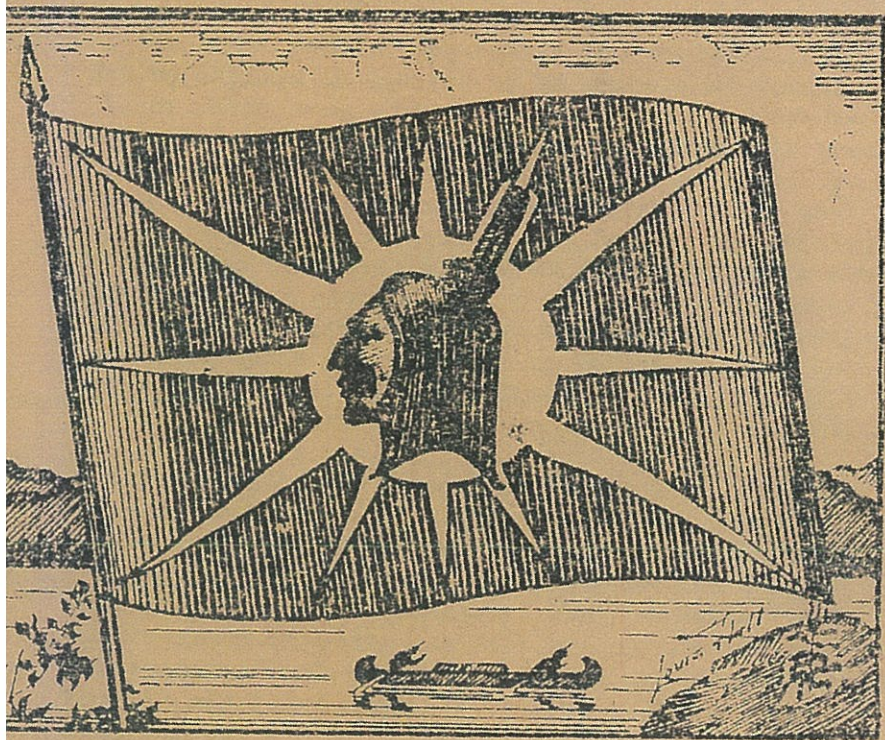


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THE seeds of decay were planted before the Iroquois Confederacy became great and famous. The Five Nations had joined in an alliance under the guidance of the great Founder Deganawida who wanted all the native nations in America to be members of the alliance which became known as the Iroquois Confederacy. He wanted all the nations to be equal in power, influence and legal authority. He had no plans for a super nation or nations to lord it over other nations. Deganawida wanted all the Rotiyaner (Chiefs) to be equal in power. He had no wishes to see a single individual elected as a grand or supreme Chief as such a position only leads to errors and corruptions. He got the original Five Nations of the Confederacy to offer up the position of "Grand Chief" to the Creator who does not err, cannot be corrupted and does not die.

Gayanerekowa, the Great Law, began with 30 articles or wampums formulated by Deganawida himself. Other laws were added "to the rafters" by the Grand Councils in the following centuries as needed. It took five years for Deganawida and Ayonwatha ( a transplanted Onondaga who left his nation because of persecutions suffered by his family and joined the Mohawks who recognized his special abilities and made him one of the Turtle Clan Chiefs) to gather and join into alliance, the first Five Nations. Convinced they'll do fine, Deganawida set out to gather more nations to join his great alliance. He was never seen again. It is believed that he came upon evil people and got killed. Deprived of his counsel and sound guidance, the people of the original Five Nations were not ready to act with good judgment when the outside nations came to join the Alliance. Instead of making them equals, they put them in a sub-



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ordinate state without a voice in the Grand Council. They came in "on the cradleboard", meaning they were treated like children and not allowed to develop their potential. In time, there were 28 of these dependent nations in the Iroquois Protectorate of Indian Nations. The Five Nations became overlords of the 28 subordinate nations, not what Deganawida had in mind at all. The Five Nations Grand Council even added "a law to the rafters" that any adoption of nation or nations shall be temporary only, subject to certain conditions and they shall have no voice in Grand Councils or have any authority. When Deganawida left to gather in more nations, he certainly did not want to bring them in "on the cradleboard" but as equals. As a consequence, when the European invaders arrived they had only a Five Nation Confederacy to face instead of 33 which would have been the case had they given the 28 protectorate nations equality. The French invaders saw the protectorate situation and used the 28 protectorate nations as a tool to overcome the Iroquois. For twenty five years, the French with the help of their missionaries, coaxed and incited the dependent Indian nations, told them: "They treat you like children...you got no voice in their council" until the protectorate Indians agreed to attack their protectors.

Fortunately for the Iroquois, their own agents warned them in time. Conspirators can't keep anything secret for 25 years. Weeks before the expected attack and while still in wintertime, the Iroquois turned on their lightning war, a strategy which found its way into all books of war in military academies. In 1940 Hitler admitted he got his idea of the Blitkrieg (which means "lightning war") from the Iroquois. More than a century of warfare followed, at the end of which time the French had lost all their land holdings in North America, the protectorate nations all gone, the Iroquois bleeding and staggering were still roaring and defiant. All this happened because some elitist Grand Council Chiefs wanted equality for only five nations. It's not inconceivable one hundred or even two hundred nations of Indians would now be members of the Iroquois Confederacy, a mighty al-

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liance of Indians in America

Lording it over other Indian nations did the Iroquois no good. Not having the Peace Maker Deganawida around to help make great decisions, the elitist chiefs could only see themselves as masters over all. Even at this late stage of the game, they still have this superiority complex. At a Grand Council in Onondaga in 1976, representatives of two outside Indian nations made an appearance on a mission of joining in some kind of alliance with the Six Nations (one of them the Tuscarora, not having equality). The two visiting groups are the leading Indian nations in their areas. One was representing the Sioux Nation from the west and the others were Chippeways from Ontario. When the word got around about their mission, the Onondaga Handsome Lake preacher Huron Miller, sitting against the wall became very enthusiastic: "Great! We'll put them under our wings." he said. Larry Red Shirt of the Sioux said: "But we don't want to come in on the cradleboard." The elitist Grand Council Chiefs will have it no other way. The Sioux and Chippeway delegates didn't return. "Putting them under our wings" implies the protectorate nonsense once again. How can the elitist Grand Council protect anyone when it can't even protect itself? They can only pretend to protect or defend for they have buried their weapons, their fighting spirit and can only dream of the glories of the past. At this late date, Indians all over America can do wonders by following the Great Plan of Deganawida, by joining all American Indian nations in one big Alliance or Confederacy, all the nations to be equal in power, influence and legal authority. Had the original Five Nations Iroquois Confederacy followed Deganawida's Great Plan, there would now be a 200 or more Nations Confederacy. What kept the Iroquois down was their elitist chiefs who wanted equality for only five nations and subjection for all the others. It's up to the Iroquois people of the present who see and understand the problem to do something about it while there is still time.

To understand the problem it is necessary to dredge up some of the events of the past and expose them for



for the people to see and understand so they can see what to do about it. At the end of the American Revolution, the Iroquois still had enough military power to force the new U.S. Republic to sue for peace in 1784. After the famous hit and run Sullivan raid of 1779 which killed 33 Senecas, the enthusiastic reports said the Seneca population was decimated which means a tenth part of the population were killed. Since 33 Senecas were killed, the Seneca total population couldn't have been only 330. Sullivan reported destroying certain towns he never even went near. The following year 1780, the Iroquois went on a rampage of their own, cleaning out three huge areas, Ohio being one of them. This was the last military action by the Iroquois in the United States which would have split the new U.S. in half if the United States had not been able to get the Indians to agree to the 1784 Treaty of Peace.

In 1797, Gov. Morris of N.Y. State asked the Seneca Nation to hold a Council. He was too old to make the trip himself, so he delegated his son to perform the simple chore of buying 5 million acres of Seneca land. Morris junior couldn't get all the Seneca Chiefs to agree, so in the evening he broken open the whiskey barrel and a party was on. By morning everyone was so boozy and happy the governor's son very easily persuaded the Senecas to part with the 5 million acres for \$100,000. Even Red Jacket was as drunk as a lord. So was Handsome Lake whose name appears fourth on the list of signatures on the agreement. When they sobered up and realized what they had done, they swore off booze. The Senecas are very proud of this abstinence even if it lasted less than two years. In 1799, the Senecas went on the now famous spring hunt. When they returned they had no meat, no furs and no money but everyone was gloriously drunk. They had fallen off the wagon. They sobered up one by one. There was one who kept on drinking whisky and that one was Handsome Lake. He stopped when he collapsed from the D.T.s. He came back to the land of the living after four days (not four years). The first person he saw was his nephew Henry O'Beale, Cornplanter's son. Cornplanter was Handsome

Lake's half brother. When Handsome Lake's father died, his mother married a white man and Cornplanter was the happy little result. Cornplanter grew up and married a white woman and they got three boys one of whom was Henry who was only a quarter Seneca but 100% Quaker. He was always trying to convert his uncle. Here he was at his famous uncle's bedside listening to his complaints: "Snakes, snakes, all sizes, all colors wrapping themselves around me. It was horrible!"

Henry said: "Don't tell anybody you saw snakes. Tell them you saw angels and they took you to a place of everlasting fires and torments where all drunks shall go when they die."

The idea was so novel the old drunk decided to help his nephew start a new religion. He preached against alcohol while tippling every chance he got. According to the story old Handsome was so fascinated by the new religion that he saw a way of dealing with his critics. According to the nephew, the Christian church burns heretics and witches at the stake. Since the critics didn't believe him they were therefore heretics. The first was a woman he charged as a witch because she had calluses on her hands (from working with a hoe in her garden). Either he forgot or Henry neglected to explain that witchhunters stuck needles into calluses and if the subject suffered no pain, that's her witch mark and therefore she was a witch. Handsome Lake merely said: "You got calluses and so you're a witch!" The woman said: "If you did some work in your garden you'd have calluses too." Handsome Lake ordered his followers to kill her and so buried her in her own garden. Two other critics followed the fate of the first.

The fourth intended victim was to be Red Jacket, the most sarcastic of Handsome Lake's critics. During a Chief's Council, Handsome Lake had broken out into a sermon and had suddenly become confused, turned to his nephew Henry, sitting close by. He asked Henry: "What was it the angels said?" Red Jacket, sitting across the house, said: "If the angels spoke to you, how is it it's your nephew who knows what the angels said?"



That earned the death penalty for Red Jacket. The Chief's Council stepped in and stopped Handsome Lake's eliminations of rivals. Red Jacket was the best orator they ever had and weren't about to allow him to be terminated by a boozy prophet. Handsome Lake charged Red Jacket with witchcraft. The Chiefs' Council was held to hear Red Jacket's defense. Red Jacket spoke for a couple of hours in his own defense describing how there cannot be any witches and that even the white man's church no longer burned witches at the stake having come to disbelieve such things. There is even a painting of the famous trial by a noted painter of the day showing the Council in session and Red Jacket in full regalia defending himself. The Seneca Council decided there shall be no more executions of witches.

