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Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.



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Special Meeting

October 12, 1979



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Business Committee members present: Purcell Powless, Norbert Hill
Mark Powless, Loretta Metoxen, Margaret Doxtater

Others present: Doug Smith, Ernie Stevens, Howard Cannon, Frank
Cornelius, Larry Ashenbrenner, Arlinda Locklear, Ada Deer,
Irv Christjohn, Roy Kennedy.

Chairman Powless called the meeting to order 9:15 a.m.

Doug Smith presented lease for Tobacco Enterprise. Mark moved to
approve, Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Powless introduced Irv Christjohn and Roy Kennedy from
Canada and turned the meeting over to Howard Cannon, Litigation
Coordinator.

Howard explained that the meeting was called because the Canadian
Litigation Committee wanted clarification on some questions.
They objected to the intervention in the land claims by the
Six Nations and New York Traditional Oneidas. They thought
NARF was not representing them properly. Mr. Christjohn
stated that when NARF did not object to Indian Law Resource
Center's motion to intervene on behalf of the N.Y. Traditional
Oneidas, it made it seem that Canadian Oneidas approved of
this action, when they are definitely not in support.

Mr. Ashenbrenner stated NARF's position was to remain neutral,
neither approving or disapproving.

Ernie stated his objection to Bert Hirsch claiming to represent all
Oneidas because he does not. He restated the policy of the
Wisconsin Oneidas and all committees involved is to support all
Oneidas. There will be a meeting November 10 between the Land
Committee, Litigation, Business Committee and anyone interested
to reconsider our position. He stated to NARF Lawyers to make
it clear in Court that we do not agree or disagree with the
motion to intervene. We are able to deal with all parties
equally.

Chairman turned meeting over to Norbert Hill.



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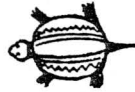
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Discussion of establishing Treaty Council/Tri-Council.

Irv. Christjohn stated Canadians accepted the basic concept of the Tri-Council in 1976. Further meetings were recommended but nothing happened. Now the proposed Treaty Council seems to be very similar. Mark stated that the Wisconsin Oneidas do not make a distinction between elected or traditional people. Mr. Christjohn went into quite a discussion of what "traditional" means.

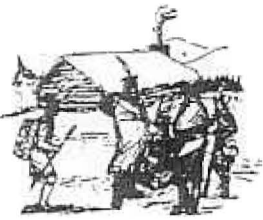
Loretta stated she also supports encompassing all Oneidas notwithstanding their religion. Artley stated that the Tri-Council concept excluded groups. Treaty Council was more realistic. Loretta asked Mr. Christjohn's objections to the Treaty Council. Mr. Christjohn objected to the way it is set up: 4 delegates from Wis.; 3 from N.Y.; and only 2 from Canada which has the second highest number of people. He also discussed how long a person would serve on the Council. He stressed the need for the most informed people to be on the Council.

Ernie stated the Treaty Council would not interfere in the internal problems of any group. Ernie suggested setting up a Council of four people including an attorney, and 1 person from the community who calls themselves "traditional"

Ernie stated thea NARF should know that the Oneidas do not want to get into a negotiating situation where they could not pull out of, if they didn't like the way things were going. Also stated that the Government cannot terminate us.

Arlinds stated that NARF will continue with litigation until the Tribe says to stop. If negotiation occurs and the Tribe is not satisfied the way things are going, the Tribe has the right to call off negotiations and go back into Court. NARF will support this.

Irv Christjohn asked Wisconsin's position in regard to 6 Nation Grand Council; what influence if any; what commitments were made. Mark, Ernie and Howard stated the meeting was to try to get people together by being friendly with them; to find out what they are doing; exchange information and discuss similar problems. Wisconsin Oneidas did not take part in Grand Council meeting.



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Ernie spoke about Ada Deer, calling her a formidable ally. It is important to convey what we want to her because she can get it across to the right people.

Ada spoke about her new position with NARF. The position was newly created. NARF did a good job with the Menominees. She will be working closely with the lawyers, and hoped she would be able to help. She said it is important to present a united front.

Loretta, as newly elected Vice-President of NCAI offered whatever assistance may be available from that office.

Discussion of the Complaint. Mark questioned #3 on page 29 which states "or in the alternative, award plaintiffs the fair market value of the subject land". He questioned putting in the complaint that we would take money for the land. Arlinda stated that they tried to draft the complaint so it would cover any gaps. It could be that possible relief may not be the recovery of land. She agreed to take out the section about "fair market value".

Norbert questioned #62 on page 28 which states that New York is liable in the amount of eight million dollars. Arlinda stated this is the difference between what was received and what should have been received.

Howard asked for copy of 1839 statute

Meeting ended at noon.

*Respectfully Submitted
Margaret DePate*