo head offices of Daishowa Paper Manufacturing Co. Wednesday to protest Japanese logging on traditional Canadian Indian land.

Daishowa Canada, a subsidiary of Tokyo Daishowa, plans to begin logging next month on a 29,000-sq.-km area in northern Alberta, which blankets the disputed 10,000-sq.-km lease currently occupied by Canadian Indians.

Terao Makoto, section chief at Daishowa International, said Wednesday in an interview with The Japan Times that the company will not meet with the four-member Lubicon Lake Indian Nation delegation.

The company said it legitimately bought logging rights from the Alberta government and the dispute remains a matter between the Indians and the Canadian federal government, according to a prepared Daishowa statement.

The company recently announced in a Japanese weekly

a restructuring program that includes plans to sell the Canadian pulp plant for 1 billion Canadian dollars, about ¥120 billion.

During the protest, representatives from the Catholic Mission of Justice and Peace, the National Christian Council in Japan, and the Japan Tropical Forest Action Network voiced support for the Lubicon delegation.

"Daishowa Seishi is a Japanese company and we must take responsibility for our corporations," said Kevin Uchida of NCCJ International

Liaison.

"We are here today to say to Daishowa Seishi, keep your promise and to say the Lubicon lands are not for exploitation and development but Lubicon lands are for Lubicon people," Uchida said.

Despite Tokyo Daishowa's refusal to meet with the Canadian Indians, the group will continue attempts to stop Japanese clear-cut logging.

"I hope that the Japanese public understands and appreciates the fact that we made every effort to (prevent) a dispute from arising

this fall," said Chief Bernard Ominayak, head of the Indian delegation.

Although Daishowa currently complies with Canadian law, Canada has been found by the United Nations to be in violation of human rights in its treatment of the Lubicon Indians, said delegation adviser Fred Lentiarson.

"The last analysis is that if Daishowa does not stop this unneeded clear-cut logging, the Lubicon people made it very clear that they would stop Daishowa on the ground," he said.

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Re: Follow-up to the UN Human Rights Committee's views in Ominayak v. Canada under the Optional Protocol

Dear Irit:

I am writing in response to the material which you sent by fax on September 10th and your request for comments by September 25, 1991.

Firstly, I would suggest you note that when Canada appeared before the Human Rights Committee (HRC) on October 23 1990, that the status of the Lubicon was discussed. This came at the beginning of the session, when Ambassador Shannon responded to several written questions. A summary of this response is contained in paragraph 39 of the French report on this session (CCPR/C/SR.1010). Reference to this exchange would underline that the Canadian government has already provided an up-date and report to the HRC.

Secondly, the Canadian appearance came before several major developments in the settlement with the Woodland Cree Indian band. Bob Coulter will be providing you with a revised text, particularly regarding the fact that the Woodland Cree had been identified as a separate group many years before, and so should not be characterized as a "new group".

Thirdly, as a part of the response, there should be reference to progress on the Native Agenda. The first pillar, which is particularly relevant to issues in the Lubicon case, is the acceleration of land claim settlements. The Native Agenda was outlined in the Ambassador's speech to the HRC in October 1990. There are now many developments to report, which demonstrate the government's seriousness in dealing with land claims issues in Canada. A copy of the Ambassador's speech to the Working Group on Indigenous Populations (WGIP) on July 29, 1991 is attached, which

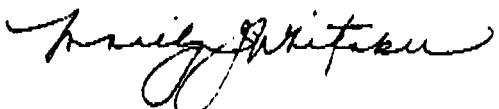
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sets out on pages 2 and 3, many of the changes to the comprehensive and specific land claims stemming from the Native Agenda. More recently, there has been a major agreement on Treaty Land Entitlement in Saskatchewan, which shows progress being made in settling land issues and dealing with treaty issues. These should be referred to in the text, with speeches and information sheets enclosed with the submission to the HRC.

As a final point, which need not be mentioned in the response, the Lubicon are undertaking new international activities. They are trying to organize a boycott of Daishowa pulp products, claiming that Daishowa is logging on Lubicon aboriginal land. Part of the response is that the government offer to the Lubicon is a fair and reasonable offer, and that the HRC had found it to be an appropriate remedy.

I would be prepared to discuss these points further.



Marilyn J. Whitaker  
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cc: Bob Coulter



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The UN Human Rights Committee has asked, as a follow-up to its views in the above-noted case, for any relevant information pertaining to the remedy proposed by Canada. Attached is a draft response. I would appreciate your reviewing this document and advising me of your comments by September 25, 1991.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Irit Weiser

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The Secretary-General of the United Nations, by note No. G/SO 215/51 CANA (38) 167/1984, dated 12 February 1991, requested from Canada "any relevant information on measures taken to implement the remedy offered by the State party in respect of communication No. 167/1984, following the adoption of the Committee's views". As the Committee is aware, that remedy consisted of a comprehensive package of benefits and programmes valued at \$45 million (non-inclusive of the value of land, mineral rights, or possible provincial contributions) and a 95 square mile reserve. As well, the Committee was advised that the Lubicon Lake Band had withdrawn from negotiations on 24 January 1989 over the issue of whether the Band should receive additional compensation of approximately \$170 million.