Then came the missing babies case. While working in the fields the women hanged cradleboards on branches of trees cut off for that purpose. A baby turned up missing. The next day another baby disappeared. The next day, a guard was set who cleverly hid himself. There came a shadow through the woods looking furtively around and grabbed for one of the cradleboards and started off with it. He didn't get far when he was grabbed and overpowered. It was Handsome Lake. They banished him from the Seneca country like they do to anyone convicted of murder. He was ostracized everywhere he went. He ended up in Onondaga. They didn't want him there either but he promised to make them the greatest of the Six Nations if they allowed him to stay. The Onondagas must have been at a low ebb in their self estimations, anyway they had to be pretty naive, hypnotized or drunk to believe that a baby snatcher could make them the greatest of the Six Nations, but the Onondagas allowed him to stay, even let him live in the loft of the Long House while he worked the miracle of making them the greatest.

He was followed in the woods where he made friends with snakes, let them wrap themselves around him. He explained that it was necessary to do this to get the power to make them the greatest of the Six Nations. In between power making exercises, he

would visit the red light district in nearby Syracuse and arrive back home dizzy and staggering with from all the loving cups of joy he had imbibed. In today's language, he was living it up. The Long House in Onondaga achieved a curious aroma and while the power maker was absent, one of the men climbed into the loft. The first thing he saw was an arm hanging from a nail on a rafter. Then there were other arms and legs. At the end of the loft was a crate which was duly noted to contain several squirming snakes. In a sober moment the prophet was confronted for an explanation. The holy power maker reminded them how hard it was to make them the greatest and he had to do the hardest things to get the power necessary to accomplish his goal and not to worry. He was getting there. Then the power maker became very sick. He had achieved a power dose at the houses of joy in Syracuse it was his habit to visit. He had all the venerable diseases they had to offer. The poor fellow rotted before he died. No one could go near. The toughest rolled him in his blanket and carted him to the swamped where they buried him hoping the curative mud would stop any or all the diseases from spreading in an epidemic. Then they burned down the Long House and built another which is now presently known as the "old one". Thus passed away a famous religion maker, time 1815.

Meanwhile, the nephew Henry O'Beale was busy spreading the new gospel. Five years after the death of Handsome Lake, Henry had the Handsome Lake Code completely organized. Copying from the Quaker Code, Henry wrote the Handsome Lake Code complete with the "repentance ritual" which makes it possible to go to heaven after committing the most revolting sins or crimes just by repenting every time. Going along with the peaceful nature of the Quaker Code, Henry instructed his Seneca cousins to bury their weapons and never again to fire them at anyone. The Senecas got caught up in the religious fever, buried their weapons and told the world they'll never fight again. They actually thought the whole world would copy their example. All it did was to encourage the white settlers to pour all over their lands. since it was now safe.



The Handsome Lake religious fever spread to some others of the Six Nations. The Tuscarora, already Christian, didn't heed another Christian religion to add to the confusion. Some of the Oneidas, Onondagas and Cayugas being close to the Senecas got caught up in the frenzy. The Mohawks of Kahnawake, Akwesasne and Kanasatake had been prisoners of war of the French who converted them by force to Roman Catholicism more than a century before the time of the Handsome Lake Code. In 1716, after four forced migrations, the Mohawks arrived at the present site of Kahnawake. That same year the Rev. Jesuits decided to move several hundred (dissenters?) to the Lake of Two Mountains where a village called Kanasatake was established. Starting in 1754 up to 1759, the Rev. Fathers removed half of the remaining Mohawks 75 miles up the river to where the Partridge Drums and called the new town Akwesasne. We lately found out the Mohawks had refused to remain serfs (who work for nothing) and were talking of national independence and sovereignty (sounds familiar?). Anyway the big increase in Mohawk numbers made the French nervous and the Rev. Jesuits felt it was necessary to divide the Mohawks, by then prisoners of war over a hundred years, to keep them conquered. All the Mohawks should get together again. They divide the people to conquer them. Stands to reason the people should stay together. The free Mohawks living in Mohawk Valley left the territory in 1783 because of the revolutionary war. It wasn't until 1922 that the Handsome Lake Code arrived at the three divided Mohawk towns when they asked to be reinstated in the Six Nations Confederacy. The Con-doling Chiefs from Ohsweken made the acceptance of the Handsome Lake Code one of the conditions to accept when being reinstated. Not knowing the facts of the case the Mohawks of Akwesasne, Kahnawake and Kanasatake accepted. When it became apparent that the Handsome Lake Code was a violation of the Great Law the Mohawks of Kahnawake, Kanasatake and half of Akwesasne repudiated the Handsome Lake code.

Not one of the existing Iroquois nations in 1820 had any idea of the results of accepting the Hand-

some Lake Code. Present day followers of the Handsome Lake Code are convinced they have the answer to the problems of the world. Even if the presumed solutions violate some laws in the Iroquois Constitution also known as the Great Law. They have some well trained speakers who promote the system they regard as the hope of the future. In all their speeches they use the Two Row Wampum Treaty as an example of our ancestors' intellect. In that Treaty, both the white man and the red man agreed never to legislate for each other and that they shall keep their laws, governments, religions and customs in their respective vessels, the ship in the case of the white man and in the canoe in the case of the Indian. The speakers fail to tell their audiences that Handsome Lake reached into the white man's vessel and took out the white man's religion and adopted it as his own. Doctrines such as hell, devils, angels, purgatory, etc. adopted by Handsome Lake are unprovable Christian beliefs and until they are proved they shall not be regarded as a knowledge system. They would be better left in the white man's ship since they never did the white man any good morally or spiritually, only financially and politically. Of course, followers of the Handsome Lake may not think that taking the white man's religion out of his ship violates the Two Row Wampum Treaty. Also taking out the white man's law for Code means "a body of laws of a nation". Since the Handsome Lake Code was copied from the Quaker Code it is then a white man's law. It would be much better if we didn't boast about the Two Row Wampum Treaty.

Besides violating the Two Row Wampum Treaty, The Handsome Lake Code also violates Wampum 25 and Wampum 58 of the Iroquois Constitution (Great Law). In 1820 the Great Law was not in written form. The people had to hear it recited from the wampums every five years. As a result they did not know the law. Can anyone around remember anything recited five years ago? Such as 117 articles of law? The promoters (Henry O'Beale and followers) were just as ignorant of the law as the people they were leading down the garden path. The present controversy is a result of ignorance. The



Great Law is now in written form but the leadership of the Handsome Lake Code does not allow the followers to read it. It's a form of induced ignorance.

Wampum 25 of the Great Law provides: "If a Chief of the League should seek to establish any authority independent of the Jurisdiction of the League of the Great Peace, which is the Five Nations (at the time the law was made), he shall be warned three times in an open council, first by the women relatives, second by the men relatives and finally by the Chiefs of the Nation to which he belongs. If the offending chief is still persistent, he shall be dismissed (deposed) by the War Chief of his nation for refusing to conform to the laws of the Great Peace. His nation shall then install the candidate nominated by the female name holders of his family (clan)".

The Handsome Lake Code was established as an authority independent of the jurisdiction of the Great Law. All Chiefs who practice the Handsome Lake Code are guilty of the violation of Wampum 25 and can be deposed if they do not heed the three warnings and continue to practice this foreign code.

Wampum 58 of the Great Law provides in part: "A further meaning of this is that if at any time any one of the Chiefs of the League choose to submit to the law of a foreign people, he is no longer in but out of the League, and persons of this class shall be called "They have alienated themselves" (Tehonatonkoton). Likewise, such persons who submit to laws of foreign nations shall forfeit all birthrights and claims of the League of Five Nations and territory."

In submitting to the Handsome Lake Code (law of foreign people) the Six Nations people who are Handsome Lake followers thereby alienate themselves from the Iroquois Confederacy and territory. There is no necessity for the three warnings in this case. The Great Law was created for the people's protection and to keep them together in unity. There must have been a lot of confusion and misunderstanding in Handsome Lake times. In spite of such wise men as Red Jacket and others, the Handsome Lake Code was able to rend asunder the peaceful unity of the Confedera-

cy like no other force has been able to. What wars couldn't do, white man's religion easily did and it doesn't stop there. It seems that it did not occur to anyone at the time that a serious violation of the Great Law was being committed. It may be due to the fact that the Great Law was recorded in an unwritten language, the Wampums. We now see it in written form so we can point out any law that is being violated. The Handsome Lake promoters were quick with their own law (or taboo) which forbids the reading of the Great Law in its written form. One must wait every five years to hear it recited orally. How can we remember all that the man said? Or did the man remember to say all the laws? It requires a tremendous memory on the part of the reciter and his audience. No wonder the Handsome Lake followers do not know the law! And they are forbidden to read the Great Law. They are also forbidden to mention the name Deganawida! It looks like a conspiracy to do away with all traces of the Peacemaker and his Works. They are only permitted to mention the name of Handsome Lake. Some conspiracy is afoot to put the Iroquois people in a daze and brainwash them into dissolving the great Iroquois Confederacy. They are doing away with the Great Law. It's a forbidden book. They have buried their weapons. They are trying to abolish the War Chief and his men (Warrior Society). The followers of the Handsome Lake Code deposed and abolished the centuries old institution, the War Chief. Who's going to depose an errant chief now? They announced that there is no more Warrior Society (the people's power).

It is the duty of all the Iroquois people who are faithful to the Great Law to straighten out the followers of the Handsome Lake Code. It is the duty of the Iroquois People to remove the intruding Code which is usurping the place of the Great Law. To any ideas or fears that the removal of the Handsome Lake Code means the cancellation of all ceremonies and rituals of the Long House, it must be impressed on the interested parties that these ceremonies and rituals have been in existence and in use hundreds of years before the Handsome Lake Code arrived on the scene. The only ritual to give up is the "repentance" ritual



which came with the intruding Code and permits that any sin or crimes no matter how grievous can be committed and will be forgiven just by repenting each time. It's an open invitation to any good person to do any evil since it's so easy to be forgiven. It simply doesn't make sense. In the Mohawk definition of "repent" it means that the repentor makes the pledge that as the Creator is his witness, what he did he will never do again. As he keeps repenting shows that he keeps breaking his pledge over and over again. This of course is an insult to the Creator who is his witness. The people are better off without this insulting repentance ritual. The dictionary defines repent: "To feel sorry" without any pledge never to do it again. Sakatatehriwasten in Mohawk means "I am sorry". Sakatatrewatch means "I repent and pledge never to do it again." The word "repent" does not mean in Mohawk what it means in English.

Burying the weapons doesn't seem like much of a sacrifice. Peace minded folks will tell you that the world will know peace if all the world would only bury all their weapons. Peace by peaceful means. Doesn't it seem so logical? In two world wars they only got peace after killing 9 millions of people in the first and 66 millions in the second. Why didn't they bury their weapons instead? They'll tell you they couldn't have gotten the peace without the weapons. If there were no weapons. they'll fight with bare hands which no doubt they did the first time they came to clash. In any event, it's the strong who gets any peace. What happens when one or a whole nation bury their weapons? In the case of the Handsome Lake folks, it became easier for the white settlers to take over their lands. Without even thinking about it, the good folks also bury their fighting spirit. What's wrong with that? It seems that the world is such that life is a struggle and one needs fighting spirit to cope with life and life's struggles. A ten year study was made on the causes of national extinction such as those those suffered by the classical Greeks, Romans, Phoenicians, Persians and other great civilizations once numbering in the millions and now all gone. The professor came

up with four great causes of extinction. 1. Loss of language. 2. Disregarding the laws that made them great. 3. Disregarding the economical system that made them strong and great.. 4. Doing nothing about their spies and traitors. The greatest single cause was "giving up the struggle". People who gave up the struggle decreased in number, grew weak, died out and became extinct. People who continued to struggle increased in number, grew strong and achieved survival.

