

## **Caledonia's Fifth Column: How radical unionists, anarchists, anti-Israel groups and terror group sympathizers are aiding and abetting native militants in their quest for 'aboriginal sovereignty' in Caledonia and Brantford**

Aboriginal militants from Six Nations and their supporters of their violence, the most notable of which is Tom Keefer from the CUPE 3903 Six Nations Solidarity Working Group have repeatedly tried to portray Gary McHale and other CANACE founders as racists and white supremacists promoting violence against aboriginal people. But, are these allegations supported by the evidence?

### **Gary McHale and CANACE**

1. Gary McHale follows the non-violent teachings of Dr. King (for which Keefer has publicly mocked him) hence his emphasis on the use of peaceful, democratic means of protest and reform. The only charge laid in the last 4 years against McHale (or any CANACE founder) was for a minor alleged act of non-violent civil disobedience that is still before the Court. Two senior OPP officers face Obstructing Justice charges in the case.

2. At CANACE's pre-election 'Remember Us' March on Oct 08/07 both McHale and former CANACE co-founder Mark Vandermaas gave speeches about aboriginal victims. McHale's speech was – in part - on the topic of how media failed Residential School victims and Caledonia while Vandermaas's was about how aboriginal people have been victimized by OPP racial policing in both Ipperwash and Caledonia. Gary graciously granted a request that DCE occupation leader Clyde Powless be allowed to speak. Powless, however, would later lead a swarming attack that put Gary in the hospital on Dec 01/07.

3. On Dec 01/07 peaceful non-native protesters were repeatedly assaulted by supporters of an illegal smoke shack at a protest organized by a Caledonia resident. CANACE co-founder Jeff Parkinson was sent to hospital after being knocked unconscious during the melee and suffers the effects of a brain injury to this day. In an ironic photo taken at the beginning of the protest - before the assaults - Jeff Parkinson and Jim Anderson are seen standing with CANACE co-founder Merlyn Kinrade who is proudly holding a sign that reads, "TWO TIER JUSTICE VICTIMIZES NATIVE PEOPLE TOO!"

4. For years former co-founder of CANACE Mark Vandermaas has maintained a 'VICTIMIZING NATIVE PEOPLE' feature page on his VoiceofCanada.ca website which documents the impact of racial policing on aboriginal people. His speeches given at CANACE events have included: *Natives are victims of Two Tier Justice* and *Lessons from Dr. King and the Little Rock Nine.* Mark's parents lived in Nazi-occupied Holland during WWII and he grew up with an appreciation for the key Holocaust lesson that racially motivated laws are evil. On Nov 07/07, at a Holocaust remembrance event in Hamilton, Mark was thrilled to meet the wife of Pastor Martin Niemoller – author of the famous poem about the importance of speaking out against injustice that ends, "There was no one left to speak for me."

5. Much of the wording from CANACE's *We Believe* page was taken verbatim from the *Ontario Policy on Race Relations* signed by former Premier David Peterson which hangs on the courthouse wall in Cayuga:

*WE SUPPORT, promote and vigorously defend the belief that all people are equal before the law and that all people should be protected by the law. Every person in Ontario has the right to a life free from racial discrimination and prejudice. All doctrines and practices of racial superiority*

*are scientifically false, morally reprehensible, and socially destructive.*

It is telling that a CUPE 3903 brochure handed out on March 21/10 at a CANACE Anti-Racism Rally contained not a single reference to [CANACE](#).

## **Six Nations Extremists, Tom Keefer & CUPE 3903**

The facts below are taken from CUPE documents, Concordia University newsletters, court documents, and email interviews with Keefer himself.

**1. Supporting Mohawk Warriors:** Keefer and his CUPE 3903 (York University) associates - with help from union locals within CUPE; CAW; OPSEU; and USW - have been supporting aboriginal militants on the occupied Douglas Creek Estates (DCE) in Caledonia ever since shortly after the failed OPP raid of April 20/06 when police were attacked with weapons that included axes, clubs, socks filled with rocks and a chainsaw by the occupiers.

According to OPP testimony at the Brown-Chatwell trial, DCE was taken over early in the occupation by the Mohawk Warriors which police considered to be “akin to the Hell’s Angels” a group which was involved in organized crime, cigarette running, with a reputation for physical confrontation and access to guns, including assault rifles.

