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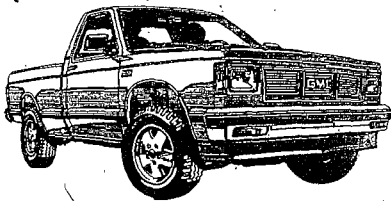
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## EDITORIAL



Jesus and the Peacemaker were driving through Akwesasne. Jesus looked at the Peacemaker and said, "You know, it's kind of strange how many things Indians have in common with the Jews."

The Peacemaker let out a sigh. "Hold on, Jesus. It's bad enough this editorial is about you and I driving through the rez. Let's try not to add insult to injury."

"Seriously, man. Look at the similarities. It seems like the whole world is against us. Entire nations have tried to wipe our people off the face of the Earth. Germany for the Jews and America for the Indians."

"I never really thought about that."  
 "What about religion? There must be dozens of parallels. Even our own lives have similarities."

"That's true, but there's also the other extreme that says we're the same person."  
 "Curious thought," said Jesus, nodding slowly.

"Tell me about it. My feet look stupid in sandals."  
 Jesus was lost in his thoughts and didn't seem to hear the Peacemaker's response. He was looking out his window at all of the houses along the way. "I think about this place a lot."

The Peacemaker nodded once. "Me too, brother."  
 "Do you realize that if we stopped this car and went up to any one of these houses and told the people living there that we were Jesus and the Peacemaker, they'd slam the door in our faces?"

"You don't know Mohawks. They'd probably laugh at us for a good long time and THEN slam the door in our faces!"

They both had a good laugh over that one. A few moments later they pulled into Kwis Kwis Gas Bar on Route 37 to get some tax-free gas and a six-pack of V-8. They resumed their journey westward a few minutes later and laughed about all the heat the editor was going to get for printing this in the newspaper.

That's okay with me. If you can't take the heat, stay out of the furnace.

Darren Bonaparte

## A Peaceful Solution to Gambling and Smuggling is Needed Now

As concerned residents of Akwesasne we are seeking a peaceful resolution to the gambling and smuggling controversy here. We care about all of our people. We want a return to stability. We are therefore seeking the following actions:

1. An immediate meeting of the three councils of Akwesasne to investigate the gambling and smuggling crisis on our reservation.
2. An investigation into non-Indian investors as uncovered by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council. These investors are listed as Dee Dee Cappione of Massena, Wally Smith of Massena, Paul Tatlock of Hogansburg, Joe Ciovello of Hogansburg, Joe DiNapoli of Massena, Ray Baun of Potsdam, John Fontaine of Chateaugay, Art Stavros of Las Vegas, Emmett Munley of Las Vegas, Ed Kaneb of Massena, Charles Williams of Norwood.
3. The creation of a community wide judicial system immediately.
4. The immediate creation of a community wide police force backed up by the three councils with powers to enforce the justice system.
5. The withdrawal of all New York State and American police forces upon creation of an Akwesasne Peacekeeping Force.
6. The creation of an Emergency Job Task Force to find employment alternatives to the gambling and help create work for those unemployed when the gaming places are shut down.
7. An emergency meeting with U.S. federal officials to enforce the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua.
8. An emergency Grand Council at Onondaga to discuss ways to control unregulated smuggling and gambling on Iroquois communities.
9. The immediate control by the three councils of Akwesasne of all fuel and cigarette sales here with the creation of an Akwesasne Business Committee to work with and protect the licensed retailers and legitimate businesses.
10. The creation of a special emergency fund taken from the cigarette and fuel sales here to create jobs and support a working law enforcement system.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The article printed above was submitted by demonstrators at the anti-gambling rally on Route 37, April 29. It is printed as a service to the community.

## WHAT WILL THE MEECH LAKE DEAL DO TO YOUR RIGHTS?

**A Handbook for Action**  
**HOW CLEAR IS IT TO YOU THAT THE MEECH LAKE ACCORD AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS AS A FIRST NATIONS' CITIZEN? READ ON FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED...**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
**QUESTION:** Will the Meech Lake Accord affect Treaties and Treaty Rights?

**ANSWER:** Yes. The Mulroney government already favours the participation of the provinces in land claim negotiations and agreements. The main thrust of the Accord is the devolution of Federal responsibilities to the provinces. If the Meech Lake Accord is passed, hostile provincial governments may have a right to equal participation in future agreements.

**QUESTION:** Will the Meech Lake Accord affect First Nations' aspirations to self-government?

**ANSWER:** Yes, in two ways. First, unanimous provincial consent is required before any issue can be included as an agenda item for future First Ministers Conferences. Therefore, the re-establishment of an FMC dealing with First Nations self-government and other First Nations issues would require the approval of all provinces, many of whom are indifferent if not outright opposed to such discussions. The First Nations would never get back on an FMC agenda and our inherent right to self-government would never receive constitutional protection. Secondly, the Meech Lake Accord allows provinces to opt out of Federal programs, many of which are essential to First Nation Communities. First Nations control of federal programs, as consistent with self-government, will be restricted by provincial opting-out.

**QUESTION:** Will the Meech Lake Accord affect such basic First Nations rights as fishing, hunting and trapping?

**ANSWER:** Yes, in several ways. The Meech Lake Accord has already established Fisheries as an agenda item for future First Ministers meetings. The First Nations have not been requested to participate in the fisheries discussions at the First Ministers level, although we have a major interest in this matter. Consequently, decisions may be made by the First Ministers that will further limit First Nations access to off-shore fisheries. As things stand, the Federal government has been reluctant to honor its obligations to implement Treaty rights that fall under provincial jurisdiction, as set out in the Constitution Act, 1867. The increased decentralization proposed by Meech Lake will dilute the already weak Federal obligation to implement Treaty provisions, resulting in an even greater threat to First Nations fishing, hunting and trapping rights.