To explain this strange facts of life, let's take the Onondagas and the Mohawks as examples. The Onondagas once more numerous than the Mohawks, accepted the Handsome Lake Code, ~~lost the original Iroquois~~ language which is still spoken by the Mohawks and now the Onondagas speak a "dialect" which is said to be 'a language reduced to babytalk', buried their weapons, their fighting spirit and gave up the struggle. Ten years ago their number was given at 900 and this year, their number is said to be down to 500. The Mohawks still speak the original Iroquois language, did not bury their weapons and fighting spirit. They did not give up the struggle and their numbers exceeds 50,000.

To one who is not slated for extinction, it may seem easy to stop the slide to extinction. Not only the Onondagas are decreasing. To reverse the trend, the potential victims would be required to change their life style. They would have to start struggling. The first thing to realize is that the extinct civilizations did not think they were slated for extinction. They did nothing about their decreasing numbers. They did not think they would become extinct. The fact that they did and there were millions of them should be a cause for reflection. The writer heard an Onondaga Chief say that the Creator will not permit the Indian people to be destroyed. According to him God will save the Indians. There are extinct Indians nations. God did not save them. God helps those who help themselves. So, unless the people themselves do something about their precarious position they are sure to disappear. The way to save themselves is right there in front of everyone. While it seems easy to one who is not in that precarious position, it may be a monumental task for the poten-



tial victims. They shall have to change their lives around. Since the results are worthwhile let's get right down to it.

The first order of business would be to unbury their weapons and their fighting spirit. Let the people reorganize their Warrior Society and restore the War Chief. Doing this much makes a big difference. There is an immediate lifting of the spirit. The will to live and to regain springs back to life.

No. 1. Relearn the original Iroquois language. The Mohawks still speak it and will be glad to teach.

No. 2. Reactivate and reassert the Great Law. It is the law made for Indians by Indians. The Handsome Lake Code is a law made by white people for it's a copy of the Quaker Code. Give it back to the Quakers as well as the unreasonable repentance ritual which makes the 'repenter' think he can commit the worst evil and get away with it just by repenting.

No. 3. Reorganize the cooperative economic system used by our ancestors and in use today at Ganienkeh.

No. 4. Something has to be done about the spies and traitors for they hack away at the very existence of the people and they are one of the four main causes of the extinction of great civilizations of the past.

The Great Law is the only law in use in Ganienkeh, the only place in America where the Indians have full control and authority. It was established by the Mohawk Warrior Society which shows what the Warrior Society can do. It shows why the Warrior Societies should be reorganized by the Indian nations. The Onondagas and other Indian nations in danger of extinction shall have to become like the Mohawks, struggle, fight and win.

#### The Lessons We Have Learned Up To This Point:

I. Our ancestors should have followed Deganawida's Great Plan to make all American Indian Nations equal in power, voice and authority in the Iroquois Confederacy instead of having an ego indulging elite group of just Five Nations lording it over other nations. The Iroquois Confederacy had a chance to create a mighty union of Indian nations, in control over all America and the European invaders would not have been able to gain a foothold on Red Man's Land. It is not too late to organize a huge confederacy or

republic of Indian nations such as that envisioned by Deganawida the greatest American. It represents a big challenge to the abilities of the present day true Americans, the red race.

2. The ancestors should have made the Great Law more available to be learned and studied so the violations of the law would have been avoided, such as the usurpation of the authority of the Great Law by the white man's Quaker Code which masqueraded as the Handsome Lake Code.

3. Every nation on earth has armed forces for defense and protection. All the nations of the future multinational confederacy shall reorganize well trained powerful Warrior Societies and all War Chiefs shall be equal in power and authority. The most important requirements of the people of mankind has been the government, the law, the economic system and religion. Some may place them in a different order.

#### HOW ABOUT AN INDIAN REPUBLIC? (1984 idea)

To The Indian Nations Of America, Greetings:

The word "unity" has been worked to death. At this stage of our experience with the benedictions from Europe, who are now legislating our national demise and finally carrying out the legal genocide of the Red Race, we are now considered to be in a completely weakened state and ripe for extinction.

Let's all of us Indians in America organize. No, I'm not trying to make you laugh! True, the Indians have tried to organize many times in the past. The reason this time is different. The legislatures of Sir Caucasian are deliberating on our national and racial demise. They shall pass an order in council declaring us dead, nationally and racially. They shall declare that we have joined their nations and are no longer legally Indians. They shall proclaim that the Indian race is no more and the nations of that race have joined the white race.

There are Indians who want this. They want to commit racial and national suicide. Anyone who commits suicide whether physical or national is of unsound. He no longer has the instinct of self preservation for his physical or national life, which is a part of his mental equipment. Those of us who are of sound



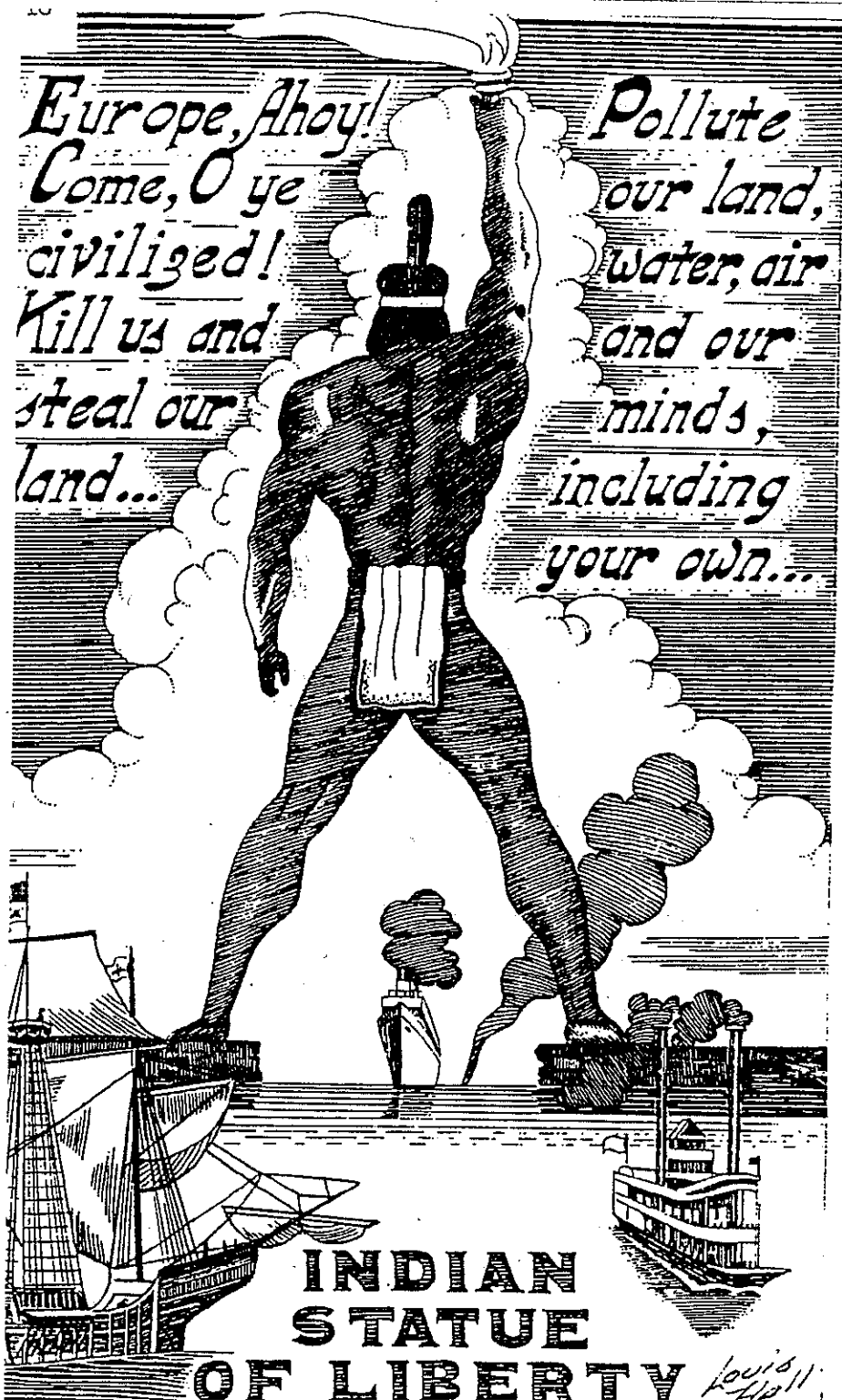
mind have no wish to become extinct. We wish to see our race live on and on. We also are of sound mind and have no wishes to join another nation or race. Let's strive to be equal to any other race or nations, but not by joining another race. Let us create a REPUBLIC OF INDIAN NATIONS, sovereign and independent, on this great Red Man's Land of ours. We know that our great ancestor Deganawida did create a Republic of Indian Nations. He wanted all the Indian nations to be members as equal partners. He was able to gather only five nations in his time. He left the gathering of nations to his successors to continue. They did gather Indian nations but not as equal partners. Instead, they created an empire of protectorate nations which was not the aims, purposes and intention of our great Founder. Did any empire ever last? The weakness of an empire is in the subject nations. The Iroquois empire went the way of all empires, to destruction. If the subject nations had been given equality what a mighty republic it would be today! The subject nations of the Iroquois protectorate were incited by clever missionaries to attack their protectors. It took a quarter of a century of urging and cajoling to make them take such a drastic step. The Iroquois Confederacy, to save themselves, had to fight the people they were protecting. The war lasted more than 100 years by which time the protectorate Indian nations had mostly become extinct, the French instigators had lost their land possessions in Canada and the great Iroquois Confederacy, though reduced and weakened, was still fighting and struggling. Let's not make the same mistake. Let's make a Republic of equal Indians nations. All Indians need each other to survive.

The present day Iroquois Confederacy is no longer a great powerful League of Indian Nations. To compound their weakness, they were conned into accepting the Handsome Lake religion which features unprovable white man's doctrines such as hell, devils and other vague mysteries, they also had to bury their weapons in the mistaken, misled and deluded belief that Uncle Sam would protect them. In all

treaties, Sir Caucasian always engages to protect the Indian party of the treaty but never really does any protecting. Those are just empty words. The Iroquois ended up having to protect the English colonies. Not all the Six Nations fell for the "burying the weapons" trick. Many centuries before Handsome Lake there was a burying of weapons but for only among the Five original Nations. The occasion was the formation of the Five Nations Confederacy. They pledged never to make war on each other again but if they are attacked by enemies, they would ally themselves to fight together to repel invaders. This latter day act of "burying the weapons" is different. It's not to stop fighting among themselves but never to fight again even if attacked. They would allow themselves to be shot down without defending themselves. It's a death wish religion. There's a white man's hand in this business somewhere. No longer needing Iroquois protection they now want the Iroquois to be so weak they'll wish and will themselves into oblivion.