**2. Supporting the Haudenosaunee Men’s Fire:** Keefer and CUPE state that they are “working closely” with the Haudenosaunee Men’s Fire (HMF). On April 03/09 a Superior Court judge in a Hagersville occupation case stated the HMF had engaged in “Extortion, Intimidation, Nuisance, Trespass and

Inducing Breach of Contract.” He also stated that they had launched an angry racial attack vs. the owner.

**3. Blocking the Caledonia By-Pass** Members of CUPE 3903 were “present on the barricades” when Six Nations militants blockaded the major Highway 6 by-pass around Caledonia for 4 days in April 2008 in order to force the OPP into not enforcing the law against Shawn Brant’s Mohawks in Deseronto. Members contributed financially to this illegal action.

**4. Working with anarchist groups** Keefer & CUPE work with anarchist groups, including Freedonia and the Toronto Chapter of the Anarchist Black Cross Federation. He states that Freedonia donated \$3,000 to CUPE 3903, and \$1,000 of it was in turn funnelled to Jim Windle, reporter with Tekawenakke News on Six Nations, and head of TRUE, (Two Row Understanding through Education). Windle and the Teka published several pieces which tried to link CANACE founders to white supremacist groups who they claim would like to exterminate native people.

Freedonia also made a grant to Caledonia Friends, operated by Jan Watson, a one-time candidate for the New Democratic Party who was also a supporter of the occupiers who terrorized Caledonia.

Freedonia gave money to the radical BASICS newsletter in Toronto. BASICS’ Steve DeSilva was an invited speaker at the Keefer/CUPE June 23/09 Cayuga protest. BASICS’ MySpace page provides a list of its “heroes”: Mao; Marx; Lenin; Che Guevara; Fidel Castro; Malcom X; The Black Panther Party, etc. The author’s occupation is listed as “Full Time Revolutionary. ‘Friends’ include ‘Free Palestine’ (background image is a collection of AK47 assault rifles with a logo showing Che Guevara under the slogan”Palestina LIBRE”); and another with a page devoted to freeing Leonard Peltier, who was convicted of murdering two FBI agents during a 1975 shootout at a U.S. reservation.

**5. Working with supporters of anti-Israel/anti-Semitic terror groups** Six Nations extremists have a history of showing support for those who have used terror against Jews and the state of Israel.

In addition to flying the Palestinian flag flying on the occupied Douglas Creek Estates the Caledonia Victims Project has obtained photos showing people with Six Nations and Mohwak Warrior flags mingling with demonstrators at an anti-Israel protest march who are carrying Palestinian flags, and posters with the face of Hassan Nazrullah, leader of the terror group Hezbollah whose leaders have repeatedly called for the destruction of Israel, and launched terror attacks against Israeli civilians which precipitated the 2006 war in Lebanon.

One group aiding Tom Keefer and CUPE in supporting native extremists in Caledonia and Brantford is the 'Christian Peacemaker Teams', an international organization that takes sides with those engaged in violent resistance against states they deem to be oppressing indigenous people. In a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "*I Can Fix It*" found on their website, the author makes clear that people with white skin are inherently racist and can never be discriminated against, stating: "Understand that reverse racism is an impossibility" and "Do not invent white suffering. Lose the drama."

CPT shows no concern whatsoever for the innocent civilian victims of violent groups, whether they are in Caledonia or in the Middle-East. The CPT does not choose to promote peace by advocating for the victims of Hamas suicide bombers or missiles, they instead focus on opposing the Israel Defence Forces. The CPT's FAQ page for their Palestine mission actually downplays Hamas and its role in terrorizing innocents:

***Q5. Are all Hamas Muslims suicide bombers?***

*Hamas is a religious renewal movement in Islam that was initially supported by Israel as a way to balance Fatah. Hamas also has major social service programs in the refugee camps. There is a small military wing of Hamas.*

The United Nations has condemned the Hamas charter for inciting religious hatred of Jews, rejecting peaceful solutions and laying out a "blueprint for jihadist terrorism," including these quotes in its condemnation statement:

