

## ***A Prologue to the Indigenous Revolution***

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*“By the pricking of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes”*

-Macbeth; Act 4, Scene 1

Presumably, a preliminary draft of the First Nations Governance Act (FNG) will have been presented this week in Parliament. Instead of continuing to spend ink on technical examinations on how this dangerous piece of colonial legislation can harm the sovereign integrity of indigenous peoples, this commentary will examine the Government of Canada's new Indian strategy and contemplate the indigenous reaction to Minister Nault's Frankenstein monster. Indeed it must be recognized by the Government of Canada that indigenous people are now too well equipped and resourceful to have the wool pulled over their eyes any longer and must expect some kind of retaliatory action against the imposition of a now colonial doctrine designed to terminate Canada's fiduciary responsibility and extinguish whatever inherent rights indigenous people have left.

The manner of which this Act is being imposed is truly of great design on the part of the Department of Indian Affairs and their legal clerks in the Department of Justice. Canada's strategy is well concocted so that there is no escape from the colonial vortex that has two paths that funnel into one common objective; assimilation. The first path, of course, is the anticipated attack of the monster known as FNG, which the Government of Canada intentionally scatters about the threatening aura of the Act to a point where it becomes an exaggerated apocalyptic folklore in native communities. The Government of Canada would have indigenous people believe the only way for them to escape the clutches of the beast is for their federally recognized band councils to make a deal which is the second path plotted for the colonial vortex.

This second path forces, or more specifically, motivates band councils to enter into self-government negotiation processes or into so-called modern day “treaties”. Such negotiations give band councils and their constituency a false sense of resistance whereby they feel that by negotiating a self-government settlement, they manage to elude the wrath of the FNG. It is true that band councils can gain more goodies from the Government of Canada if they chose the second path; although the end result would ultimately be the same. Actually, these goodies are simply incentives that are calculated expenditures for Canada to trick native people in believing they successfully resisted or outwitted the attack of the FNG, when in reality the band council would have done exactly what the Government of Canada intended them to do; self-determine their place in Canadian society.

More over, by choosing the second path, there is a strong possibility that a new “treaty” or self-government compacts could in fact disqualify unsuspecting native communities out of Canada's farce of a commitment of respecting “aboriginal rights and treaties”

under Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution (not we ever expected their constitution to protect our inherent rights in the first place since they disregard treaties that they inherited from Britain).

What most band councils and indigenous people need to realize is that they do not have to play by Canada's rules. They do not have to settle for one of these two paths, but instead should create their own strategy to combat the real culprits who are the architects of the FNG; the Government of Canada. With that in mind, this author suggests a more radical or direct method of opposition to the FNG, which is only recommended to be used once all grassroots campaigns have exhausted and the FNG legislation is finalized.

The most effective way to resist the FNG, once implemented, is by simply not accepting or recognizing the Act itself. Indeed, the only way to defeat the Government of Canada is by ignoring its fabricated authority. This course of action will have serious repercussions from Canada, as they will surely do everything in their power to discourage any serious indigenous effort towards political autonomy and especially economic independence. With this course of action comes extensive preparation, as a pigheaded government like Canada would certainly launch a long battle of attrition against native people; targeting the resources needed to be independent from Canada's bosom.

This extensive preparation should include all aspects of nation building such as governance, economic development, health, education etc. This preparation would have to be accompanied by a vanguard that would protect and defend the interests of indigenous people and nations, because once Canada realizes they could not scare us into submission using economic sanctions; only physical intervention would be seen as the final and definitive effort by the Government of Canada.

With this possible scenario outlined, Canada should recognize that by initiating the colonial vortex; the introduction of the FNG into Parliament could certainly be viewed as the prologue to an indigenous revolution. A premise or recurring theme of the indigenous resistance strategy should feature the possibility of an indigenous revolution that nullifies the fear they have established with their larger-than-life FNG, which is simply a means of having Canada know that there are consequences to what they are doing our people.

Ever onward towards the good tidings of peace and power!