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U.S.+ Canadian military prepared for 1st Nations backlash

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Native militancy blamed on courts in RCMP report

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David Sukhdip Hayer comforts a mourner at the funeral of his father, Tara Singh Hayer, the editor of B.C.'s Indo-Canadian Times newspaper, who was shot in 1998. Police believe he was targeted by Sikh extremists.:
(Photo ran All but Toronto edition.)

Court decisions and corruption on native reserves are fuelling an increase in aboriginal militancy, according to a secret RCMP report on extremism that also warns that anarchists, white supremacists and Tamil separatists are operating in Canada.

Released as native leaders are threatening national action in response to the Atlantic lobster fishing dispute at Burnt Church, N.B., the report cites concerns about rising "aboriginal criminal extremism" that stem in part from recent court rulings on native rights.

Militancy followed the 1998 Turnbull decision that gave New Brunswick natives the right to harvest timber, as well as the Supreme Court of Canada's decision on aboriginal title to Crown land in British Columbia, says the report, marked "Secret -- RCMP Eyes Only."

"The level of aboriginal militant activity in 1998 rose to the highest level in years."

"Court rulings in 1997 and 1998 had a significant impact on these activities," says the intelligence report, released to the National Post under federal Access to Information legislation.

Prepared last year, the report predates the Supreme Court's Marshall decision, which led to the current standoff at Burnt Church over native lobster fishing. But the report predicted militants would continue to exploit aboriginal discontent, which it blamed partly on band corruption.

"Despite billions of dollars going into aboriginal programs, abject poverty remains a fact of life on many reserves, even those which have prospered from oil and gas holdings. Powerful factions control the finances and enrich their families and friends," the report says.

"Communities dependent on government funds also find themselves in this situation. This polarization has led to violence in the past and will likely be played out again in 1999 and beyond. Aboriginal extremists will most likely play major roles in provoking or sustaining militant action in these communities."

The findings suggest that extremists have been turning the confusion that has followed the recent series of court pronouncements on native rights to their advantage, causing concerns for police who fear a repeat of the Oka-type bloodshed of the early and mid-1990s.

Previous RCMP warnings about heavily armed aboriginal militants have been dismissed by native leaders as exaggerations.

Police warned in 1998 that natives had stockpiled grenades, bombs, and possibly even anti-tank weapons in preparation for future confrontations.

Since soldiers stared down camouflaged natives at Oka in 1990, hardline militants have continued to surface across Canada at aboriginal rights actions, such as the 1995 encampment at Gustafsen Lake, B.C.

Violence has also flared at Burnt Church, and there are fears the dispute could ignite into yet another standoff. Federal fisheries officers seized 100 lobster traps in a pre-dawn raid yesterday. In a news release, the Mohawk council of Kahnawake, Que., vowed solidarity with the Mi'kmaq of Miramichi Bay.

"Any attack by the Department of Fisheries or the RCMP will be considered an attack by all natives in Canada and as such will result in serious actions in support of our people."

A briefing note used yesterday by Herb Dhaliwal, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, suggested that gunshots may have already been fired in the dispute, The Canadian Press reported.

"Latest reports indicate that at least one non-native boat has been in the Miramichi Bay area and that shots may have been fired," Mr. Dhaliwal's notes read. "The RCMP is being alerted."

The report by the RCMP's intelligence branch examines Canada's underground extremist activity, which it defines as crime committed for ideological purposes. Those singled out in the report include Quebec separatists and "left-wing criminal extremists" -- anarchists, animal rights activists and radical environmentalists.

Extremists such as white supremacists were blamed for "murder, assault and other violent acts and vandalism," and the report notes the close links between Canadian and U.S. racist groups, as well as their continued use of computers for propaganda and recruiting.

Posted: Jean H. Broeckx

Date: September 25 2000 at 10:41 AM

Folks,

A few years back, I wrote a piece about how government was setting up the Aboriginal peoples for a serious fall. What I referred to then, is now beginning to unfold. The ongoing unrest at Burnt Church is spreading across the nation, as Natives join in the fight for what is perceived to be the rights of all Native communities.

At the time I wrote the piece, I warned, that in the dark backrooms of government, the intention was not to actually give the Aboriginal anything, but to create in them the feeling, that they were a recognized power and could flex that power, to get what they needed.

On the government side, (I think) they knew, that this new found sense of power would lead to what we see happening (a nation wide native solidarity). Government knew, that seeing such, would anger (rile up) the general non-native population, who would (at some point) demand an end to the whole idea of self government for 1st Nation people. At the same time, the non-Natives would demand a full retraction and withdrawl of the old royal treaties, that are so much entwined in the self governance demand. These would be brought

about, in the name of equal rights and a single government for all.

As I see it, government does not intend to honour the old treaties, and is creating a situation, by which it can kill the treaties and the 1st nations claim, and be justified in doing so. The whole plan, is right on schedule!

The Natives are restless and militant. The National peace is beginning to crumble. The Queen's military is standing by, in anticipation of receiving it's marching orders. Soon, the true picture will be revealed.

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Sept. 29, 2000

Hi folks,

These are chilling messages below RE: government actively promoting militant violent backlash from the people of Esgenoopetitj and their supporters. "Court decisions and corruption on native reserves are fuelling an increase in aboriginal militancy, according to a secret RCMP report on extremism that also warns that anarchists, white supremacists and Tamil separatists are operating in Canada. "

What this says to me is that all of us who stand with Burnt Church are held in complicity to organize violence against the Canadian government...AND that they are monitoring all of our electronic communications.

I will state now, for the record that AT NO TIME during my work with the people of Esgenoopetitj - since last fall - have I heard consensus to engage in armed or otherwise violent conflict with government officials or non native fishers. Quite the contrary; I have been proud to witness the people holding their thoughts away from anything of the kind, and I see them as wanting PEACEFUL resolution to the fishing dispute. This is true despite many people (myself included) becoming extremely angry while witnessing continuing provocation from government and non native fishers. If I believed otherwise, I would not be involved in this struggle.

The people need protection from this kind of propaganda NOW. If you can come, please do so, and bring your peaceful hearts, prayers and warm, dry clothing. Those who can make visits and write letters that will expose this unconsonable display of untruths, please do so - and tell the MEDIA to do the same. Those who pray, please pray hard - we know that this is working!

What a sad state of affairs...I look forward to telling my grandchildren about how we worked our way OUT of this mess.

All My Relations,
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