The Mohawk Nation has an organized Warrior Society to defend and protect the people. The Oneidas at the 32 acre territory at Oneida, N.Y. have a revived and reorganized Warrior Society. The Tuscaroras have reorganized their Warrior Society. The Six Nations people who follow the Handsome Lake Code are not allowed to have a Warrior Society nor to fight in self defense. When asked what they would do if attacked an Onondaga Chief said: "That's when we'll meet our Maker" meaning they'll not even fight to defend their lives. When the Onondagas had trouble on their highway, they had to call up the Mohawks and Tuscaroras to do their fighting. Once protectors of nations, they now need protection themselves. The Iroquois have the strongest of the Indian treaties with the United States: "The United States engages never to disturb the people of the Six Nations in the free use and enjoyment thereof (land)." In spite of this treaty, the U.S. went ahead and disturbed the Six Nations people by constructing the Kinzua Dam, made counties of the Seneca nation land and the U.S. side of Akwesasne and the people can't put up a fight (besides protesting) because it's against the new religion Handsome Lake Code, which





forbids fighting.

The Mohawk Nation was the most powerful of the Iroquois Confederacy. It has not buried its weapons. With so many Indian nations on the uprise and ready to fight for their lives, their lands and for their survival, it is possible for these emerging Indian Nations to ally themselves with the Mohawk Nation, the Oneidas and the Tuscaroras (others of the Six Nations may want to be involved in this great work, if they can break away from the weakening influence of the Handsome Lake Code) on an equal footing and create a new Republic of Indian Nations. Being of sound mind, the emerging Indian nations did not bury their weapons and can organize their Warrior Societies. An alliance of all Indian Nations on an equal basis would have pleased the Greatest American, Deganawida, because that's what he wanted. The Founder of the greatest political society ever devised by man, the Iroquois Confederacy, preached of peace among all Indian nations through law (the Great Law). He also preached of peace through Power chiefted by many nations allied together. So, let's gather the Indian nations together and make a Treaty of Alliance amongst them all. Let all the people of the said Indian Nations hold the Pledge Wampum and solemnly declare to defend and protect the people of each member nation and pledge to follow and defend the Great Law GAYANEREKOWA, mankind's first and greatest national Constitution. It made the Iroquois powerful and great while they followed it. It shall make the new Republic of Indian Nations strong. Indians need power.

It is generally acknowledged that the government devised by Deganawida is the most practical, intelligent and moral. It's the best guide to follow. It's natural for people to want to change laws and systems only to discover later that the new laws and system they devised are not so good after all. It's best to use a proven system which has stood for ages, such as the Great Law. Wampums 74 to 77 were legislated after Deganawida was long gone. They begin with: "When any alien nation (no white people were around at the time) or individual is admitted into the League, the admission shall be understood only to be a temporary one."



Wampums 74 to 77 is the flaw of the Great Law. It is not the purpose and the intention of the Founder Deganawida and as before stated, it led to the downfall of the Iroquois Empire of Protectorate Nations. The end result is the weakness of the Confederacy today.

Whenever the Grand Council or any individual nation Council of the Iroquois Confederacy pass an issue or make a decision the people in general regard as a bad decision, harmful and injurious to the nation or nations, the people in general may hold a People's Council and decide that the Chief's decision should be recalled and the Grand Council or the individual nation's Council shall be required to reconvene their Councils and recall their errant decision and agree with the People's Council decision as, after all, the Iroquois Government is a People's Government. In order to implement Deganawida's Plan of a great confederacy of all Indian Nations, all equal in power, Wampums 74, 75, 76 and 77 shall have to be revoked by the People's Council and stricken from the Great Law and different laws substituted whereby new member nations shall be admitted and given equality with the other nations. The People's Council has the power to do this (or to even depose all the Chiefs if necessary). All the new member nations are required to do is to follow the Great Law which also makes it possible not to have too many laws which is the universal complaint among nations these days. The government and law of the Great Peacemaker Deganawida is hereby recommended to any projected Republic of Indian Nations.

White man says he has the best form of government. Calls it the government of the majority. It has been said that the majority of the world are fools and that the wise and intelligent are in the minority. This makes the majority government a government of fools. But sez thou: "The majority of the world is controlled by a clever minority of oppressive exploiters which makes the majority government actually a minority government and so, it's a government of both fools and the clever exploiters with the latter running the show. The standing army is the arm of the government and trained to protect and

defend the system, not the people. The government uses the people. for the army men are of the people. The government creates laws designed to defend and protect the government from the people and police departments are established to enforce the laws, again using some of the people whom they first alienate by indoctrination from the other people in order to protect the system from them. The exploited people are required to pay taxation in enormous amounts to pay the costs of these institutions. the government, the standing army and the sitting police departments. The white man's majority government is really not a government for all the people, but for the super rich who are in control. The same super rich are also in control of the "free world". It seems reasonable to expect a world revolution in the not too distant future.

#### THE NATION'S ECONOMY IS IMPORTANT

The economic system used by the Iroquois is known as the co-operative community system. Everyone shared in the work. They helped each other. Since it's not a competitive system there was no super rich and no poor. There was no tension, frenzy, panic, envy, jealousy and hate. There was some private enterprise. If the entrepreneur didn't make out, he merely joined the cooperative.

The white man's economic system features the competitive spirit. It is a constant and never ending struggle to get ahead. There are rich and super rich. The failures in this system find themselves in the streets scrounging in garbage cans for something to eat. Even doctors, lawyers and other professional people have come upon evil times and became street people. It can happen to anyone under capitalism. There is no publicity when a street person dies of starvation. It's a shame on the country's economic system. Millions of people are living in the streets of the richest country on earth, the U.S.A.

The white man has other economic systems such as communism where the production and distribution is shared equally by the people. The communist countries were communists a few years when the fascists stepped in and took over. Fascism is an economic system where the government is the boss of the production and the

distribution. According to the dictionary, capitalism means the economic system in which the means of production and distribution are privately owned and operated for profit. Small enterprises are also allowed. When the production and distribution are turned into cash, the government steps in and takes the cash in the form of excessive and exorbitant taxation. Capitalism then is fascism in subtle disguise. So, the co-operative economic community is the safest system for Indian nations to use.

#### RELIGION IMPORTANT FOR MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND YEARS

Religion to most people is the most important matter. According to the dictionary, religion means a "system of worship and belief". Worship is simple and understandable. Man worships a woman and woman worships a man. It's only disgusting when man worships another man and woman another woman. It is then perverted. The perverted now call themselves "gay". The word gay used to mean a cheerful person. Now it means a queer person. It has been the experience of both men and women to be programmed to worship the same male God when the men should be worshipping a Goddess. It may be the reason for so many queers in the world. If there is a male God then there should be a female Goddess for the men to worship. Religious worship would then become a natural thing. Now that we have that cleared up, let's get to the more complicated "belief".

To believe is to accept as a fact without knowing it's a fact. Faith is even stronger. It means to believe without proof. People say they only believe when they know. However, it's no longer a belief when it becomes knowledge. Then one knows. Belief is not knowledge. The dictionary has a different meaning for each word. The best way to point out the difference is by example. A man on trial for his life on the charge of murder is convicted because the judge and jury believe he is guilty. The man protested his innocence right to the scaffold. A little while after he was hanged it came to pass that another man was caught in the act of murder. He knew it was all up with him and since they can only hang him once proceeded to boast having committed other murders including the one for which a man was already

hanged. After describing that murder, including things even they didn't know, they knew he was the real murderer. The judge and jury convicted the wrong man because they believed he was guilty. They didn't know. Belief can get you hanged. Knowledge can save you. It's one of the reasons the death penalty was abolished. Justice has stretched the wrong neck too many times.

The dictionary says "religion is a system of worship and belief. It does not say it's a system of worship, and knowledge. The Indians have a big edge on the white man, religion wise. The Iroquois give thanks for what they can see and therefore know, according to ancient instructions, such as the Maple Thanksgiving, Corn Harvest Festivals, etc. This is in reference to the real Iroquois religion, not the Handsome Lake faith which is Christian in character. In violation of the Two Row Wampum Treaty, Handsome Lake reached into the white man's vessel and took out the white man's religion and adopted it as his own. The Christian beliefs he adopted such as devils, hell, purgatory, etc. have never proved to be true and so cannot be true. They are part of the white man's system of unprovable beliefs and certainly cannot be knowledge. Our advice to the followers of Handsome Lake is to return the unprovable beliefs to the white man's ship and thereby stop violating the Two Row Wampum Treaty.

Why is religion necessary? We are told that without religion all mankind would be evil. Jails are full of religious people. They prayed before going out to rob a bank and to get away with it. We are told that religion is to save souls from the everlasting fires of hell. They tell us that when a person dies the soul leaves the body. The soul then is bodiless. The soul does not have to eat or drink. It does not have to sleep. The soul cannot get sick, suffer or die. The creation of hell then is a divine mistake for the soul cast into it cannot feel the flames since it does not have a body with a nervous system to transmit these sensations. The soul cannot suffer". Of course, hell is only a belief. White man's belief. The joke's on God. When he created hell, he didn't know the soul can't feel the flames since it cannot suffer. They



teach us contradictions.

This brings us to the question, what is the soul? Again the dictionary. The soul is an "entity without material reality". How can it be an entity if it has no material reality? The religious try to explain the soul in all kinds of ways. "You can not see it, touch it or smell it." They even say that when you breathe, that's your soul. When it's your ass that does the breathing, is that a soul too? Man has two souls. One at each end. The more they try to explain the soul the more they make it look like it's also just a belief, at best a hope.

The Dark Age settled over Europe around 400 A.D. when the Mighty Church forbade bathing and closed down schools. Only the clergy were allowed education. When students reached the level of education when they take up the study of Greek and read Plato, it was duly noted that it made the students think that's where Apollonius (St. Paul) got his Revelation and so they stopped going to Church. So, no more education, boy! Why was bathing abolished? The Roman baths were abolished because they were an occasion for sin. Naked men, women and children bathing together. It was scandalous and immoral! For more than a thousand years, numerous epidemics and contagious plagues resulting therefrom, the European Christians weren't allowed to wash themselves. It had become a grievous sin. One hundred years of religious wars freed the Europeans and civilized the terrible Christian religion which terrorized Europe and the Middle East and put a stop to the horrors of the Inquisition. The holy Crusades slaughtered over 300 millions of "infidels" (non-Christians) in a 200 year reign of terror and the holy Inquisition took the measure of over 50 millions of its own Christian heretics and witches burned at the stake during the 600 years the Inquisition terrorized Europe.

Religion did not bring peace but the very opposite judging by the results. When Roman Emperor Constantine the Great adopted Christianity, he made it an international religion. He called it the Roman Catholic Church (formerly it was called the Apostolic Church). Catholic means universal for he meant to

conquer the world and make everyone a Roman Catholic. More than half of the German army in two world wars were Catholics. They fought against Catholic soldiers of England, France, Canada, U.S.A. and others. Roman Catholics were slaughtering each other. So, the international religion is not the answer for world peace.

Some people need religion. Many have no use for religion. The millions of people who have no use for are segregated from the religious people who regard them as heretics fit only to go to unprovable hell when they die. The religion free "heretics" regard the religious as being ignorant people who accept "fairy tales" as being divine truth. The two groups are alienated from each other. They hold themselves aloof from each other. There can be no unity and friendship under such circumstances. National unity is not possible under such strained relationship. There can be no peace when people regard each other with suspicion and distrust. How to get the two groups together in peace and friendship, not to mention unity and national survival? What kind of compromise is possible to bring the two groups into at least mutual respect and maybe love and harmony?