There have been no formal discussions between Canada and the Band since January 24, 1989, although tripartite meetings among lawyers for Canada, the province of Alberta and the Band occurred in February 1990. The meetings were terminated on February 22, 1990, again because of the Band's demand for additional compensation of at least \$170 million.

In May and September 1990, there were a number of private discussions between representatives of the Canadian and Alberta governments and the Band's solicitor regarding prospects for the Band's acceptance of the Government's offer with the right to have any outstanding issues arbitrated (i.e., additional compensation). A response from the Band is still pending. In the meantime, the Government's offer has remained and continues to remain open for acceptance.

On a related issue, the Committee was advised that in December 1988, the federal government was informed of the existence of a new group called the Woodland Cree, which was seeking to resolve the rights of its members under Treaty 8 independent of the Lubicon Lake Band. In December 1990 an Agreement-in-Principle was signed among negotiators for Canada, Alberta, and the Woodland Cree Band to resolve its land claim. The offer to the Woodland Cree is similar to the Lubicon offer for a similar population. The Woodland Cree Band now represents approximately 160 Indians who were Lubicon Lake Band members at the time Canada's offer was made to that Band.

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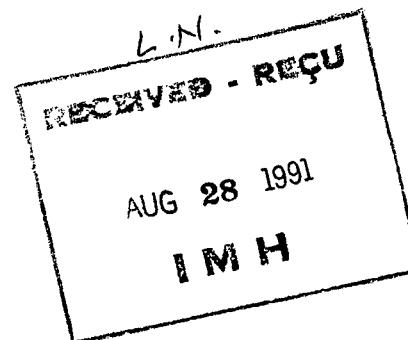
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Monsieur le Premier Ministre

Je m'adresse à vous, Monsieur le Premier Ministre, pour vous exprimer mon incompréhension et ma tristesse à l'égard du sort que le gouvernement canadien réserve depuis si longtemps à la Nation Indienne Cree du Lac Lubicon représentée par leur chef Bernard Ominayak.

Je suis choqué(e) par le mépris avec lequel votre gouvernement semble considérer les revendications de ces personnes. J'ai notamment appris que des tentatives d'intimidation et des menaces visaient directement leur chef Bernard Ominayak. J'espère que vous ferez de votre mieux pour qu'aucune action judiciaire ne soit engagée contre lui, ni contre toute autre personne qui lutte en toute légitimité pour faire reconnaître les revendications de la Nation Indienne Cree du Lac Lubicon, en particulier dans son action visant à refouler de son territoire les compagnies forestières et pétrolières qui s'y introduisent sans son autorisation.

Je vous demande instamment de négocier avec objectivité les revendications de la Nation Indienne Cree du Lac Lubicon et vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Premier Ministre, l'expression de ma haute considération.

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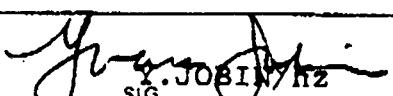
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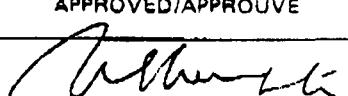
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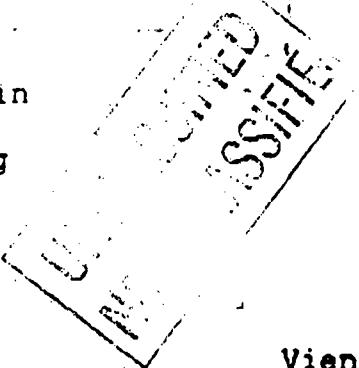
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Vienna, June 15 1990

Re: Austrian concerns in relation to the Federal Government's policy towards Indian people in general and the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation in special

Dear Mr. Jobin:

Thank you for the time you took on June 13 in meeting me and discuss our concerns. Please find below a summary of these concerns and requests what the Canadian Embassy could do. One thing ahead of details: one of the things we would like to see is to let the Federal Government know about the concerns we have.

1) It seems the Federal Government is not serious in improving the situation of Indian people. Rather it takes a very negative attitude and fights them by any means possible, especially in cases where Indian people, like the Lubicons, have become competent and sophisticated to fight for their very rights. Some examples:

a) The Canadian government (together with the US-Government) was and is fighting against the idea of having the UN-General Assembly declare an "International Year of Indigenous Peoples", starting with October 1992. Indigenous representatives have fought for that event in the UN for years. After the idea has passed the Working Group on Indigenous Peoples and the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination of Minorities, Canada in 1990 has taken a strong stand against this idea in the Human Rights Commission and in the ECOSOC. Although the issue in ECOSOC was decided against the Canadian position, one can again expect a strong opposition in the final decision of the General Assembly.

b) Canada was instrumental that the ILO did not include "self-determination" as a right of indigenous peoples in its indigenous convention Nr. 169 (revision of Nr. 107) in 1989.

