

# Indian Council of South America Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition

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Algeria touted taxation without representation and consent of the governed with the French military being designated the "dejure population"?

Now the United States of America is using their Internal Revenue Service to place pressure on the Traditional Governments of Alaska to give up their property and their rights to the Indian Reorganization Act Federally recognized Tribes, whom they use to reduce our status to program and service entities. The Traditional Governments are being offered quitclaims deeds as the basis of the deed of transfer (**see attachment 3**) by the state of Alaska lawyers and the Internal Revenue Service as leverage against their colonizing efforts. There are Traditional Governments that are refusing.

The US Supreme Court determined in 1975 that the 1867 Treaty was merely a quitclaim transfer (422 U.S. 184). The US misled the General Assembly in its reports claiming that it had properly acquired Alaska so it could take our valuable resources and right to subsistence, which is international burglary. In the March 19, 1999 Letter to the Editor entitled 'Politie' piracy still piracy' in the Anchorage Daily News (**see attachment 4**), the then Senator Frank Murkowski asserted that:

"In my book, if I am robbed by a "polite" burglar or my wife's purse is snatched by a "professional" robber, the fundamental crime is not diminished. Boarding a boat to deprive an Alaska fisherman of his or her livelihood in the absence of lawfully promulgated regulations is nothing other than piracy in my book."

"America does not, alas, practice what it preaches, as long as it retains Alaska in colonial vassalage." "We meet to validate the most basic of American principles, the principle of "government by consent of the governed." \*\*\*\* "What more ironical, then, what more paradoxical, than that very same leadership maintains Alaska as a colony?" \*\*\* "For our nation was born of revolt against colonialism. Our charters of liberty--the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution-- embody America's opposition to colonialism and to colonialism's inevitable abuses."\*\*\*\* "We suffer taxation without representation, which is no less "tyranny" in 1955 than it was in 1775. Actually it is much worse in 1955 than in 1775 because the idea that it was "tyranny" was then new. Since the Revolutionaries abolished it for the states a century and three-quarters ago, it has become a national synonym for something repulsive and intolerable." The "Let Us Now End American Colonialism" speech by Earnest Gruening on April 11, 1955. ["Let Us Now End American Colonialism" is excerpted from Ernest Gruening's memoir *The Battle For Alaska Statehood*.]

The Human Rights Council has the mandate to address such situations under the Item Rights of Peoples. Thank you Mr. Chair.

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