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Dan Smoke tells listeners about a conference that will be held to teach communities about what the Canadian federal government is doing in terms of extinguishing Aboriginal and treaty rights. Mary Lou Smoke tells listeners about events that are occurring in the local London, Ontario community, and Dan tells listeners about upcoming events on the pow wow circuit.

Host(s): Dan Smoke, Mary Lou Smoke

DAN SMOKE: That was **Roger Obonsawin**, president of the **OI Group** in **Toronto**. Roger was talking to me after he gave that presentation. He talked about how we have to organize protests, let the government know how we feel, letters, write letters, do sit-ins. Talk to our **Members of Parliament, Revenue Canada**. Talk to the media and let them know that these powers have already been given to us. These are our rights. And since this is the Canadian government election year, the government will listen to the protests if they are loud enough. Now, with Mary Lou's story as a prelude to the featured tape with Roger speaking, **Walter Rudnicki**, who was a senior government analyst with the **Department of Indian Affairs** who has now been fired by the Department of Indian Affairs. He himself is now going around conducting training sessions with people from different communities to train them so they can go back into their communities and let them know exactly what the government is doing as far as extinguishing Aboriginal and treaty rights. So, Mary Lou and I are intent on going to the next training session which will be in Toronto on October 7th, 8th, I'm sorry, August 7th, 8th, and 9th. It will be in Toronto. It will probably be at a conference retreat.

And anyone out there in our community that would like to come to this training session with Walter Rudnicki, all that is being charged is for you to get down there. The food will be taken care of, the rental, the hall will be taken care of, so it won't cost you anything other than your travel expenses getting to Toronto. So if you're interested in coming and sharing some time with the OI Group, Roger Obonsawin, Walter Rudnicki, there will be a number of people like **Neil Jamieson, Alex Jamieson**, who is **Gawetra**, that wrote that letter, they will also be in attendance. Hopefully we'll have more with that next week or the week after as to the actual place where it will be. I know that Roger was looking into that when I talked to him on Wednesday, so he said in about a week's time. So by next week's show of Smoke Signals, we'll have a place for you and we'll announce that to you at that time.

Right now, Mary Lou has some announcements for our community.

[Mary Lou continues with community announcements]

DS: Nya:weh, miigwetch, Mary Lou.

[Dan continues with upcoming events on the pow wow circuit]

I'd like to thank **Dean George** for coming in and guest hosting last week on behalf of Smoke Signals. And this week, we're going to close with a song from **Murray Porter** from his album entitled **1492, Who Found Who?** The song, "**1492, Who Found Who?**" here on Smoke Signals. Onen ki' wahi, gawaabamin.