**QUESTION:** Will the Meech Lake Accord affect First Nations litigation or Court interpretations of First Nations rights?

**ANSWER:** Yes, the Meech Lake Accord will allow the provinces to participate in the selection of Supreme Court Justices. Provincial governments will appoint Justices who will favour provincial positions in their rulings. First Nations cases dealing with Treaties and rights will be interpreted narrowly by provincially appointed Supreme Court Justices, in order to free provincial legislatures from any obligation to recognize or implement treaty provisions or First Nations rights. This will restrict First Nations rights and create unfavourable precedents for future Supreme Court decisions.

## WHAT THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS IS DOING

- 1) National Chief George Erasmus has met with Premier Frank McKenna of New Brunswick to share the concerns of First Nations.
- 2) The Assembly also sent a brief to New Brunswick, while the province was conducting public hearings into the Meech Lake Accord.

## OBITUARY

The community notes the passing of Albert F. Jocko, 44, of Cornwall Island, Ontario. He was found on Saturday, April 29, and had been missing since May 1.

He was born in Akwesasne on October 2, 1944, the son of Frank and Sadie Cheryl Jocko.

He was an ironworker with Local 711 of Montreal. He is survived by his wife Sharon Hall; three sons, Albert and Steven of Syracuse; and Eric of Malone; two daughters, Sherry and Amy, both of Syracuse; two brothers, Donald of Cornwall Island, and Henry of Cornwall; and two sisters, Mrs. Pauline Cook of Cornwall Island, and Mrs. Geraldine Jacobs of Cornwall.

He is also survived by nieces, nephews, and a grandchild. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 2, at the St. Regis Catholic Church with Father Thomas Egan, S.J., officiating.

Burial was at Rourke Cemetery. Arrangements were by Henderson Funeral Home.

## IN MEMORY

My Brother Cliff  
 Who, on May 8, would have been forty had he lived

We will never forget what each of us were doing

That day when we heard the news.

The day was April 11, 1970.

He left his family and his friends.

We weren't ready to let him go

I think of him often and I'm sure others do too.

I still miss him very much and time doesn't dim

The memories, or sadness I still feel when I think of him.

Our lives have gone on with one little space

That could never again be filled with his dimpled face

Lou

## THE ALCOHOLIC SPEAKS TO HIS FAMILY

I am an alcoholic. I need your help. Don't lecture, blame or scold me. You wouldn't be angry at me for having TB or diabetes. Alcoholism is a disease, too.

Don't pour out my liquor; it's just a waste because I can always find ways of getting more.

Don't let me provoke your anger. If you attack me verbally or physically, you will only confirm my bad opinion of myself. I hate myself enough already.

Don't let your love and anxiety for me lead you into doing what I ought to do for myself. If you assume my responsibilities, you make my failure to assume them permanent. My sense of guilt will be increased, and you will feel resentful.

Don't accept my promises. I'll promise anything to get off the hook. But the nature of my illness prevents me from keeping my promises, even though I mean them at the time.

Don't make empty threats. Once you have made a decision, stick to it.

Don't believe everything I tell you; it may be a lie. Denial of reality is a symptom of my illness. Moreover, I'm likely to lose respect for those I can fool too easily.

Don't let me take advantage of you or exploit you in any way. Love cannot exist for long without the dimension of justice.

Don't cover up for me or try in any way to spare me the consequences of my drinking. Don't lie for me, pay my bills, or meet my obligations. It may avert or reduce the very crisis that would prompt me to seek help. I can continue to deny that I have a drinking problem as long as you provide an automatic escape from the consequences of my drinking.

Above all, DO learn all you can about alcoholism and your role in relations to me. Go to open AA meetings when you can.

Attend Al-Anon meetings regularly, read the literature and keep in touch with Al-Anon members. They're the people who can help you see the whole situation clearly.



In Al-Anon, a family can learn things that are truly helpful to themselves and to the alcoholic, sober or drunk. By getting distance and perspective, the family regains a bit of sanity.

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

Al-Anon is not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organization or institution; it does not engage in any controversy, nor oppose any cause. There are no dues for membership. Al-Anon is self-supporting through its own voluntary contributions.

Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and by giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic.

## WHAT THE A.F.N. WOULD LIKE TO SEE ACCOMPLISHED

Explicit recognition of First Nations as distinct societies which constitute another fundamental characteristic of Canada. Renewal of a Constitutional process to negotiate the following amendments: a removal of the word "existing" from section 35 (1); b. explicit recognition of aboriginal title and the inherent right to self-government in addition to a framework for the establishment of aboriginal self-government.

First Nations participation at First Ministers Conferences dealing with issues of direct impact on First Nations.

Guarantee that provincial opting out provisions will not prejudice First Nations access to federal programs or the right to administer such programs.

Explicit protection from the Meech Lake Accord for Sections 25 and 27 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Section 35, Constitution Act 1982 and Section 91 (24) Constitution Act 1867.

Creation of new provinces remain in federal jurisdiction exclusively.

**WE WANT A VOICE EQUAL WITH ALL PARTIES INVOLVED!**

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