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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor of Indian Time

Re: Deputizing Tribal Police Officers. AKA
(The New One Row Wampum Treaty)

I am a reader of Indian Time. I do not live at Akwesasne; however, that gives me a fresh mind to examine the issue of deputizing Tribal Police Officers. It seems to me that there is no longer a Two Row Wampum Treaty in existence. The St. Regis Tribal government has chosen the non-Mohawk boat. There were several instances in

the articles in the paper where tribal administrators stress that they have not given up the sovereignty of the Mohawk Nation. Yet, I think they doth protest too much! None of the quotes attributed to the tribal administrators supports their contention of preserving the sovereignty. Let me give you some examples.

1. "This deputization

Pen Pal

I am Caroline Deforche and I am from Belgium. I wish to make a call for Indians who would like to correspond with me.

I am namely looking for an "Indian Friend" who could help me to know more of the Indian culture. Not by telling me all kinds of facts but helping me to feel and understand it. I hope this could be a start for me to actually fathom the culture one day, a culture that I have always admired.

Thank you very much in anticipation.

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ROOSEVELT TOWN

Abraham Robert Bero

ROOSEVELT TOWN- Abraham Robert Bero, 68, formerly of Sweet Grass Estates, died at 12:50 p.m. Thursday in Tsiionkwonohsote Nursing Care Facility, Cornwall, Ontario, where he had been a resident for two years.

The funeral was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 1995, at the Phillips Memorial Home. Burial was held in Rest Haven

Cemetery, Hogansburg.

Surviving are a son, Robert A., Massena; three grandchildren; a brother, Frank, St. Regis, Quebec; two sisters, Lena Bero Tarbell, St. Regis, Quebec, and Annie Lazore, Snye, Quebec, and several nephews and nieces.

Born May 4, 1926, in St. Regis, Quebec, a son of Lawrence and Mary Ann

Johnson Bero. He married Mary Terrance in St. Regis, Quebec. She died in 1989.

Mr. Bero served with the Army Air Corps during World War II and the Korean War, retiring after 20 years.

He was a construction worker on the St. Lawrence Seaway project and an ironworker in the Syracuse area until his retirement because of ill health.

Rita M. Johnson

ST. REGIS, QUEBEC- Rita M. Johnson, 61, formerly of Syracuse, NY, died at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 4th, at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Cornwall, Ontario.

The funeral was held Friday, April 7th at 11:00 a.m., at the St. Regis Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Kateri Cemetery, Hogansburg.

Calling hours were held Wednesday, April 5th at the Donaldson Funeral Home in Massena, NY until the time of the funeral.

Surviving are 4 daughters: Mrs. Paul (Barbara) Roiek, Elaine Benedict, both of Syracuse, NY; Judy Benedict of Old Forge, NY, and Joanne Johnson, of Snye, Quebec;


5 sons: Arthur Benedict of Watertown, NY, Steve Barnes,

of Cornwall Island, Ontario, Leslie Benedict of St. Regis Quebec, Robert and Wayne Benedict, both of Syracuse, NY; 2 sisters: Katherine Gushlaw of Syracuse, NY and Cecelia Johnson of St. Regis, Quebec; 2 brothers: Louie Johnson of California and Joseph Johnson of St. Regis, Quebec; 21 grand children and 1 great-grandchild.

Born February 7, 1934 in Smith Falls, Ontario, a daughter of Peter and Louise (Foote) Johnson. She married Thomas Benedict who died May 2, 1993.

Ms. Johnson attended schools on the reservation and was a member of the St. Regis Catholic Church.

Ms. Johnson was also an avid bingo player.



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will remove any question or criticism as to the Tribe's ability to enforce the law in our territory and to function as police officers in neighboring courts and jurisdictions."

Ability means competence, expertise, skill, proficiency, mastery. The deputization did not give them the ability. The ability came from receiving professional training to learn how to act in a professional manner to protect the public welfare.

Tribal Police received their training from the Division of Criminal Justice Services' Bureau of Municipal Police Basic Police Training Course. In doing so tribal police learned about protecting the welfare of another culture. True there are some basic skills that every person in the position of caring for the public welfare must learn. What concerns me is that whether people want to believe it or not, Akwesasne and the Mohawk culture is differ-

ent from NYS and non-Mohawk culture. Some thought processes are different. Some behaviors are different. Certain attitudes are different. In order to effectively operate in a Mohawk environment then it is necessary to receive culturally sensitive training.

Tribal administrators chose to have the tribal police take the training with NYS. Did tribal administrators look at other equally adequate options for training given by Federal Officials, or private - recognized schools, geared to Tribal Police where they would receive more sensitized training and wouldn't have to be deputized in NYS to do it?

Function means act or serve. Tribal administrators want the tribal police to act or serve as police officers in neighboring courts and jurisdictions. Does this sound like preserving the sovereignty of the Mohawk Nation? Sovereignty means preserving collective

Mohawk dominion or supremacy. I don't think this is being done. A government can't be supreme and have its tribal police act as police officers of New York State.

This brings up another thought. Why would anyone want to enforce NYS law within Mohawk Territory? There have been many papers written and studies done about the NYS Criminal Justice System and other similar systems. These studies can be obtained from the Division of Criminal Justice Services and the National Institute of Justice.

NYS law is convoluted and so complex that parts of it are un-enforceable, or interpreted multiple ways, to the detriment of society and the defendant. One study came out and said minority citizens oftentimes did not receive the same justice and protection as the majority.

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