Both examples clearly show the attitude of Canada towards native peoples. We would like the Federal Government to

- support the idea of an International Indigenous Year in the General Assembly and

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- to generally act in the international arena towards native issues with the same positive attitude and leadership as it acts towards the rights of minorities (CSCE)

c) Although maintained otherwise by the Federal Government its policy towards the Lubicon Lake people is a shame. To make an offer, which - as it was known in advance - the Lubicon people could not accept, to use the breakdown of negotiation to discredit the Lubicon leadership, to create a completely artificial new Indian band with unknown pace - just to weaken the Lubicon claim -, to turn the Human Rights Committee decision which found Canada in violation of Art. 27 of the International Human Right Covenant into almost a victory are just a few examples of its attitude.

Concerning this point we urge the Government instead of spending money for a paid PR-man (Ken Colby) to fight the Lubicons and to twist the words in any matter relating to the Lubicons to work towards a fair solution - also acceptable for the Lubicons themselves.

d) In real dollars the per capita budget for Indian people has steadily declined over time. It is hard to understand, why the most impoverished group in the Canadian society, which so far hardly has other financial sources, must suffer most under the planned budget cuts. Why e.g. have Indian programs to absorb close to 99% of the total Secretary of State budget cuts ?

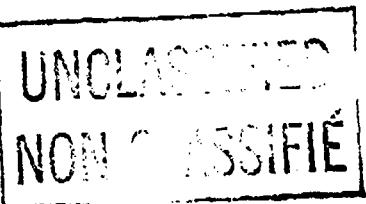
We urge the Canadian Government not to force Indian people into more dependency and hopelessness as they are in already by these severe budget cuts.

2) The Human Rights Committee decision has found Canada in violation of Art. 27 of the International Human Rights Covenant and has ducked away from several issues (as complained by the Lubicon people) because of supposed jurisdictional and actual diplomatic reasons. To claim - as Ken Colby did - that the HRC has by its decision accepted the government's offer as a fair solution is one of the typical twist of words.

We urge the Federal Government to come back to the negotiation table with the Lubicons and include the issue of compensation. Monetary compensation - or whatever the appropriate legal term may be - additionally to the land base and a new infrastructure is the only way, how the Lubicons can built up a new economy and become again self-sufficient after having their society and economy completely destroyed by the oil-development.

3) Huge Japanese pulp mills are investing millions of dollars in northern Alberta. For their pulpwood supply they depend on huge timber leases. It is hard to understand, why these timber leases almost cover the entire unceded Lubicon traditional area without

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even asking permission from the Lubicons. Additionally official information from Forestry Alberta suggest, that in general Environmental Impact Assessment studies are being done by the pulp-mills themselves. The information we have in hand does not show any process of evaluation of these EIAs. Forest scientists on the other hand argue that these huge pulp-mills do have a very negative effect on the environment.

We therefore ask the responsible politicians:

- to carry out independent (objective) EIAs

- and to involve the Indian peoples in affected areas in the process of the EIAs and - in case projects are approved - allow them a say in the management of the affected forest to guarantee that their treaty rights (hunting and fishing) remain intact.

Could You please, dear Mr. Jobin, forward these concerns to the responsible bodies/institutions/persons of the Canadian government and keep us informed about their reactions. Thank you very much again.

Yours sincerely

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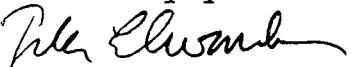
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It is a pleasure to pass on to you copies of a petition in support of the Lubicon Indian Nation, signed by more than 750 Austrians and some other citizens. The originals have been sent to Prime Minister Mulroney.

We hope these signatures document sufficiently that the Lubicon situation is still being watched internationally. Especially in the light of the recent UN-Human-Rights-Committee decision concerning the Lubicon Case, which found Canada in violation of the International Human Rights Convenant, I urge you to finally contribute to solve the issue.

A response to these petitions would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours



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NOW THEREFORE The undersigned citizens of AUSTRIA demand that the Canadian Government immediately take any and all action necessary to ensure that the Lubicon Lake Indians are protected from further abuse, and to ensure that the aboriginal land rights are properly recognized and respected.