At this point the Jew makes his appearance. He has the experience behind him of 3,000 years of persecution and oppression. The Jewish religion had the same experience as other religions. The over zealous promoters picked up rituals and ceremonies as they went along until it took all day to go through them all. Some rebelled and cut back on a lot of ceremonies and called themselves "reformed" Jews. It seems like the reformed Jews did not reform enough for another revolt occurred and a new Jewish religion evolved, with less ceremonies and shorter sermons. Even the R.C. Church revised their services a bit, shorter masses and sermons as a result of the 2nd Ecumenical Council in the '60s, in response to the complaints of bored church goers.

The Jews have the answer to the problem of uniting the religious people and those who have no use for religion. This solution enabled them to survive inhuman persecutions for 3,000 years. A large proportion of the Jews have no use for religion, any kind of religion, but who support the Jewish religion with money

and their presence when needed because a national religion is a force for unity and national survival. Indians who do not believe in their own national religion should join it anyway for the same reason, unity and national survival. It worked for the Jews and it should work for the Indians and other dispossessed people. Indians who are members of white man's international religions should drop out anyway as the beliefs on hell, devils, purgatory, etc. are unprovable and therefore do not exist. They should do as the Jews do, support their own national religion in whatever way they can since it means national survival. For those who would miss the ceremonies of international religions, the Indians have the best religious ceremonies of all, the Sacred Dances, in which everyone participates. At white man's religious services, people complain that they don't get a chance to participate. The priest does everything. The Dance is one of the forms and expressions of worship. Indians have many sacred dances. The people go home happy.

Being wise is great. Wise men and women are needed. Even they need a lot of information to enable them to put their wisdom to best use. Socrates didn't have enough information. Everyone needs more information. "Get more education! Go to college!" We have the spectacle of college grads asking us questions. If they knew anything would they be asking us questions? What do they teach in colleges anyway? From the amount of knowledge they pick up in there, colleges seem to be a waste of time. Maybe they don't pay any attention while they're in there. What kind of knowledge do we want or need? We ask the highly educated questions on how to run a country or a private life and they give us beliefs! We want proven facts not maybe theories. How to save mankind? Easy! Just pray to God. People of high education give us equations on relativity. No, the top brains only know how to destroy mankind not save them. There seems to be no secret knowledge about stopping mankind's greased slide to extinction before their time. All species of life spend some time on earth and then go. Dinosaurs 75 millions of happy years. Man only 2 million years

so far and wants to go already. It wasn't happy for him so he wants to go. And he's supposed to have more brains than dinosaurs. The way to solve mankind's problems is through brains, intelligence and wisdom. Any old fool knows that! World revolution anyone? to be known as the revolution to end all revolutions. Revolution of the just and the wise.

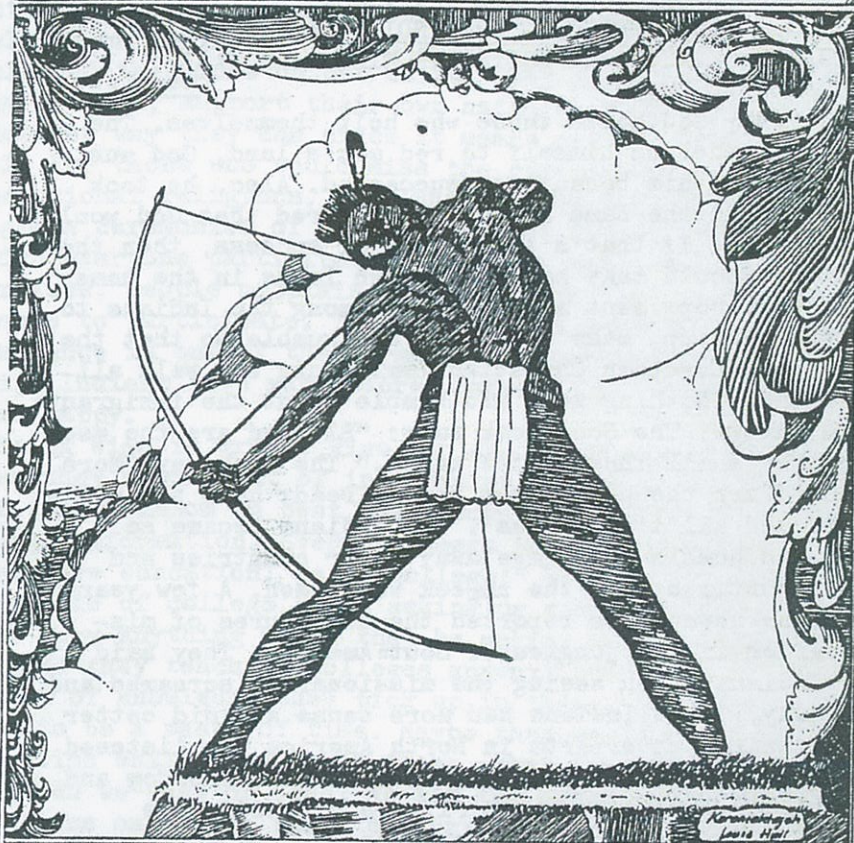
JUNE 30, 1984 SPEECH TO THE INDIAN ELDERS MEETING IN  
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They say God helps those who help themselves. The white man helped himself to red man's land. God must have helped him because he succeeded. Also, he took our land in the name of God. He figured that God would be pleased. If that's the secret of success, then the Indians should take back their own lands in the name of God. Europe sent missionaries among the Indians to soften them up, make them meek and humble so that the follow up European Christian immigrants can walk all over them. Nothing meek and humble about the immigrants from Europe. The Good Book says: "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." The meek say: "More blessed are the greedy for they already have the whole earth and all its goodies". The Indians became so meek and humble they gave away their countries and whole continents to the unmeek white men. A few years ago, the newspapers reported the adventures of missionaries in the jungles of South America. They said the Indians, upon seeing the missionaries screamed and ran away. Those Indians had more sense and did better than their counterparts in North America who listened to the missionaries and lost their lands, freedom and even their souls (their spirit was crushed). The thing to do when you see a missionary is to scream and run for the hills. The ancient Mohawks knew what to do with missionaries. It seems that Indians didn't have matches to start their fires so they say that the Mohawks started their cooking fires by rubbing two missionaries together.

The missionaries say they brought God to America. Just think O Indians, if the white man hadn't decided to come to America and steal the red man's land, God would still be in Europe. Helpless God, can't go any-



# IROQUOIS WARRIOR SOCIETY



Deganawida's Great Plan for a Union of all Indian Nations in America and Equality for all Nations and Chiefs was subverted after he was gone by elitist Chiefs who wanted equality for only Five Nations. We now urge an Alliance of all Warrior Societies in America with all Warrior Societies and War Chiefs equal in Power, Voice and Status and to offer the position of Supreme War Chief to the Creator as was done by Deganawida at the formation of the Iroquois Confederacy, so that the Indian people of today may realize the Great Plan of Deganawida. The single feather worn by the warrior above denotes "all of one mind".

where by himself. Needs the missionaries to take him here and there. They still say they're bringing God to the jungles of South America and Africa. Primitive people were reported to practice "Christian principles" such as refusing to tell lies, cheat and steal. They do not murder but love each other. In that case they do not need missionaries. It was noticed that when Indians were converted to Christianity, they started to tell lies, cheat and steal, hate and murder each other. If the aim of missionaries is to make people good, they don't have to go to the jungles. There is more sin right here in Canada and the U.S. than in any jungle. They can go to work right here in "civilization". The Christian religion has been a failure. The Christian people are no better now than when the religion began.

In a university, we were asked how we traditional Mohawks pray. We don't pray. We give thanks for all the bounties of nature or for whatever good that happens to us. You see, when the white man prays, he tells God what to do. He assumes that God doesn't know how to conduct his Godhood, so he tells him. Not only that, he tells him over and over again. God's dumb, see! Can't understand anything the first time. Got to tell him lots of times. If a group of people went to a fellow and said the same thing to him over and over again, isn't he bound to think: "What's with these cats? They think I'm stupid or something?" Any way the white man thinks he figured out a way to go to paleface heaven without having to do good acts. We say paleface heaven advisedly because we've been assured that the white man has taken over that place too. He makes the rules and decides who goes there. Anyhow, the white man figures he can talk his way into paradise. After hearing such nice words, God is expected to forget the vile deeds the white man does in between prayers.

Some time back, in a church on a Sunday in the province of Quebec while a mass was in progress and the priest had reached the part when he preaches a sermon, a young man about 25 years old, stood up, raised his hand and said: "Father, I don't want to disrupt your performance of the mass, but you said something just now that I wish you would clear up in my mind and I'm sure the people in here are also interested. You mentioned hell and the devil. Is there any evidence



to prove that hell and the devil exist?" The priest said: "I'll pray for you. I'll pray for you." The young man said: "No, don't pray for me. Just prove it so I can believe." The priest again said: "I'll pray for you." And continued his sermon without trying to prove anything.

The young man was arrested and taken to court where he was fined \$500 and costs. His lawyer advised him to appeal the case and not to worry about the cost as a group of people had gotten together and chipped in to pay the cost. They also would like to know about the existence of hell and the devil. The case went to the highest court in the province of Quebec. After all the arguments the judge rendered his decision: "I uphold the decision of the lower court and fine the defendant \$500 and costs, but I must caution you the clergy, the law protects you now but the law can be changed if there's enough pressure from the general public, so I must advise you that when you're preaching not to say anything you can't prove." Especially since it costs so much to find out there is no proof that hell and the devil exist. It is good to know as a lot of people spend a lifetime in fear and despair because of this unreasonable belief.

The white man tells the world we came from Asia by way of the Bering Strait. Said the red man crossed over from Asia on a land bridge (very convenient) or stepping islands. The master story tellers say the time of this alleged migration was 12,000 years ago. Since it's a "scientific" estimation, it's therefore impressive. They came to this conclusion by "reading" the rocks. Now you guys better watch these rocks. They can betray your passage even if you passed 12,000 years ago. The scientists can even detect, if only slightly, your ancient fragrance that you left behind as you passed the rocks. Another set of scientists after much reading and smelling the rocks, said that many moons ago, there was an ice age that lasted one million years and covered the North American continent with a sheet of ice four miles high half way down to Mexico from the Canadian border. They estimate that the ice receded 10,000 years ago. If that's so, then simple arithmetic tells us that the Ice Age has 2,000 years to go when the scientists say our an-

cestors crossed the Arctic wastes and icebound Canada over ice four miles thick. Let's visualize our ancestors coming over in the rarified air, four miles high and refrigerated atmosphere at least 100 below zero, in thermo suits and space helmets with bottles of oxygen trapped to their backs. It was a tremendous trip of thousands of miles.

Scientists are resourceful fellows. The first bunch decided to stick to their guns regarding the 12,000 years estimate. They took a leaf from the Holy Scriptures where Moses with his magic wand struck the Red Sea which parted and allowed the Israelites to walk through, after which the sea returned and swallowed the Egyptian army pursuing the Israelite refugees. The Egyptians protest the story saying there is nothing in their history about such an event. The scientists disregard that and have the leader of the future Indians in possession of an equally magic wand which parted the ice and allowed the wanderers through. The scientists don't say it in quite that way, but they revised the ice picture and have an ice free alley through which they have our ancestors walking out their Bering Strait theory. We, too, protest there's nothing in our history about such an event. As far as we're concerned, our ancestors made their debut into this valley of happiness right here on this red man's land of America, just as the white man originated in Europe, the black man in Africa and the Asiatics in Asia. The Bering Strait theory is a forked tongue in cheek propaganda to make the Indians think that we too are aliens in our own land and that they, the immigrants have as much right to our land. The scientists are trying to justify in the white people's minds their presence, their land piracy and their slaughter of the natives of America. The Chinese tell a different story. Chinese ships of exploration landed in the California area of America. About 1,000 years ago they say. They left some of their people behind intending to return later to pick them up but they never returned. The stranded Chinese mixed up with the natives which is how some Indians have oriental features.