(excerpt from Hamas charter, Article 13):

*There is no solution to the Palestinian question except by Jihad. All initiatives, proposals, and International Conferences are a waste of time and vain endeavours."*

(excerpt from Hamas charter, Article 7):

*"The Day of Judgement will not come about until Muslims fight the Jews (killing the Jews) when the Jew will hide behind stones and trees. The stones and trees will say: O Muslims (...) there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him."*

(excerpt from Hamas Charter, Article 28):

*"Israel will exist and continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it."*

**United Nations Human Rights Council, July 4, 2006, A/HRC/S-1/NGO/4: [Joint statement on Hamas Charter PDF](#) (UN download) [PDF](#) (VoC download)**

Tom Keefer responded to criticism of the Christian Peacemaker Teams by saying, "Last time I checked, Hamas was the

democratically elected government of the Palestinians and the CPT tends to promote peaceful dialogue with all parties [...] I take it you are aware that Israel has been condemned...by the UN as well?"

(It should be noted for those who are not well-versed in Middle East affairs that Israel has indeed been condemned by the UN at times (many would argue, unjustly), but it enjoys a vibrant democracy whose policies do not include the extermination of its Arab neighbours. It has been argued that Israel is, perhaps, the most 'legitimate' country in the world, being the only state having come into existence via a 1947 United Nations vote.)

Mark Vandermaas interacted online with a member of the CPT who was present at a June 23/09 protest organized by Keefer (the CPT speaker criticized McHale for quoting Dr. King's teachings as a "white" person.) and was struck by the ideo-sociopathic lack of concern for the victims created by Six Nations militants whom she supported.

#### **6. Tamil Tiger sympathizers welcomed by Keefer/CUPE 3903**

On June 23/09, at a Keefer/CUPE-organized protest in Cayuga, several supporters were seen wearing Tamil Tiger t-shirts, a fact that was warmly acknowledged by one of Keefer's invited speakers.

**7. Economic warfare vs. Brantford** In a document entitled *Declaring the Exception: Direct Action, Six Nations, and the Struggle in Brantford* Keefer laid out a plan showing how economic warfare against Brantford could force the government to grant native militants an area which would not be subject to Canadian law:

*"A second way for Six Nations to win is if they can escalate their blockades in a manner that continues to financially hurt the City of Brantford while also making*

*clear that attempts at police or military intervention would be costly and impractical means of resolving the situation. By escalating direct action tactics and mobilizing a larger number of people from Six Nations, this approach might force the City of Brantford to recognize Six Nations land rights and sovereignty through some kind of wide ranging and innovative agreement with the Confederacy and the HDI.*

#### **6. \$2B in economic damage over a fictitious 'land claim'**

Keefer claims the people CUPE 3903 supports have caused \$2B in damage to the Haldimand Tract economy and expects it is "likely to intensify.."

Two Superior Court judges in the Haldimand Tract have ruled, in separate illegal occupation injunction cases in 2008 and 2009, that ownership of the Haldimand Tract was decided by the Court of Appeal in *Isaac v. Davey*, 1974 which held Six Nations did not own the Haldimand Tract, but may have a claim for some monetary damages. The recognized bodies of Six Nations have not even made a claim for possession or return of the land. The argument by extremists and their collaborators like Tom Keefer and CUPE that Caledonia is about land claim justice is smoke and mirrors to justify their desire for an area free from Canadian law enforcement.

**7. Close to the violence at Concordia University** Between November 03-04, 1999, while a student at Concordia University in Montreal, Keefer participated in protests during which protesters pushed through a police line and two police officers were injured. He and another student were arrested for refusing to stop using a megaphone. Keefer claims he had nothing to do with the violence, and that the charge of Mischief laid against him was dismissed by a judge. He has not yet provided supporting documents.

**8. Close to the violence at Concordia, Part 2** In February 2001 Keefer is alleged to have overturned tables as part of a crowd protesting at a university job fair against CSIS and the Canadian Forces. He denies overturning the tables, and says the investigating body did not find him guilty of doing so. He has not yet provided supporting documents.