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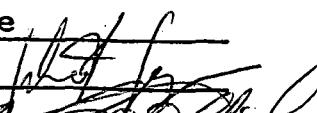
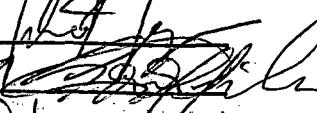
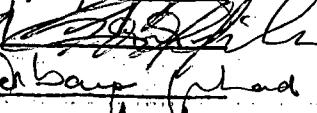
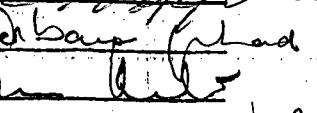
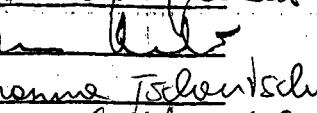
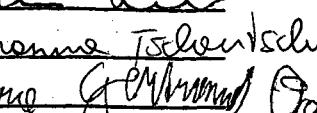
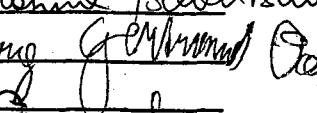
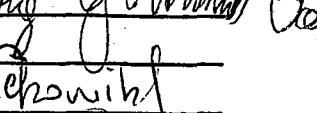
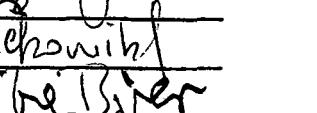
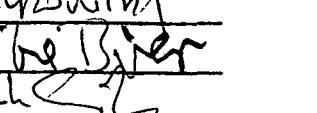
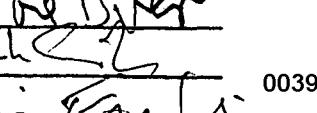
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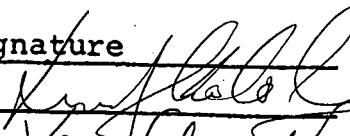
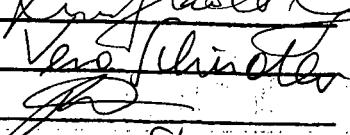
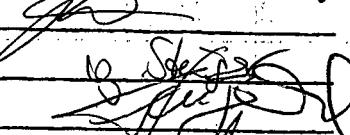
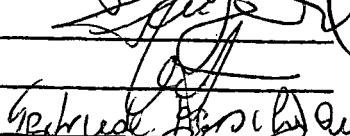
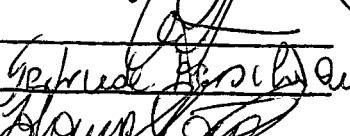
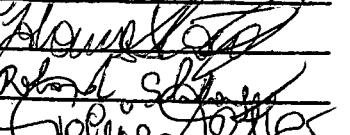
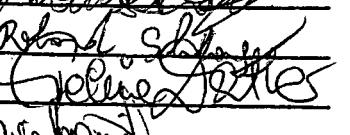
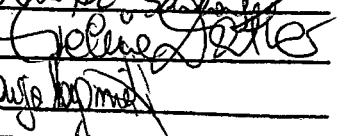
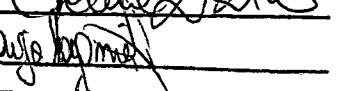
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In Anbetracht der Tatsache, daß die Indianische Bevölkerung am Lubicon Lake in Nord-Alberta Ihr traditionelles Stammesland niemals abgetreten hat und daher ungelöschte Landrechte daran besitzt;

und in Anbetracht der Tatsache, daß die Provinzregierung Albertas und Dutzende von Ölfirmen eine massive Kampagne betreiben, diese eingeborenen Landrechte der Lubicon Lake Indianer zu unterminieren und zu zerstören, um ungehinderten Zugang zu den lukrativen Gas- und Ölervorkommen auf diesem Stammesland zu erzwingen;

und in Anbetracht der Tatsache, daß in dieser massiven Kampagne der Provinzregierung Albertas und der Ölfirmen, die eingeborenen Landansprüche zu unterminieren und zu zerstören, auch die vorsätzliche und systematische Vernichtung traditionelles Stammeslandes, der traditionellen Ökonomie und des traditionellen Lebensstils praktiziert wurde und wird;

und in Anbetracht der Tatsache, daß die vorsätzliche und systematische Zerstörung des traditionellen Stammeslandes, der traditionellen Ökonomie und des traditionellen Lebensstils nun einen Punkt erreicht hat, wo das nackte Überleben des Stammes als eine Gesellschaft von eingeborenen Menschen auf das ernsteste gefährdet ist;

Fordern wir, die Unterzeichneten, daß die kanadische Regierung sofort Verhandlungen aufnimmt, basierend auf den Empfehlungen des Fulton Diskussionspapiers, und zusätzlich alle verfügbaren und notwendigen Maßnahmen ergreift, um zu gewährleisten, daß die Lubicon Lake Indianer vor weiteren Mißhandlungen beschützt werden, und um zu gewährleisten, daß die eingeborenen Landrechte der Lubicon Lake Indianer entsprechend anerkannt und respektiert werden.

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## PETITION ON THE LUBICON SITUATION

WHEREAS The Lubicon Lake Indian people in Northern Alberta have never ceded their traditional lands and therefore retain unextinguished aboriginal land rights thereto:

AND WHEREAS The Alberta Provincial Government and dozens of oil companies have undertaken a massive campaign to undermine and subvert the aboriginal land rights of the Lubicon Lake Indians, so that they might have unrestricted access to the valuable gas and oil resources which those lands are also known to contain:

AND WHEREAS The massive campaign undertaken by the Alberta Provincial Government and the oil companies to undermine and subvert the aboriginal land rights of the Lubicon Lake Indians has included the deliberate and systematic destruction of the Band's traditional lands, traditional economy and traditional way of life:

AND WHEREAS The deliberate and systematic destruction of the Band's traditional lands, traditional economy and traditional way of life has now reached the point where the very survival of aboriginal people is in serious jeopardy:

THEREFORE we, the undersigned, do hereby demand that the Canadian Government immediately commence negotiations based on the recommendations of the Fulton Discussion Paper and in addition take any and all action necessary to ensure that the Lubicon Lake Indians are protected from further abuse, and to ensure that the aboriginal land rights of the Lubicon Lake Indians are properly recognized and respected.