America is the home of the Indian race. The single common ancestor for all nations and races doesn't make sense. The European immigrants told the Indians that



the Creator told Adam and Eve to populate (not pollute) the earth. They did their best and produced Cain and Abel, after which Adam and Eve left it to their descendants the chore of populating the earth. Cain tried his best to make Abel big with child but Abel was sterile. In frustration Cain killed Abel and left for another country (he invented immigration) where he built a city. How he managed that without women is a mystery the missionaries can't explain. One account has it that Cain fell in with a tribe of monkeys which explains why the immigrants from Europe have a lot of hair all over their bodies. They laugh at us because we have no hair on our chest. Hair also grows on the chest of a jackass, but it doesn't grow on iron. Chest of iron.

The European immigrants call us tribes. A tribe is primitive man's first attempt at a social order. The nation is the finished product. In ancient times a family and their relatives got together and organized themselves for self protection. That is the tribe. Later, the tribes got together and coalesced into nations. One definition of tribe: a derogative term meaning primitive and low class people. It's an insulting term and you'll notice that the white man does not call his own people a tribe. Only the Indians. When the Europeans came to America they made treaties with the Indians and in doing so, recognized them as nations. Only nations can make treaties. The Europeans living in kingdoms at the time couldn't have been nations as the people and everything else belonged to the monarch. The people are a personal property of the king. That is not a nation! International law says that a nation once recognized as a nation remains a nation until it dissolves itself. No nation may dissolve another nation. The U.S. action in 1871 reducing the Indian nations to mere tribes is illegal according to international law. For the white race the nation is a recent concept. When the red and white races met, all the countries in Europe were kingdoms. In a kingdom only the monarch has sovereignty. Everything and everyone belonged to the king. A true nation is where the authority flows upward from the people to the installed leaders, as in the case of the Iroquois Confederacy, also known as the Long House, world's first people's republic and the first

to have a national constitution, a state far ahead of any then known. The Iroquois Confederacy never accepted the 1871 reduced tribe status but continues to stand on its international rights as a union of Indian nations and insists that the U.S. honor the treaties their ancestors signed with the Iroquois Confederacy.

We see that the white man classified the Indians as savages, but in the "upper stages of savagery". Because of their political achievement, the white men have the Iroquois in the "middle stages of barbarism" while they put themselves in the "civilized" category though they be inferior to the Iroquois government wise. Civilization means having reached a high level of cultural and social development. The white man has reached a high level of technology but only a low level of human relationship which is more important. It makes him less than half civilized. We also see that white man's howling "civilization" oppresses even his own white people and frightened the world with his nuclear power, military and so-called peaceful use. From the Indian viewpoint, civilization is an overrated, refined and approved savagery. Primitive white men beat each other over the head with wooden clubs. Civilization enabled them to do it with iron. The riot squads still use wooden clubs. Of course, in our experience with the civilized white man, there times when he was more savage than any savage or barbarian. The white man wants to raise us from savagery and join his civilization. Out of the frying pan into the fire. People emigrated from Europe and joined Canada or the U.S. Legally, they're no longer Irish, Italians, Germans, etc. They are now naturalized Americans or Canadians of Irish, Italian or German descent. However they'll remain white people. In time they're expected to lose all traces of their origins. The Indian case is different. If Indians assimilated with Canada or the U.S. they join the white race and renounce their own. That Indians are citizens of their own particular nations is here being ignored. Since the white people outnumber the Indians 250 to 1, there will be no trace of the Indian race in time, because of intermarriage. With assimilation, Indians shall become as



extinct as the classic Greeks, Romans, Persians, Phoenicians and other great lost civilizations of the past who were absorbed and assimilated by conquering barbarians. Those great civilizations who numbered in the millions, did not want to become extinct but they did because they lost their language, ignored the laws that made them great, ignored their own proven economic system, ignored their spies and traitors and as a finishing touch, they gave up. It's a lesson of history that people who give up the struggle decrease in number, grow weak, die out and become extinct. People who continue to struggle increase in number, grow strong and achieve survival.

There are Indians who expect God to save the Indians. There are many Indian nations who are already extinct. God didn't save them. God only helps those who help themselves. Sometime in the future, the white man would like to say (sadly of course): "There used to be Indians on this land. We made them extinct!" Indians are duty and honor bound to survive as Indians. They were created Indians and should remain so. How can they resist genocide and extinction staring them in the face? They will have to struggle and fight for survival. It's a fighter's world. No Indian nation should be so deprived it has to exist on a reservation. The Indians need a land base, a free independent territory. Impossible? How about the REPOSSESSED AREA OF GANIENKEH TERRITORY regained by the Mohawk Warrior Society in upstate New York? Had they been a bigger group they would have regained a bigger area. Indian nations are hereby urged to reorganize their warrior societies. It's unthinkable for a nation to have no protection nor defense.

What can the warrior societies do? If the struggle for survival takes a drastic turn and the Indians have to take physical action in self defense, they will have to hit the immigrant-turned-colossus where it hurts the most, in the pocket book. They can dump bridges into rivers which are now sewers and into the seaway cancelling all traffic, knockout powerhouses, high tension power lines, punch holes in the reactors of nuclear powerhouses. The forests belong to the Indians but they cannot get at it to use for themselves so they may as well burn them down. Struggling for

survival can be fun. In one year the white man shall be as poor as the Indians because he now lives on technology and when you knockout electricity you knockout technology. All industry stops, all money making stops, all eating stops because food is refrigerated. Indians don't need electricity. All this need not happen if the white man decides to be good to Indians, restore some of the stolen lands where the Indians can live as Indians in their own independent territories, free from interference and meddling by the white man. Indians have the right to be nations, the right to an area of land for their territories, the right to exercise their own form of government and societies. The Indians have the right to struggle to achieve these conditions by every means possible. By struggling and fighting for it, the Indians shall regain their rights and freedom as Indian nations and know peace and happiness. May true justice prevail.

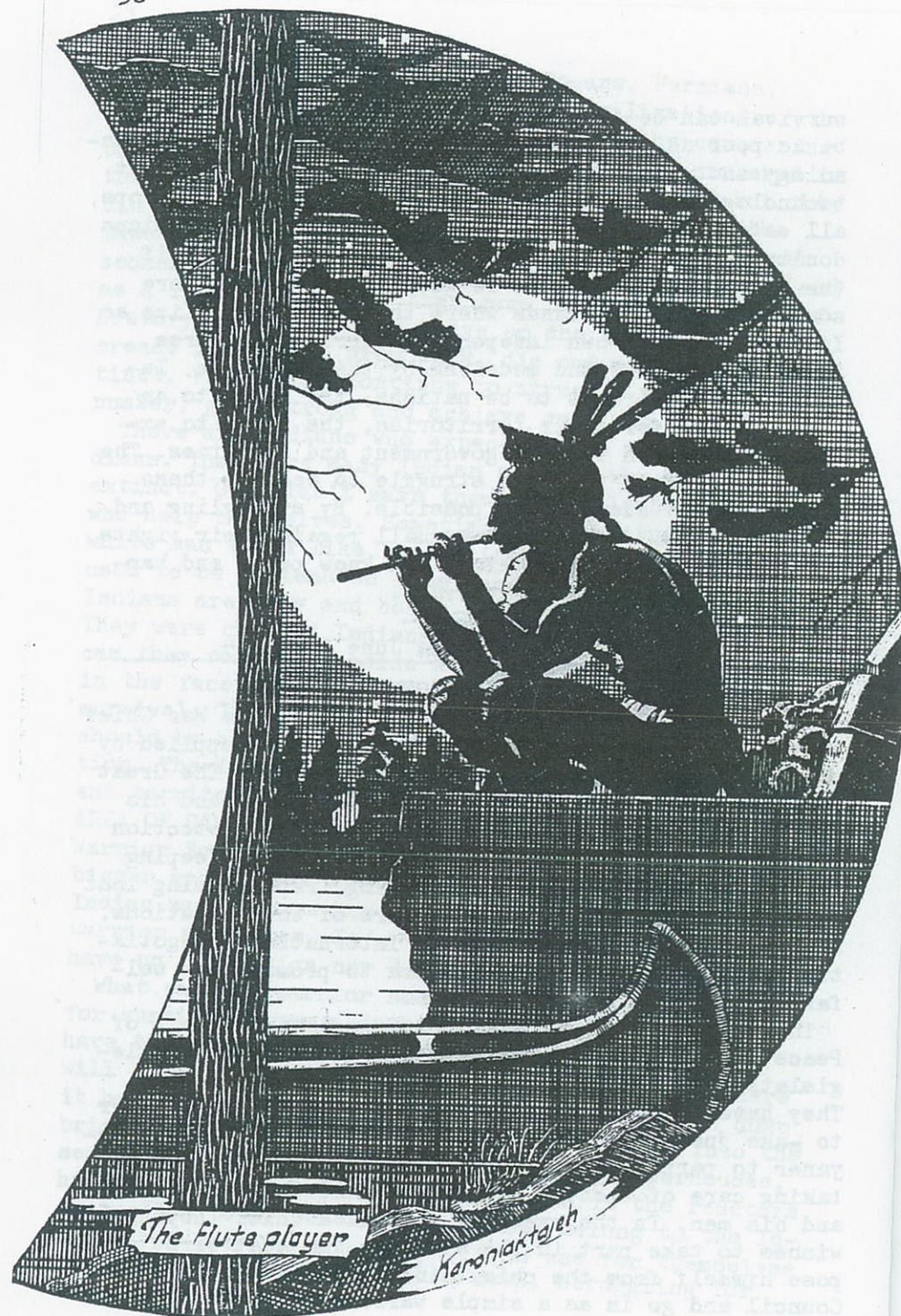
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#### WHAT IS THE WARRIOR SOCIETY?

The Great Law Gayanerekowa called them "The War Chief and his men". The term Warrior Society was supplied by the white man. The term seems to fit nicely. The Great Law has definite functions for the War Chief and his men. They are charged with the defense and protection of the people. Their duties take many forms. Keeping the peace, teaching, public speaking, repossessing lost lands and human rights, taking care of confrontations, settling dangerous disputes and international negotiations and doing all kinds of work to promote the welfare of the people.

The Rotiyaner of the National Council are Chiefs of Peace, chosen for their wisdom and intelligence to legislate laws and make decisions on political issues. They have to be mild, calm and peaceful types in order to make just laws. It's against the Great Law for a Rotiyaner to participate in a disturbance or conflict as taking care of such is the function of the War Chief and his men. In the event of war, if a Chief (Rotiyaner) wishes to take part in the struggle, he must first depose himself from the chieftainship in the National Council and go in as a simple warrior and take orders





from the war chief. After the war is over, if he is physically intact and well, he may resume his duties as a Peace Chief.

