ACROSS THE COUNTRY, NATIVE PEOPLE SHOWN THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE MOHAWKS THRU PROTESTS, OCCUPATIONS, ROAD + RAIL BLOCKADES, + SABOTAUGE...

NO JUSTICE ON STOLEN LAND

ARMY OUT OF OKA

IN BC + ALBERTA, RAILWAY BRIDGES WERE DESTROYED BY FIRE...

IN ONTARIO, 5 HYDRO-ELECTRIC TOWERS WERE CUT DOWN BY SABOTEURS...

ALTHO' THE GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA PORTRAYED THE WARRIORS AS CRIMINALS + TERRORISTS, MANY SAW THEM AS HEROES DEFENDING THEIR PEOPLE...

OKA SERVED TO REVITALIZE THE WARRIOR SPIRIT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND OUR WILL TO RESIST...

ON SEPT. 26, THE LAST HOLDOUTS AT KANEHSATAKE BURNED THEIR WEAPONS AND WALKED OUT...

MOST WERE LATER FOUND NOT GUILTY OF WEAPONS + RIOT CHARGES. THE OKA GOLF COURSE WAS NEVER EXPANDED...

THE 'OKA CRISIS'

DURING THE SUMMER OF 1990, A 77-DAY ARMED STANDOFF OCCURRED IN THE MOHAWK TERRITORIES OF KANEHSATAKE + ANNEX NEAR MONTREAL.

MOHAWK WARRIORS CONFRONTED OVER 2,000 QUEBEC POLICE + 4,500 CANADIAN SOLDIERS...

MOHAWK TERRITORIES

KANEHSATAKE

QUEBEC

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USA

IN KANEHSATAKE, THE TOWN OF OKA HAD PLANNED TO EXPAND A GOLF COURSE INTO 'THE PINES,' A SMALL FORESTED AREA CONTAINING A MOHAWK GRAVEYARD.

IN THE SPRING OF 1990, MOHAWKS SET UP A CAMP IN THE PINES AND BLOCKED A SMALL, DIRT ROAD...

IN 1989, MOHAWKS AND RESIDENTS OF OKA BEGAN PROTESTS + PETITIONS TO STOP IT...

ON JULY 11, 1990, OVER 100 HEAVILY-ARMED QUEBEC POLICE ATTACKED THE MOHAWK BLOCKADE, SHOOTING TEAR GAS + AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. MOHAWK WARRIORS RETURNED FIRE; IN A BRIEF FIRE-FIGHT ONE POLICEMAN WAS SHOT + KILLED...

-THE END-
THE POLICE FLED, ABANDONING MANY VEHICLES. THESE WERE USED TO BUILD NEW BARRICADES...

AT NEARBY KAHHNAWEK, WARRIORS SIEGED THE MERCIER BRIDGE, A VITAL COMMUTER LINK TO MONTREAL...

HUNDREDS OF POLICE ARRIVED SEALED OFF THE AREA, ADVISORS' EQUIPMENT FROM THE MILITARY WERE ALSO SENT...

IN KAHHNAWEK, WARRIORS FORTIFIED THEIR POSITIONS; REINFORCEMENTS AND SUPPLIES WERE SMUGGLED IN...

Mohawks?
Do you speak Oka?

ATH KAHHNAWEK (POP. 7,000) ENTRANCES WERE BARRICADED, FOOD, MEDICAL AID, AND COMMUNICATIONS WERE ORGANIZED.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

GET BACK! BACK UP!

On August 20, the Canadian Armed Forces took over from police at both Kanahawake and Kanhsatake.

IN KAHNAYAKE, SOME MOHAWKS WANTED OUT. ON AUG. 28, AFTER BEING DELAYED BY POLICE, A CONVOY WAS ATTACKED BY WHITE MOB. THE POLICE DID NOTHING...

At Kanhsatake, warriors retreated as the army advanced, ending up in a treatment center by September...

4,500 troops would be deployed, with leopard tanks, APC's, helicopters, fighter jets, artillery, and naval vessels in the St. Lawrence River.

As the siege went on, white mobs from Kahnawake began killing riot. They demanded police re-open the bridge.

On September 18, soldiers raided Tekakwitha Island (off of Kahnawake). They shot tear gas and live ammo as Mohawks resisted...

The soldiers were later evacuated by helicopters...