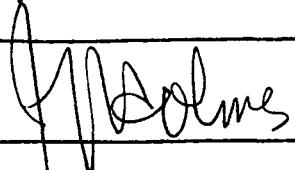
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DECISIONS

Communication No. 167/1984

Submitted by: Bernard Ominayak, Chief of the Lubicon Lake Band  
(represented by counsel)

Alleged victims: The Lubicon Lake Band

State party concerned: Canada

Date of communication: 14 February 1984

Documentation references: Prior decisions - CCPR/C/WG/23/D/167/1984 (rule 91 decision, 9 November 1984)  
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- CCPR/C/30/D/167/1984 (decision on admissibility, dated 22 July 1987)  
- CCPR/C/36/D/167/1984 (further interim decision, dated 14 July 1989)

Date of present decision: 26 March 1990

On 26 March 1990, the Human Rights Committee adopted its views under article 5, paragraph 4 of the Optional Protocol, concerning communication No. 167/1984. The text of the views is annexed to the present document.

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Communication No. 167/1984

Submitted by: Chief Bernard Ominayak and the Lubicon Lake Band (represented by counsel)

Alleged victim: Lubicon Lake Band

State party concerned: Canada

Date of communication: 14 February 1984 (date of initial letter)

Date of decision on admissibility: 22 July 1987

The Human Rights Committee, established under article 28 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

Meeting on 26 March 1990,

Having concluded its consideration of communication No. 167/1984, submitted to the Committee by Chief B. Ominayak and the Lubicon Lake Band under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

Having taken into account all written information made available to it by the author of the communication and by the State party,

Adopts the following:

Views under article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol \*\*/

1. The author of the communication (initial letter dated 14 February 1984 and subsequent correspondence) is Chief Bernard Ominayak (hereinafter referred to as the author) of the Lubicon Lake Band, Canada. He is represented by counsel.

2.1 The author alleges violations by the Government of Canada of the Lubicon Lake Band's right of self-determination and by virtue of that right to determine freely its political status and pursue its economic, social and cultural development, as well as the right to dispose freely of its natural wealth and resources and not to be deprived of its own means of subsistence. These violations allegedly contravene Canada's obligations under article 1, paragraphs 1 to 3, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

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\*\*/ Individual opinions submitted by Mr. Nisuke Ando and Mr. Bertil Wennergren, respectively, are appended.

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28.4 Lastly, the State party reaffirms the voluntary nature of the establishment of the Woodland Cree Band. It points out that a minority of those wishing to join the Woodland Cree Band were at one point in time full members of the Lubicon Lake Band. Some of them, the State party points out, have since left the Band voluntarily, while about 30 of the members were expelled recently by decision of the Lubicon Lake Band. It is submitted that members of the Woodland Cree Band petitioned the federal Government, much in the same way as members of the Lubicon Lake Band did prior to the Band's recognition in the 1930s. The new Band was recognized because, in the State party's view, some of its members have land entitlements pursuant to Treaty 8 which they wish to assert. The State party adds that it recognized the Woodland Cree Band, at the express request of those who sought recognition, so that their desire to form a community could be realized, and that the Woodland Cree Band has not sought any land portions also claimed by the Lubicons.

Summary of the submissions

29.1 At the outset, the author's claim, although set against a complex background, concerned basically the alleged denial of the right of self-determination and the right of the members of the Lubicon Lake Band to dispose freely of their natural wealth and resources. It was claimed that, although the Government of Canada, through the Indian Act of 1970 and Treaty 8 of 1899, had recognized the right of the Lubicon Lake Band to continue its traditional way of life, its land (approximately 10,000 square kilometres) had been expropriated for commercial interest (oil and gas exploration) and destroyed, thus depriving the Lubicon Lake Band of its means of subsistence and enjoyment of the right of self-determination. It was claimed that the rapid destruction of the Band's economic base and aboriginal way of life had already caused irreparable injury. It was further claimed that the Government of Canada had deliberately used the domestic political and legal processes to thwart and delay all the Band's efforts to seek redress, so that the industrial development in the area, accompanied by the destruction of the environmental and economic base of the Band, would make it impossible for the Band to survive as a people. The author has stated that the Lubicon Lake Band is not seeking from the Committee a territorial rights decision, but only that the Committee assist it in attempting to convince the Government of Canada: (a) that the Band's existence is seriously threatened; and (b) that Canada is responsible for the current state of affairs.

29.2 From the outset, the State party has denied the allegations that the existence of the Lubicon Lake Band has been threatened and has maintained that continued resource development would not cause irreparable injury to the traditional way of life of the Band. It submitted that the Band's claim to certain lands in northern Alberta was part of a complex situation that involved a number of competing claims from several other native communities in the area, that effective redress in respect of the Band's claims was still available, both through the courts and through negotiations, that the Government had made an ex gratia payment to the Band of \$C 1.5 million to cover legal costs and that, at any rate, article 1 of the Covenant, concerning the rights of people, could not be invoked under the Optional Protocol, which provides for the consideration of alleged violations of individual rights, but not collective rights conferred upon peoples.