There have been objections by some well Meaning Indians against having a Warrior Society. "There is no war", they say. Nothing can be farther from the truth. There has been a constant psychological warfare waged against the natives of America right from the start of the European occupation of Red man's land and it's as deadly as the one with guns. It's war against the minds of the people and the casualties are the drug addicts, drunks and suicides which are at the highest among the Indians. The Europeans went on an all out drive to give the natives inferiority complex which destroys the personality of the people. Oppression is act of war against the people. Legislating the Indians into extinction by way of assimilation is an act of war against the Indians. Legal extermination of the Indians as a distinct people is an act of aggression. Genocide as practiced against the Indians is an act of war and the Indians must act in self defense. The answer is the Warrior Society whose task force is charged with finding ways to protect the people from every form of aggression being waged against them.

The traditional Peace Chiefs Rotiyaner (as well as Canada's Indian Act Band Council) are not oriented to strife and confrontation violence. They are politicians and not military people. This is why the Great Law has peaceful functions for them. The War Chief by nature and training, is fitted to deal with violence and aggression. The Warrior Society is trained to deal with every kind of emergency from invasion to child-birth. A modern phenomena in the Warrior Society is the presence of girls and older women within its ranks. The distaff side has taken to the study of weapons of war and have become experts in their use.

The Warrior Society is actually the power of the people in action. The Indian struggle for survival has many sides. One of the most important is to counter-act the psychological warfare inflicted on the Indian people. This calls for talented men and women (yes women have an important place in the Warrior Society) to speak publicly and write tracts describing the rights of the people and the best ways to fight for



survival. It's called propaganda and it's important in any warfare, psychological and physical. Words of encouragement and pep talks are a big help. There are Indians walking around dazed and confused, suffering from identity conflict as a result of the psychological warfare. To fight any kind of war, one needs courage, gumption, knowledge of the enemy and strategic planning. The biggest single requirement is FIGHTING SPIRIT. People with fighting spirit shall not become casualties of a psychological warfare. Only ten percent of any population will actively fight for their rights. How does one acquire fighting spirit? Our ancestors discovered the secret long ago. All their men were great warriors. One hundred percent. How did they do it? Were they naturally all great warriors or were they developed? They must have been developed because, at present, we who inherited their blood, are also heir to that ten percent population fighting spirit. One method that has come down to us is the War Dance. Our ancestors brought up the spirit of the people by the War Dance, even of those who did not dance. Since it works, it should be performed at every opportunity. Publicity is another important work of the Warrior Society. Artists have the job of making word and picture posters, signs and billboards giving all kinds of useful information to the general public. Whenever and as often as necessary a press conference should be held to acquaint the general public everywhere of any important development among Indians so that any action by Indians shall be clear and understandable to all. Many friends and support groups were made that way.

The Warrior Society is a big entity in the life of an Indian nation. Just as an army is important to all other nations of the world. Not having an army is unthinkable to any nation. They would be speedily overcome. In any international dispute, no nation has a chance in the negotiations if it hasn't got defense and protection. It would be negotiating from a position of weakness. Likewise, Indian nations shall find themselves, one of these days, engaged in a matter of life and death negotiations with white man's governments and if they have no bargaining power they're licked right from the start. They shall be forced to

make concessions and back down on their demands. The government may even refuse to negotiate. They only negotiate when their peace is in danger. An Indian nation with no Warrior Society presents no threat to the white man's peace. In the negotiations which shall arise and the survival dispute becomes hot, the Warrior Society is going to be the bargaining power. To have bargaining power, the negotiating nations shall not only have the power to make peace which anybody can do, even the weakest since they can do nothing else, but the negotiating nations should also have the ability to destroy the peace of the opposition. That's bargaining power. How can the Warrior Society destroy the peace of any opposing nation no matter how powerful it may be? That's in the realm of strategy not open to discussion here. Nations negotiate to achieve peace. Usually only temporary. Hostilities stops for a while. No peace ever lasted forever.

People tell us the only way to peace for Indians is through peaceful means. The Indians are urged to approach the peace destroying white man with honey dripping tones to talk to him and make him a better white man and his government a better government. Unknown to each other, all Indian groups have been doing this for the last 200 years. This is frustrating to the good folks who are doing it the good way, the Creator's way to achieve peace, justice and the good life. It should be so obvious to anyone with a grain of righteousness that peace through peaceful means is the good and only way. But it doesn't work. Why? Who has and enjoy any peace? We have seen that the meek, mild and humble people are the most trampled upon. They don't want to hurt anybody. They don't want any trouble. They are peaceful but they don't have any and enjoy any peace. They don't, cannot and shall not fight back against any injustice or oppression. What a sweet setup for bullies! These same bullies do not bully the strong and fighting people. They may get more than they can give. It's the strong who get any peace. The peace destroying bullies are only peaceful when the strong are around. The world is that way. Only fear is respected. Fear inspired by the strong.

Indian nations without a Warrior Society are in a



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weak position. They are also fear ridden. People in fear are often very vocal and infect others with their fear. Fear is so infectious that there is a record of two Indian nations so fear ridden that they committed suicide after killing off their young to evade the Spanish who slaughtered 12 millions of native Americas in the first 20 years of their "crusade" in America. People in fear inspire no respect, only pity mixed with contempt. They are ripe for extinction for only those who struggle grow strong and achieve survival. Indians who do not have a Warrior Society do not struggle, they decrease in number, die out and become extinct. Lessons of history. When an Indian nation reorganizes its Warrior Society, there is an immediate change. The nation immediately feels stronger. Hope for future survival is renewed. Their struggle is no longer weak. Their strength grows every day. It reflects in their spirit and speech. They become impressive. They soon inspire uncertainty in their oppressors. They then inspire some fear and respect. Hence bargaining power. The Warrior Society works closely with the Council of Rotiyaner and have much to negotiate for. The most important is to regain enough land to enable them to live by their own efforts, where they may exercise their own traditional government and society. For example, the land of Kahnawake and the Seigniory is not the extent of the Mohawk land. There are 9 million acres in N.Y. State and Vermont. It extends into the Province of Quebec from the Can.-U.S. border up to and including Montreal. All Indians should work to regain whatever they can of their total areas. Indians should strive to achieve a state no less than a REPUBLIC as the term is defined in the white man's dictionary.

### THE WORK OF REBUILDING

Let's deal with the ancient wrong and its ongoing results. Contrary to the Great Plan of Deganawida that all Indian nations of America be invited to become members of an Alliance of all Indian Nations, with equal voice and authority for all the nations, the Five original Nations decided not to honor Deganawida's



Great Plan and that it's better to have an empire of subject nations who will have no voice in the Grand Council and no equality. They even made an "addition to the rafters" to that effect. Made law Wampum 74 which is contrary to Deganawida's Plan and as became evident later, an evil and unjust law indeed. They created a protectorate of 28 Indian nations instead of giving them equal and full membership. It enabled the French by propaganda to spoil whatever good relationship the Five Nations may have had with the subject nations which ended with the Five Nations having to fight a war with the nations they were protecting. Had the 28 protectorate Indian nations been given full membership, other native nations would have joined and the European invaders wouldn't have gained a foothold in America. In 1976, representatives of the Sioux and Chippeway Nations showed up at the Grand Council in Onondaga exploring the possibility of joining in an Alliance with the Iroquois Confederacy. The high pressure preacher of the Handsome Lake Code said: "Great! We'll put them under our wings." Larry Red Shirt of the Sioux said: "But we don't want to come in on the cradleboard." It should be obvious to all by now that a protectorate of nations doesn't work, It's impractical, insulting and stupid. Let's take a look at this terrible idea the Grand Council entertains such as taking nations under its wings. It even became a joke: "Is this a Grand Council or a chicken coop?" You don't see a rush of Indian nations storming into this chicken coop to get under the wornout wings. The Chiefs of the Grand Council should take a good look at themselves. Are they actually wise and intelligent enough to be making important decisions? The fact that they think they can take nations under their protection when they can't even protect themselves should tell them something. They buried their weapons. How can they protect anyone, not even themselves much less other nations. The fact that the Grand Council breaks and keep breaking the laws of the Iroquois Constitution without even knowing they are breaking their own laws shows up the extent of the ignorance within the Grand Council.

The Handsome Lake Code does not allow them to read the Great Law and as a result they do not know when

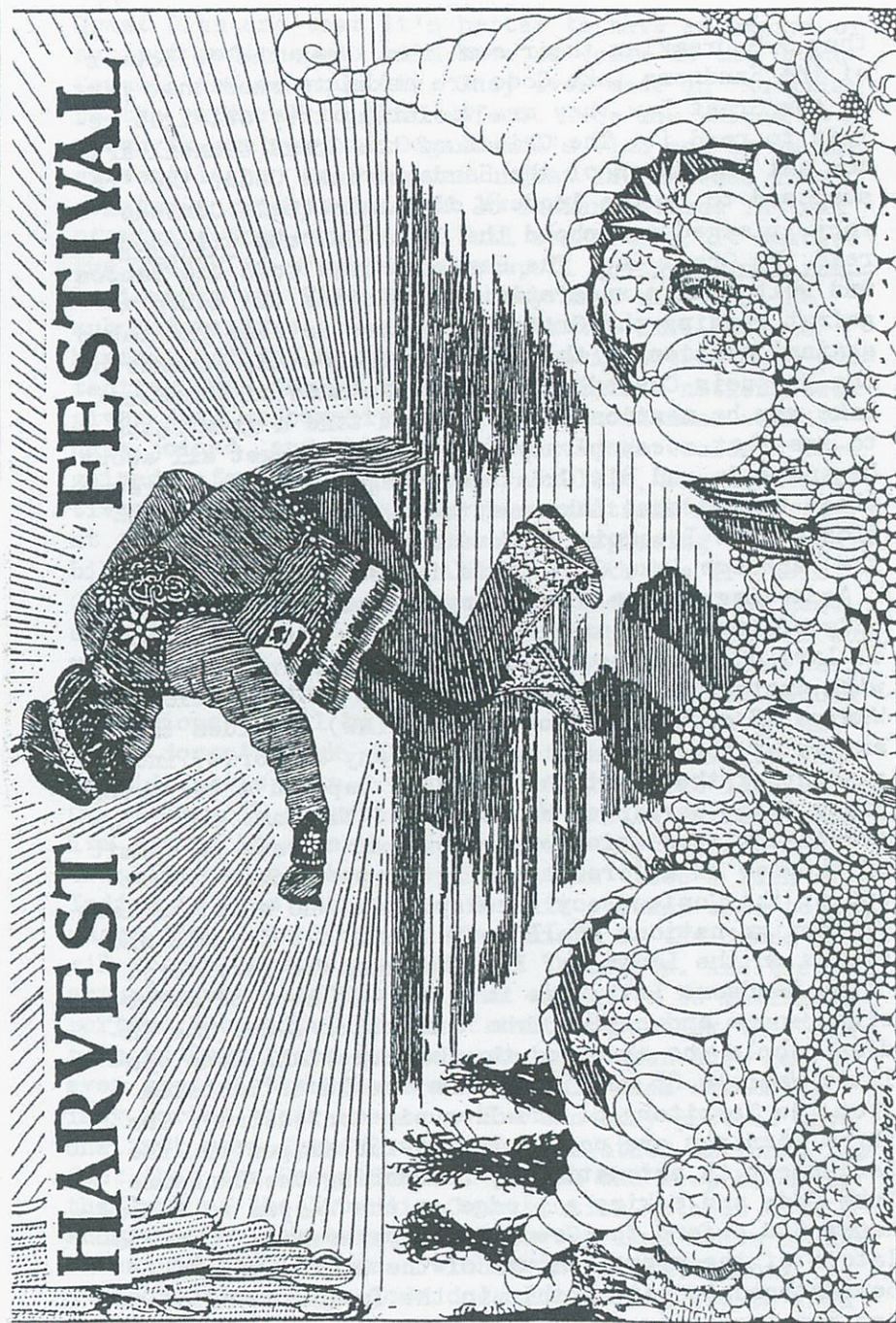
they are breaking their own laws. When the followers of the Handsome Lake Code are asked to read that part of the Great Law they are violating they outright refuse to read it! The Chiefs of the Grand Council are now all followers of the Handsome Lake Code. They're supposed to be the leaders of the Iroquois Confederacy, pledged to uphold the Great Law and will not read the Great Law. The Handsome Lake Code has taboos and white man's superstitions. Besides the taboo against reading the Great Law, there is also the taboo against mentioning the name of Deganawida, Founder of the Iroquois Confederacy. Only the name of Handsome Lake may be mentioned. It doesn't take a great mind to see that a conspiracy is afoot to forget all about Deganawida and his Great Law. Deganawida to be replaced by Handsome Lake and the Great Law (Constitution of the Iroquois Confederacy) to be replaced by the Handsome Lake Code. This is sedition and treason.

