1995 STANDOFF AT T’S’PETEN

IN 1995, A MONTH-LONG STANDOFF OCCURRED IN ‘BRITISH COLUMBIA’ BETWEEN NATIVES AND POLICE. IN A FIREFIGHT ON SEPT. 11, POLICE FIRED TENS OF 1,000S OF ROUNDS AT A TRUCK. ALTHOUGH LIGHTLY ARMED, THE WARRIORS SUCCEEDED IN DISABLING A 'BSOON' ARMURED PERSONNEL CARRIER USED BY POLICE.

SOVEREIGNISTS NOT TERRORISTS

THIS LAND IS NOT FOR SALE

IN 1989, A SUNDAANCE CAMP WAS SET UP AT T’S’PETEN.

IN 1995, A LOCAL RANCHER ASKED THE POLICE TO EVICT THE CAMP. IN JUNE AND JULY, RANCH-HANDS BEGAN TO HARASS THE ELDER AND HIS FAMILY LIVING IN THE CAMP. THE ELDER CALLED FOR HELP, AND WARRIORS CAME TO DEFEND THEM AND ASSERT NATIVE SOVEREIGNTY.

LIKE MOST OF BC, Secwepemc Territory Remains Unceded, for Which No Treaties Were Ever Made — A Violation of British, Canadian, and International Law.

NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT

ON SEPT. 12, THE RCMP ASKED FOR THE ARMY'S 'ELITE' ANTITERRORIST UNIT JOINT TASK FORCE TWO (JTTF2)...

IT'S LIKE A WAR-ZONE! OUR BOYS CAN'T TAKE IT!!

ON SEPT. 13, LAKOTA SPIRITUAL LEADER ARVOL LOOKING HORSE WAS ALLOWED INTO THE CAMP...

ON SEPT. 16, ANOTHER LAKOTA SPIRITUAL LEADER, JOHN STEVENS, WAS PERMITTED ACCESS TO THE CAMP.

STEVENS ADVISES THEM THEIR WORK WAS DONE AND COULD NOW LEAVE.

ON SEPT. 17, THE DEFENDERS PLACED THEIR WEAPONS IN A FIRE AND WERE ARRESTED BY POLICE...

ALTOGETHER, THIS WAS THE RCMP'S LARGEST OPERATION IN CANADIAN HISTORY, INVOLVING OVER 450 COPS WITH 9 BISON APCS...

NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT

THE T'SPETEN STANDOFF HAD A BIG IMPACT & INSPIRED A NEW GENERATION OF INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE IN 'BC'!
Police on foot opened fire, killing the dog...

As the two defenders swam across a lake, police in the APC opened fire.

At this time, other defenders opened fire on the APC, which began to pursue the shooters...

Smashing through the forest, the bison became disabled when one of its wheel axles was broken...

Bam! Bam!

Bam! Bam!

Bam! Bam!

When was the result of the APC hitting a tree, along with rifle fire by Secwepemc elder Wolverine...

Inside the bison, the stranded cops called for help...

I don't wanna die sarge!! soy, sob...

Pull yourself together - we're not gonnaulp die...

More bison arrived to rescue the stranded team. Police fired tens of thousands of rounds...

On August 21, four bison were moved to an armory in Kamloops (150 km south)

This sovereignty was the position of the defenders, who demanded Canada abide by its own laws and end the illegal occupation of 'BC'.

So under these laws, Canada and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have no jurisdiction!

At the same time, police began aerial surveillance - hi-flying planes with powerful cameras...

The defenders refused to move. On Aug. 18, they found a heavily-armed emergency response team (ERT) doing surveillance on them.

Hey! Who's there?

Sgt?!

They also asked the Canadian Armed Forces for help.

Crazy cops!

Among the help requested by the RCMP were 'bison' armoured personnel carriers (APCs)...

On August 24, defenders fired shots at a police helicopter (it was really annoying!).

At this time, police sealed off the area with checkpoints on roads...

On August 25, defenders fired shots at a police helicopter (it was really annoying!).

Bam! Bam! Bam!

Bam!

They also cut the camp's radio-phones, making it a direct line to police only.
As a result, the defenders couldn’t communicate to the public...
The RCMP used the media to spread lies and disinformation...
The media reported only the police and government version of events.

Actual quote: Sergeant Montague in RCMP video documentation of the siege—exposed during trial in ’97.

On August 27, police claimed a suburban used by their BRT had been ambushed. Flak vests saved the cop’s lives...

Around this time, a secret RCMP and military command was set up: ‘Camp Zulu’.

Zulu had a field hospital, kitchen, communications, and sleeping quarters...

No one was charged in relation to this, nor was there any RCMP footage. Defenders claim police fabricated the entire ambush.

On September 4, police reported a second ‘attack’ on a suburban...

On Sept. 11, however, police ambushed a truck used by the defenders in a no-shoot zone. As the truck drove down a road, explosives hidden in the ground were detonated.

The next day, police publicly deployed the bison, citing the previous days ‘attack’ on their officers...

The two occupants fled the disabled truck—unarmed—along with a dog.

Let’s go!

Then a bison APC hidden in the forest drove out and rammed the truck.

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