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Joint Clerks of the Committee on the Constitution
Room 512, S Block
P.O. Box 1044, Wellington St.
OTTAWA, ONTARIO



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

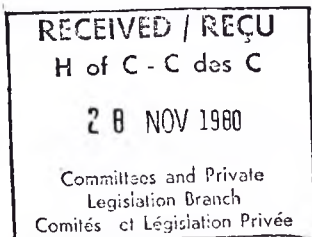
RE: TOTAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES SOVEREIGNTY verses
THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

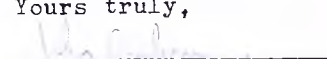
We appreciate your acknowledgement of our concerns about the proposed Resolution tabled in the Senate and the House of Commons respecting the Constitution of Canada, in particular the proposed Resolution that will affect the Indigenous Nations of Canada.

Enclosed find; 1) a booklet entitled SASKATCHEWAN SURVIVAL GATHERING, 2) a pamphlet entitled MONEY CANNOT BUY A NEW CULTURE, 3) a Resolution paper stated by the General Assembly of the Sixth International Indian Treaty Conference and its mandated representative to the United Nations representing 98 Indian Nations of the Western Hemisphere, 4) and the Declaration of Principles for the Defense of the Indigenous Nations and Peoples of the Western Hemisphere and the final Resolution passed during the International NGO Conference On Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations In The Americas September 20-23 Palais des Nations Geneva, Switzerland.

As a NGO consultive status and an affiliate of the International Indian Treaty Council with the United Nations, we seek to make a brief appearance on or about DECEMBER 5, 1980 to address The Committee on the Resolution (proposed) that could alter Canada's obligations and any or all obligations of the English Crown to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada, whether these obligations grew out of the treaties, the Royal Proclamation of 1763 or International Law in the process of the repatriation and amendment of the BNA Act

We request a reply at the earliest date possible or please phone: (306)244-7911. We thank you.



Yours truly,

per Group for Survival

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RESOLUTION

The General Assembly of the Sixth International Indian Treaty Conference and its mandated representative, the International Indian Treaty Council, representing 98 Indian Nations in the Western Hemisphere,

Recognizing that the colonial government of Canada is now the process of repatriating the British North American Act, its constitution, from England for the purpose of amending that constitution,

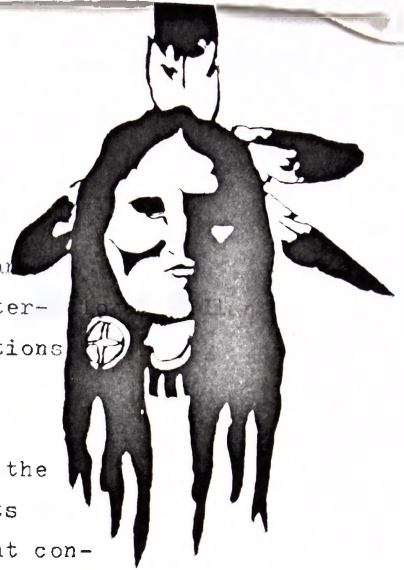
Aware that the British North American Act was written in part to insure that the treaty obligations and obligations under the Royal Proclamation of 1763 of the English Crown to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada be upheld and carried out in full by the colonial government of Canada,

Realizing that the colonial government of Canada is denying any real participation of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada and their respective nations in the process of the repatriation and amendment of the British North American Act,

Hereby resolves that the International Indian Treaty Council shall bring to bear the full strength of its resources to ensure that the Indigenous Peoples of Canada participate fully at any and all levels of the British North American Act repatriation and amendment processes,

Be it further resolved that the International Indian Treaty Council shall bring to bear the full strength of its resources to ensure that any amended Canadian constitution fully binds the colonial government of Canada to any and all obligations of the English Crown to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada, whether these obligations grow out of the treaties, the Royal Proclamation of 1763 or international law.

Passes by the General Assembly (unanimous) July 1, 1980



RESOLUTION

The General Assembly of the Sixth International Indian Treaty Conference and its mandated representative to the United Nations, the International Indian Treaty Council, representing 98 Indian Nations of the Western Hemisphere, stating:

Whereas such sacred elements to our survival as food and water are becoming increasingly controlled by profit-motivated multinational corporations;

Whereas multi-national corporations intend to further exploit Indian treaty lands by extracting oil, gas, coal, uranium and other minerals;

Whereas radiation contamination from the use of nuclear fuels poses a dire threat to all life on our sacred Mother Earth;

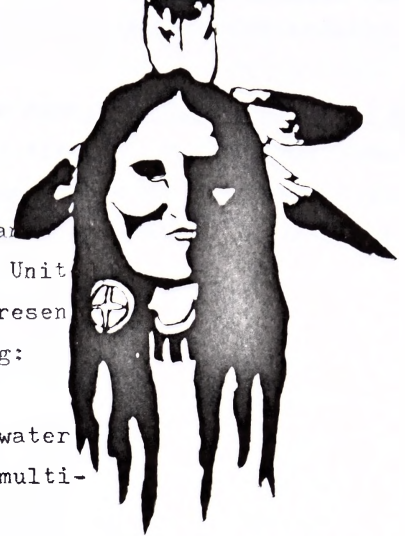
Whereas certain multi-national corporations which have plundered the lands of the indigenous peoples in the Southwest United States, Saskatchewan and elsewhere are pushing the uranium mining plague into the Black Hills of South Dakota, Paha Sapa, the Spiritual Center of the Lakota Nation;

Whereas the concentration of economic power in the hands of the directors of the multi-national corporations and representatives of the Tri-lateral Commission threaten the political and social freedom of the people;

Whereas the escalating nuclear arms race poses the immediate threat of universal annihilation;

Be it therefore resolved that an indefinite moratorium be declared by all progressive nations take significant steps to stop production of nuclear weapons and eliminate existing stockpiles of these weapons;

Be it further resolved that the health, basic needs and useful employment of the people take priority over the pursuit of profits by the corporations;



Be it further resolved that the de-centralized decision-making be implemented to determine the wisest use of renewable energy resources and appropriate technology;

Be it further resolved that all concionable nations recognize the sacredness of our common Mother Earth and all her children and further recognize that the age of scarcity is upon us and a new economic order must become a reality in order to perpetuate humankind's existence on our Sacred Mother Earth.