According to the dictionary the word CODE means "a body of laws of a nation". The Great Law is the body of laws of the Iroquois Confederacy. To replace it with another body of laws is an act of revolution. Wampum 25 of Gayanerekowa (Great Law) provides that any chief who seeks to establish any authority independent of the Great Law shall be deposed after being given three warnings. Wampum 58 of the same Great Law provides "that a chief or persons who choose to submit to the law of a foreign people are no longer in but out of the Confederacy. Such persons who submit to laws of foreign nations shall forfeit all birthrights and claims on the League of Five Nations and Territory."

The Handsome Lake Code is a body of laws of a foreign people and copied from the Quaker Code. The Indian people who accepted the Handsome Lake Code violated Wampums 25 and 58 and they could be banished from the Territory of the Iroquois Confederacy. The three warnings are not necessary for Wampum 58. The banishment is automatic. By renouncing the Handsome Lake Code and making a pledge on the Wampum to follow, honor and defend the Great Law Gayanerekowa, the violators of the above Wampums of the Great Law shall be restored to citizenship in the Iroquois Confederacy and territory.

Besides the above, Wampum 59 gives the People's Coun-





cil the right to depose all the Chiefs or execute them all if their offense or offenses are grievous enough. Having deposed all the Chiefs guilty of submitting to the law of a foreign people, the beforesaid Handsome Lake Code, the People's Council shall then install new Rotiyaner (Chiefs) chosen by the Clan Mothers in the various Clans and Nations. Having a full Grand Council again with Chiefs all loyal to the Great Law and having nothing to do with the alien Handsome Lake Code which by then shall have been extinguished.

Whenever the Chiefs of a nation's Council or the Grand Council pass a decision which is not agreeable to the general public, they may hold a People's Council and pass the people's decision to make the Chiefs' Council recall their erroneous decision. The Chiefs shall have to recall their erroneous decision and go along with the People's Council decision as, after all, it's a people's government. In the case of Wampums 74 to 77, these erroneous laws were made centuries ago. It prevented the Iroquois Confederacy from becoming a huge union of Indian nations. It caused the present weakness of the Iroquois Confederacy. It is conceivable that Indians today would have a big strong country of their own had Deganawida's Great Plan been followed. So, at this late date, the People's Council may prevail on the new Grand Council, as their first act of Council, a historic one, to recall the erroneous law Wampum 74 to 77 and make a new law which gives new member nations permanent membership, equality, voice and authority the same as all the other nations of the Iroquois Confederacy.

The second act of the new Grand Council should be to make the Tuscarora Nation a full partner with all the rights, full voice and authority equal to the Chiefs in the Grand Council.

The Sioux and Chippeway Nations who asked for an alliance with the Iroquois Confederacy in 1976 should then be informed of the fact that the elitist Chiefs have been removed and that a new Grand Council is now composed of Chiefs ready to follow the Great Plan of Deganawida and invite all Indian Nations in America into one big Republic of Indian Nations, all equal in



power, voice and authority under the Great Law of Peace.

What a change! just by following one piece of correct legislation by the Grand Council and by following the Great Plan of Deganawida! and by removing the biggest stumbling block in the way of the unity of Indian nations, the way shall be clear for the people to realize the vision and hopes of the Founder of the Iroquois Confederacy. By joining in a big alliance, Indian nations shall be helping each other and shall grow strong together.

#### THE PROCEDURE OF REBUILDING

According to Wampum 59 of the Great Law, the People's Council has the most power and the last say. They may thus:

1. Convene the People's Council. Make public the violations of Wampum 25 and Wampum 58 of the Great Law. Handsome Lake Code a violation of the Great Law. Guilty Chiefs to be deposed and banished along with other people who are also guilty. The guilty can save themselves by declaring solemnly on the Pledge Wampum to defend, protect and follow the Iroquois Constitution (Great Law) and not to ever disobey the Great Law again.
2. The People's Council to install and swear in (hold Pledge Wampum) new Chiefs who are loyal to the Great Law. Their first act in council should be to repeal Wampums 74 to 77 and to enact new laws permitting new member nations into the Iroquois Confederacy as equal partners, voice and authority and who shall make the necessary Pledge on the Wampum to follow the Great Law and to defend and protect each and every member nation.
3. The second act in council should be to make the Tuscarora nation a full partner in the Iroquois Confederacy. Presently they make up the 6th Nation and because of Wampums 74 to 77, was not given equality.

The above are suggestions by the writer to help out in the work of removing the deplorable conditions and sad state of affairs. May the superior minds in the Six Nations and among other Indian nations come to the fore with more suggestions.

The whole idea must first be presented to the people of the Iroquois Confederacy with the explanation that it was originally the Plan of the Founder of the Confederacy himself, Deganawida. The plan was diverted after the Founder turned up missing. He did not return with more nations to join the alliance of Indian nations. It is necessary for the people of the Six Nations to revoke Wampums 74 to 77 in order to open up the Iroquois Alliance to other Indian nations to join. There are many things, all important, for all the involved nations to consider. Such as the type of government for Indian nations to follow. The system of government devised by Deganawida himself is the greatest ever made. In order to fully understand and appreciate the system, The Great Law should be read completely and often.

The type of religion to be practiced by the projected huge confederacy of Indian nations is important. It has to be a national religion for such is a force for unity and national survival. Some Indians are members of various white man's Christian sects. Christianity is an international religion and does not inspire unity and national survival. In two world wars, Catholics and protestants slaughtered Catholics and protestants by the millions. Nine millions in the 1st world war and 66 millions in the second. "Catholic" means universal so it is international and not a power for unity and national survival. The Handsome Lake Code being a copy of the white man's Quaker faith is in this category. Anyway, no evidence can be produced to prove the existence of hell, devils, purgatory, etc., etc. If the white man cannot prove what he is saying, then he is not telling the truth. If he is not telling the truth then he is telling lies.

Deganawida urged the Indian nations to continue practicing their own national religions and it is even more necessary for Indians now. Look at the Jews who who survived 3,000 years of inhuman persecutions and give due credit to their national religion for their survival. Many of them do not believe in any kind of religion but are members of the Jewish religion because it's a force for unity and survival. Indians should do the same. Join their national religion even





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if they don't believe in any kind of religion. It's a most important route to unity and survival. And not to worry about the soul. It cannot suffer, weaken or die. If there is punishment for evil deeds done in this life, then there is no escape by being members of the most exalted religions on earth. Some of the worst criminals in history were members and even leaders of great religions. They say Hitler was the most terrible human in all history and he was a Roman Catholic. When it seemed certain he wasn't going to win the war, he was excommunicated by the church. When it was safe, baby, after it was safe. No one was going to irritate Adolf while he had the most destructive force in the world in his hands. If there is a God up there in Heaven and he can see all and knows all and you're a good person, what have you got to worry about? Your religion doesn't have to be enormous and fantastically rich to be good. In fact, the fabulous wealth of the world's great churches defeat their own purposes. They're more concerned with garnering 'filthy riches' than with garnering filthy sinners.

Since white man's religions are a failure and the people they have 'made better' are no better than they were when white man's religion began, we do now urge all Indians to drop out of white man's churches and return to their own natural, national religions. If an Indian nation wishing to join the projected Alliance of Indian nations but having lost their own national religion and wish to adopt one, the Mohawks or any of the others would gladly demonstrate the Thanksgiving Festivals, Marriage ceremonies, Baby naming, Funeral Rites, etc.

Economic system. The Iroquois as well as other Indian nations used the co-operative economic system. The system was copied by the Amish, Mennonites and other groups. They succeeded in developing some well off and well run economic communities. These are the restrictive religious groups and there are other co-operative communities in the south who do not practice any religion at all but who are equally as well off and as well run as the restrictive religious ones. The "free world" boasts of its democratic capitalist economic system. The U.S.A. claims to be the richest country of all. "Food Basket of the World". Yet, 50



millions live at the subsistence level. Seven millions in Canada. Millions live in the city streets in the U.S. and thousands in Canada. They scrounge in garbage cans for something to eat while the government dumps shiploads of wheat into the Pacific Ocean. "Over production". They should dump the wheat on city streets so the street people can make their own bread. It takes only a month of eating nothing to starve to death. When one victim goes, another takes his place. There is no end to this procession of people who failed in this much boasted capitalist economic system. We wonder if the communist countries have millions of people starving to death on their city streets. It seems that no matter what type of 'ism' the people attach to their government the fascist take over. In communism, the theory is that the production and distribution is shared equally by all the people. They had that a few short years and then the fascists took over. In fascism, the production, distribution and everything else is the special privilege of the government only. Capitalism permits private ownership of resources, personal profits from business, etc. In capitalistic democracy, the government waits until the production and distribution is turned into money to come out and take the money by exorbitant taxation. It's called a quiet and subtle fascism.

Yes the route to go for Indians is the co-operative economic system which our ancestors followed. It benefits everyone.

The first Grand Councils were held in the open air, outdoors. In time they thought of Council Houses but did not think of a Grand Council Long House. It is now time to think of it. It has to be a huge Council House to belong to all the nations and large enough to seat the Chiefs of a hundred nations plus and the people's gallery and the said building to be extendable. To be big one must think big. The cost of the building should be shared by all the member nations. According to the Great Law, such a Council House would have to be in Onondaga Territory because it's in a central location. Only the Grand Councils to be held in there. All the nations have their own national Long Houses to hold their own individual nation councils. In

the event that for some reason, it cannot be built in Onondaga Territory, then a second choice would be Ohsweken Territory, which has held Six Nations Grand Councils for a great number of years. If Ohsweken has become unsuitable, then the place where the Great Law is supreme, Ganienkeh Territory, may be agreeable to all..

Let us now leave it all in the hands of the People of the Iroquois Confederacy, the projected 100 Plus Nations Confederacy of the future.





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**The PEACE MAKER**

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devised by man, the historic*

**KANONSONNIONWE**  
*The Confederacy of the Iroquois*