

Busia Wins Election

Accra — Kofi Busia and his Progress party have emerged with an overwhelming majority from Friday's general election and appear to have buried the myth of ousted Kwame Nkrumah.

In the first free elections in Ghana in 13 years, the Progress party won 100 of the 140 National Assembly seats. There were still a dozen seats to be decided Sunday.

Busia, 56 year old party leader and longtime opponent of Nkrumah, comfortably defeated a candidate of the National Alliance of Liberals. With his party's majority he will become prime minister.

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CUSO WORKERS IN TRAINING — About 150 CUSO members from across Canada are taking courses at Westminster College to prepare for medical and technical teaching when they leave to serve in Nigeria, Ghana, and Sierra Leone. Chatting here are, from left, Dr. Howard

Adams, University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon; John Baigent, assistant director, CUSO West Africa orientation; Rocky Jones, Dalhousie anthropology student, Halifax; and Dr. Howard McCurdy, University of Windsor.

Indians Want Own State, Says Chief

Brantford — Most Indians on the Six Nations Reserve near here want an independent Indian state, says Chief Joseph Logan.

"For us integration into Canadian life as Ottawa wants

would mean creeping genocide," he said in an interview.

"We don't want our traditional way of life wiped out. We happen to like it."

Chief Logan said three-quarters of the 9,000 Indians on the reserve want an independent state.

"Look at our side as we see it," he said. "To start with, we don't call ourselves Indians. That was Columbus' mistake, remember? We are ongewehweweh — the original people."

"Our ancestors were a mighty nation long before the white man came to this continent. We had our own version of the UN, a confederacy or peace league of five tribes. Later another tribe joined and we became the Six Nations."

"Our ancestors were farmers, not blood thirsty savages. Sure, they killed Jesuit martyrs near what's now Midland, but why? In retaliation for the murder of six of our braves by Hurons who were the allies of the French."

"Our confederacy was a democracy and a matriarchal society in which the women had superior status to the men, unlike the white man's world. The hereditary chiefs were elected by the clan mothers, leaders of family groups within the tribes, and could be deposed by them."

"In 1664, our people made a treaty with the Dutch, the first white men in what is today New York State. When the British displaced the Dutch, we made the same treaty with them."

"This treaty was called the

Two Row Wampum. Its symbol was a white belt with two parallel black stripes. This meant that the white man's boat and the red man's boat were to travel side by side in peace but they must never interfere with one another."

"That treaty, and others like it, were never revoked. According to international law, the only way a sovereign nation can lose its sovereignty is by voluntarily surrendering it or being defeated in war. Neither is true of us. Therefore we are legally still a sov-

ereign nation."

Chief Logan said an independent state of Indians would maintain close relations with Canada but would run its own internal affairs."

"We've been advised to take our case to the world court in The Hague. If we did, we probably would sue for the return of Vermont while we were at it since by treaty it still belongs to us."

"But what good would it do? If the court decided in our favor, who would enforce its ruling?"

"We don't want to be Canadians any more than the Czechs want to be Russians or the Mennonites want to be Catholics."

"We just want to be ourselves and get what's rightfully ours."

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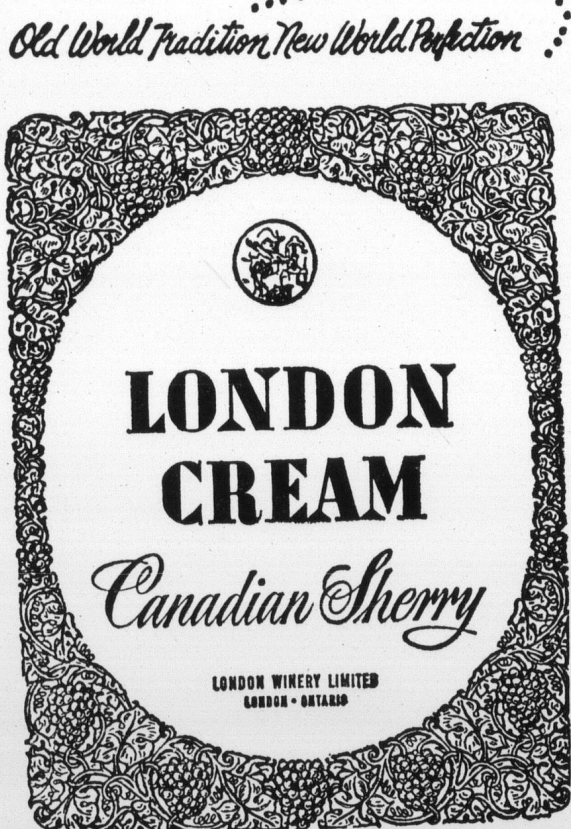
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