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29.3 This was the state of affairs when the Committee decided in July 1987 that the communication was admissible "in so far as it may raise issues under article 27 or other articles of the Covenant". In view of the seriousness of the author's allegations that the Lubicon Lake Band was at the verge of extinction, the Committee requested the State party, under rule 86 of the rules of procedure "to take interim measures of protection to avoid irreparable damage to [the author of the communication] and other members of the Lubicon Lake Band".

29.4 Insisting that no irreparable damage to the traditional way of life of the Lubicon Lake Band had occurred and that there was no imminent threat of such harm, and further that both a trial on the merits of the Band's claims and the negotiation process constitute effective and viable alternatives to the interim relief which the Band had unsuccessfully sought in the courts, the State party, in October 1987, requested the Committee, under rule 93, paragraph 4, of the rules of procedure, to review its decision on admissibility, in so far as it concerns the requirement of exhaustion of domestic remedies. The State party stressed in this connection that delays in the judicial proceedings initiated by the Band were largely attributable to the Band's own inaction. The State party further explained its longstanding policy to seek the resolutions of valid, outstanding land claims by Indian bands through negotiations.

29.5 Since October 1987, the parties have made a number of submissions, refuting each others statements as factually misleading or wrong. The author has accused the State party of creating a situation that has directly or indirectly led to the death of many Band members and is threatening the lives of all other members of the Lubicon community, that miscarriages and stillbirths have skyrocketed and abnormal births have risen from zero to near 100 per cent, all in violation of article 6 of the Covenant; that the devastation wrought on the community constitutes cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment in violation of article 7; that the bias of the Canadian courts has frustrated the Band's efforts to protect its land, community and livelihood, and that several of the judges have had clear economic and personal ties to the parties opposing the Band in the court actions, all in violation of articles 14, paragraph 1, and 26; that the State party has permitted the destruction of the families and homes of the Band members in violation of articles 17 and 23, paragraph 1; that the Band members have been "robbed of the physical realm to which their religion attaches" in violation of article 18, paragraph 1; and that all of the above also constitutes violations of article 2, paragraphs 1 to 3, of the Covenant.

29.6 The State party has categorically rejected the above allegations as unfounded and unsubstantiated and as constituting an abuse of the right of submission. It submits that serious and genuine efforts continued in early 1988 to engage representatives of the Lubicon Lake Band in negotiations in respect of the Band's claims. These efforts, which included an interim offer to set aside 25.4 square miles as reserve land for the Band, without prejudice to negotiations or any court actions, failed. According to the author, all but the 25.4 square miles of the Band's traditional lands had been leased out, in defiance of the Committee's request for interim measures of protection, in conjunction with a pulp mill to be constructed by the Daishowa Canada Company Ltd. near Peace River, Alberta, and that the Daishowa project frustrated any hopes of the continuation of some traditional activity by Band members.

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29.7 Accepting its obligation to provide the Lubicon Lake Band with reserve land under Treaty 8, and after further unsuccessful discussions, the Federal Government, in May 1988, initiated legal proceedings against the Province of Alberta and the Lubicon Lake Band, in an effort to provide a common jurisdiction and thus to enable it to meet its lawful obligations to the Band under Treaty 8. In the author's opinion, however, this initiative was designated for the sole purpose of delaying indefinitely the resolution of the Lubicon land issues and, on 6 October 1988 (30 September, according to the State party), the Lubicon Lake Band asserted jurisdiction over its territory and declared that it had ceased to recognize the jurisdiction of the Canadian courts. The author further accused the State party of "practicing deceit in the media and dismissing advisors who recommend any resolution favourable to the Lubicon people".

29.8 Following an agreement between the provincial government of Alberta and the Lubicon Lake Band in November 1988 to set aside 95 square miles of land for a reserve, negotiations started between the federal Government and the Band on the modalities of the land transfer and related issues. According to the State party, consensus had been reached on the majority of issues, including Band membership, size of the reserve, community construction and delivery of programmes and services, but not on cash compensation, when the Band withdrew from the negotiations on 24 January 1989. The formal offer presented at that time by the federal Government amounted to approximately \$C 45 million in benefits and programmes, in addition to the 95 square mile reserve.

29.9 The author, on the other hand, states that the above information from the State party is not only misleading but virtually entirely untrue and that there had been no serious attempt by the Government to reach a settlement. He describes the Government's offer as an exercise in public relations, "which committed the Federal Government to virtually nothing", and states that no agreement or consensus had been reached on any issue. The author further accused the State party of sending agents into communities surrounding the traditional Lubicon territory to induce other natives to make competing claims for traditional Lubicon land.

29.10 The State party rejects the allegation that it negotiated in bad faith or engaged in improper behaviour to the detriment of the interests of the Lubicon Lake Band. It concedes that the Lubicon Lake Band has suffered a historical inequity, but maintains that its formal offer would, if accepted, enable the Band to maintain its culture, control its way of life and achieve economic self-sufficiency and, thus, constitute an effective remedy. On the basis of a total of 500 Band members, the package worth \$C 45 million would amount to almost \$C 500,000 for each family of five. It states that a number of the Band's demands, including an indoor ice arena or a swimming pool, had been refused. The major remaining point of contention, the State party submits, is a request for \$C 167 million in compensation for economic and other losses allegedly suffered. That claim, it submits, could be pursued in the courts, irrespective of the acceptance of the formal offer. It reiterates that its offer to the Band stands.