**9. Close to the violence at Concordia, Part 3: Expelled over alleged death threats** Keefer was expelled from Concordia University in 2001 along with fellow student Laith Marouf over allegations he uttered death threats against the guards who were trying to arrest Marouf who had spray-painted anti-Israel slogans on a wall. This was during a climate of intense anti-Israel hostility which was fully supported by the Concordia Student Union on which Keefer served between 1999-2001 as Vice President Communications.

Keefer denied his statements were meant as a threat. Keefer told Caledonia Victims Project founder Mark Vandermaas he was “completely exonerated” of the charges but the record shows otherwise. He was allowed to return only after he had apologized for his statements. The Board of Governors clearly noted that although it was allowing Keefer and Marouf to return it did not condone their actions:

*“...such ban is lifted without condoning the actions of Mr. Keefer or Mr. Marouf; and That the Board of Governors reiterate its support for the Rector and administration in promoting and enforcing zero tolerance for violence, racism, intimidation and verbal threats.”*

**11. Six Nations does not support CUPE’s partners** On July 14/09 Six Nations Councillor Helen Miller had a letter published in the Brantford Expositor denouncing the Haudenosaunee Men’s Fire:

*As for who represents Six Nations let me put it this way: The Mohawk Nation, the Men’s Fire or individuals like Steven “Boots” Powless or Ruby and Floyd Montour were not elected, appointed or authorized by the people of Six Nations to be their representatives or to speak on their behalf. Nor is the Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI) supported by the elected council or the community at large.”*

*... they don’t have the support of the Six Nations community anymore. [...] the majority of Six Nations people who I’ve spoken with are fed up with the protests, fed up with these groups of people and individuals claiming to speak for them...*

One must ask why Tom Keefer and CUPE are supporting criminal groups who don’t speak for the people of Six Nations?

**10. Keefer has good reason for attacking Gary McHale & CANACE** Keefer’s own words in *Declaring the Exception* shed much light on CUPE’s motives in attacking Gary McHale and CANACE:

*“Just as Six Nations is at the forefront of native activism in Canada, McHale and CANACE are the most sophisticated grassroots anti-native political force currently active. They are actively making links with other non-native communities elsewhere in Canada affected by land claims (such as Ipperwash and Deseronto) and, because they mix activism with research and ongoing lobbying efforts aimed at all levels of government, they are able to push governments from below and get them to take action that they might not otherwise see as politically feasible. Indeed, CANACE has managed to shift the public political debate around native land rights to the right.”*

## Summary

One might reasonably argue that it is Keefer and his non-native associates who are exploiting native people to do the dirty work in an ersatz ‘resistance’ movement upon which they can piggy-back their own anarchistic interests – even if it means damaging or even destroying the possibility of reconciliation and cooperation between communities. In stark contrast to the words and actions of Tom Keefer and CUPE Gary McHale and CANACE have never condoned violence or criminal behaviour to achieve its goals, or associated with the perpetrators. Not only has CANACE repeatedly and emphatically denounced racism and concepts of racial supremacy it has advocated on behalf of innocent victims – including aboriginal - while Keefer argues, not for equality, and not on behalf of victims, but for the view that aboriginal militants have the inherent right to injure innocents as part of what CUPE 3903 calls “indigenous resistance” - within Canada.

It should be no surprise, therefore, that Keefer and CUPE are eager to discredit Gary McHale and CANACE. No wonder the OPP and McGuinty Liberals have gone to extreme lengths to try to silence McHale. After all, he reminds the media and voters daily that the very people who are supposed to be protecting them from criminals and subversives are, in fact, wasting buckets of taxpayers’ money, and perverting Ontario’s justice system via racial policing practices, all in order to run interference for native organized crime groups supported by anarchists, terror sympathizers, anti-Israel-ites/anti-Semites (difficult to tell apart sometimes) and radical, anti-capitalist revolutionaries who admire totalitarian mass murderers and cop killers.

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NOTE: Mark Vandermaas was a founding member of CANACE. He left in February 2010 to found the Caledonia Victims Project, a public policy centre dedicated to documenting the human and economic costs of racial policing and aboriginal extremism to ensure that victims voices – aboriginal and non-aboriginal – are considered at the policy development table. The Project’s ultimate objective is the promoting of healing and reconciliation between communities based on truth, justice and the rule of law.

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