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RE: Letter to the Gazette in response to Brian Mulrony's speech to the Canadian Jewish Congress

**Preserving our minorities, really?**

I could not help but enjoy a quiet chuckle after reading Mr. Brian Mulrony's self-righteous speech to the Canadian Jewish Congress (commentary Sept.12), portraying himself as a champion of minority rights. Indeed, I can still vividly remember when he sent the Canadian Army to my home 10 years ago. At 14 years old, he forced me to stare down the barrel of his country's machine guns. Apparently during the summer of the 1990 Oka Crisis, Mr. Mulrony's valued "conditions of fairness and justice" for so-called minorities did not apply here in Kahnawake.

Additionally, I could not help but note that Mr. Mulrony implied that it was the non-English majority in Quebec who opposed and led to the destruction of the Meech Lake Accord. How could Mr. Mulrony forget that it was actually a "minority leader", Elijah Harper, who sabotaged the accord, a direct result of his own ignorance and disgraceful conduct towards indigenous people in Canada. Mr. Mulrony, as a former public official, should be a bit more responsible and sensitive before proclaiming and affirming such notions of fairness and justice to others, after contributing to the assimilation and genocide of indigenous peoples in Canada.

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