29.11 Further submissions from both parties have, inter alia, dealt with the impact of the Daishowa pulp mill on the traditional way of life of the Lubicon Lake Band. While the author states that the impact would be devastating, the State party

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maintains that it would have no serious adverse consequences, pointing out that the pulp mill, located about 80 kilometres away from the land set aside for the reserve, is not within the Band's claimed traditional territory and that the area to be cut annually, outside the proposed reserve, involves less than 1 per cent of the area specified in the forest management agreement.

30. The Human Rights Committee has considered the present communication in the light of the information made available by the parties, as provided for in articles 5, paragraph 1, of the Optional Protocol. In so doing, the Committee observes that the persistent disagreement between the parties as to what constitutes the factual setting for the dispute at issue has made the consideration of the claims on the merits most difficult.

Request for a review of the decision on admissibility

31.1 The Committee has seriously considered the State party's request that it review its decision declaring the communication admissible under the Optional Protocol "in so far as it may raise issues under article 27 or other articles of the Covenant". In the light of the information now before it, the Committee notes that the State party has argued convincingly that, by actively pursuing matters before the appropriate courts, delays, which appeared to be unreasonably prolonged, could have been reduced by the Lubicon Lake Band. At issue, however, is the question of whether the road of litigation would have represented an effective method of saving or restoring the traditional or cultural livelihood of the Lubicon Lake Band, which, at the material time, was allegedly at the brink of collapse. The Committee is not persuaded that that would have constituted an effective remedy within the meaning of article 5, paragraph 2 (b), of the Optional Protocol. In the circumstances, the Committee upholds its earlier decision on admissibility.

31.2 At this stage, the Committee must also state that it does not agree with the State party's contention that it was remiss in not spelling out, at the time of declaring the communication admissible, which of the author's allegations deserved consideration on the merits. Although somewhat confusing at times, the author's claims have been set out sufficiently clearly as to permit both the State party and the Committee, in turn, to address the issues on the merits.

Articles of the Covenant alleged to have been violated

32.1 The question has arisen of whether any claim under article 1 of the Covenant remains, the Committee's decision on admissibility notwithstanding. While all peoples have the right of self-determination and the right freely to determine their political status, pursue their economic, social and cultural development and dispose of their natural wealth and resources, as stipulated in article 1 of the Covenant, the question whether the Lubicon Lake Band constitutes a "people" is not an issue for the Committee to address under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant. The Optional Protocol provides a procedure under which individuals can claim that their individual rights have been violated. These rights are set out in part III of the Covenant, articles 6 to 27, inclusive. There is, however, no objection to a group of individuals, who claim to be similarly affected, collectively to submit a communication about alleged breaches of their rights.

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32.2 Although initially couched in terms of alleged breaches of the provisions of article 1 of the Covenant, there is no doubt that many of the claims presented raise issues under article 27. The Committee recognizes that the rights protected by article 27, include the right of persons, in community with others, to engage in economic and social activities which are part of the culture of the community to which they belong. Sweeping allegations concerning extremely serious breaches of other articles of the Covenant (6, 7, 14, para. 1, and 26), made after the communication was declared admissible, have not been substantiated to the extent that they would deserve serious consideration. The allegations concerning breaches of articles 17 and 23, paragraph 1, are similarly of a sweeping nature and will not be taken into account except in so far as they may be considered subsumed under the allegations which, generally, raise issues under article 27.

32.3 The most recent allegations that the State party has conspired to create an artificial band, the Woodland Cree Band, said to have competing claims to traditional Lubicon land, are dismissed as an abuse of the right of submission within the meaning of article 3 of the Optional Protocol.

Violations and the remedy offered

33. Historical inequities, to which the State party refers, and certain more recent developments threaten the way of life and culture of the Lubicon Lake Band, and constitute a violation of article 27 so long as they continue. The State party proposes to rectify the situation by a remedy that the Committee deems appropriate within the meaning of article 2 of the Covenant.

Notes

1/ Communication No. 203/1986, final views adopted on 4 November 1988, para. 11.3.

2/ Communication No. 24/1977, final views adopted on 30 July 1981.

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Attached, as requested, is a brief prepared for the subject meeting concerning the Lubicon Lake Band of Alberta.

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## THE LUBICON LAKE BAND OF ALBERTA

### ISSUE

Mr. Botha may raise the issue of Canada's treatment of its native peoples, such as the Lubicon Band, as a means to deflect Canadian criticism of South African policies.

### BACKGROUND

Both the South African government and some Canadian native groups have criticized Canada for its treatment of native peoples while playing a leading role in international efforts to end apartheid. One frequently cited example is the Lubicon Lake Band of Alberta, which was promised a reserve over 40 years ago but to date has been unable to reach a settlement with the government. The Lubicon Band has sought support internationally, including through a complaint to the United Nations Human Rights Committee (HRC).

