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say that "all such children who have lost their status by whatever means be given the option of becoming reinstated."

Delegates earlier agreed to establish a task force to examine the rights of Canada's native women.

NATIVES WIN FIRST ROUND OVER HYDRO

Montreal: Indians and Eskimos in Northern Quebec won the first round, in their fight against the province's planned \$6 billion power project.

A Quebec Superior Court decision gave them the right to a hearing on a petition for an injunction to halt the James Bay hydroelectric development program.

Mr. Justice Albert Malouf ruled after two days of legal argument that counsel for the Indians has established "an apparent legal right" to a hearing.

The petitioners say the huge power project which involves diverting three rivers and flooding more than 3,000 square miles of land will deprive the Indians and Eskimos in the area of their way of life and livelihood.

The hearing was opposed by the lawyers for the James Bay Development Corp. and Hydro-Quebec on grounds that no injunction could be served on a Crown Corporation.

The James Bay Development Corp. was created by an Act-Bill 50-of the national assembly in July, 1971.

Lawyers for the Indians and Eskimos had argued that injunctions could be taken against Crown corporations, if they had commercial aims.

The natives of northern Quebec claim that Bill 50 is illegal and unconstitutional since it touches upon federal domains such as na-

vigation, fisheries, migrating birds and the installation of airports.

OFFICER TESTIFIES POLICEMAN HELPED YOUTH "GET EVEN"

Chatham: A Wallaceburg police officer testified on Monday, Jan. 8, 1973 in provincial court that a fellow officer helped a white youth "get even" with two Indian youths Sept. 22nd by letting him beat them at the police station.

Constable Larry Murdock was testifying at the trial of the Indian youths, Donovan Sands, 19 of Sarnia and Bradley Sands, 16 of London.

The Sands brothers were convicted of assault causing bodily harm and were remanded out of custody for sentencing Jan. 22nd.

They were found guilty by the Provincial Judge of assaulting Kirk Robinson, 17 of Wallaceburg, during a street fight.

In Monday's hearing, Constable Murdock testified that after he took Robinson to the station, he heard Cpl. Lewis ask the youth "if he wanted to get even". Robinson was then taken to a back room. He said Cpl. Lewis then escorted Bradley Sands from his cell and grabbed him by the hair when Sands refused to enter the room with Robinson.

Constable Murdock said Robinson struck Sands several times and Sands was taken back to his cell. Then his older brother was put in the room with Robinson. He added that neither brother would defend himself.

Complaints of the Wallaceburg police discriminating against Indians that arose after the incident were investigated by the town's police commission, which suspended Cpl. Lewis for seven days, by the Ontario Police Association, and by the U.O.A..