The HRC recently rendered its decision on the Lubicon complaint. While it found that there had been a violation of the minority rights of Band members, it also concluded that Canada's efforts to rectify the situation provided the Band with an appropriate remedy. The Band has sought to place emphasis in the media on the determination that there was a violation of human rights.

### CANADIAN POSITION

The Canadian government actively attempts to resolve disputes that may arise with its native peoples. In the case of the Lubicon, the government has acknowledged, including to the HRC, that an historical inequity has resulted from the inability of the Band to secure a reserve. The government has negotiated in good faith and has made what it believes is a fair and reasonable offer to the Band. However, a settlement cannot be imposed and the Band has not agreed to accept the latest offer.

The HRC found that efforts to achieve a negotiated settlement, including the government's latest offer, constituted an appropriate remedy to the historical inequity the Band has suffered. This effectively concludes the HRC's consideration of the Lubicon complaint. The government has reiterated to the Band its willingness to return to the bargaining table to fine-tune its last offer, as a means to end the longstanding dispute.

TALKING POINTS

- The case of the Lubicon Lake Band demonstrates that Canada is prepared to acknowledge that some native groups have suffered historical inequities. In acknowledging these facts, the government actively pursues negotiations in good faith to resolve the disputes. Canada also gives all Canadians, including natives, the right to bring their cases to an international human rights body when effective domestic remedies have been exhausted.
  
- The government has made a reasonable offer to the Lubicon Band, a fact acknowledged by the United Nations Human Rights Committee. The offer, if accepted, would give the Band a reserve and provide the means for the economic and social development of the area. The offer, however, cannot be imposed.

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## UN ploy backfires

**A**side from some low-percentage bid to embarrass Ottawa, it was never clear what the Lubicon Indians thought could be gained by hauling the federal government before the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

The point of the exercise is even more obscure now that the panel has released its findings.

True, the UN body did rap Ottawa on the knuckles for violating Article 27 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which deals with minority groups in member nations being allowed to practise their own religion, culture and way of life. But the contravention is, at best, technical.

What is far more important is that the commission, instead of chastizing Ottawa, agreed that the federal government is handling a difficult situation properly through negotiation and compensation offers.

The panel gave no credence to the key complaint that the federal government concocted a new band, the Woodland Cree, to split and undermine the Lubicon. In fact, two commissioners said the entire matter was so contrived the panel should not have agreed to hear it.

Even if the Lubicon case had been endorsed holus-bolus, commission findings are symbolic and without legal or binding power. So the side trip to the Geneva-based organization again underscores the lamentable fact that negotiators for the northern Alberta band are far more interested in abstract ideology than an agreement which will benefit the poverty-stricken members of the band.

Canadians want this issue settled. It has dragged on for 51 unconscionable years.

Ottawa has reiterated that its generous offer based on \$45 million in economic aid still stands. But when it was first presented 16 months ago, Chief Bernard Ominayak and band adviser Fred Lennarson were contemptuous, calling the package an insult. Now that their attempts to embarrass Canada on the world stage have backfired, perhaps they'll come to their senses and return to the bargaining table.

This much is certain. Until somebody does, the Lubicon world will continue to be one of squalor, ill-health and narrow opportunity.

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GENEVA, 2 May (UN Information Service) — At its thirty-eighth session, held from 19 March to 6 April, the Human Rights Committee examined a number of communications submitted to it under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Under the Protocol, individuals who claim that any of their rights enumerated in the Covenant have been violated and who have exhausted all available domestic remedies, may submit written communications to the Human Rights Committee for consideration.

Fifty of the 91 States which have acceded to or ratified the Covenant have accepted the competence of the Committee to deal with individual complaints by ratifying or acceding to the Optional Protocol. These States are: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Barbados, Bolivia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Gambia, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Libya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Senegal, Somalia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zaire and Zambia.

No communication can be received by the Committee if it concerns a State party to the Covenant which is not also party to the Optional Protocol. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol takes place in closed meetings.

The Committee concluded consideration of two cases — case no. 167/1984 (Chief Bernard Ominavak and the Lubicon Lake Band v. Canada) and case no. 291/1988 (Mario Inés Torres v. Finland) — and its views are available upon request.

The Committee also concluded consideration of seven cases by declaring them inadmissible. These are cases nos. 275/1988 (S.E. v. Argentina), 329/1988 (D.F. v. Jamaica), 343, 344 and 345/1988 (R.A.V.N. et al. Argentina), 378/1989 (E.E. v. Italy) and 379/1989 (C.W. v. Finland). The inadmissibility decisions are also available upon request.

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## Subject/Highlights / Sujet/Points saillants

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## Source

There will likely be some media coverage of the HRC's decision, given past media interest in the Lubicon case.

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The Lubicon complaint before the HRC relates to the Band's claim to a reserve and financial compensation. Negotiations have been held between the federal Government and the Lubicon in an effort to reach a settlement of the dispute. A substantial offer has been made to the Band, but to date it has not been accepted.

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The Departments of Justice and Indian and Northern Affairs will take the lead in responding to inquiries on this case. However, this Department may be asked for views on the decision.

## Suggested Reply / Réponse suggérée

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