



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

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UGWA BENOLUM YATENE
Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

-SPECIAL MEETING-
NOVEMBER 4, 1982
MINUTES

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Members Present: Norbert Hill, Acting Chairman, Gordon McLester, Secretary, Mark Powless, Lloyd Powless, Tony Benson, Council members.

Others Present: Jerry Hill

Report on Meeting with BIA Officials in Minneapolis

Jerry Hill, Tony Benson Mark Powless and Norbert Hill met with Earl Barlow, Area Director, Elmer Nitzschke, Area Field Solicitor, Karen Ducheneauf and Frank Annette, Tribal Operations and Robert St. Arnold and Myron Petersen of the Ashland Agency Office. The discussion was relative to the suspension/removal of Oneida Business Committee members: Gary Metoxen, Wendell McLester, Frank Cornelius, and Howard Cannon. The discussion from our point of view was to inform them that the daily and usual operations of the Oneida Tribe were in fact happening. Further, we indicated that rumors individual unauthorized statements to the contrary were unfounded. Specifically, so-called threats and alleged anonymous calls were unknown to us and that no incidents of threats or harrassments of any kind, overt or covert, have occurred.

The Bureau indicated that their concern centered around the issue of BIA contracts with recognized Tribal Governments in general. Specifically, they were concerned that is any of the removed Business Committee members attempted to appeal the actions of the Oneida General Tribal Council under 25 CRF Part 2, potential confusion would be caused by the claim that the Oneida Business Committee is not the legitimate contracting representative of the Oneida General Tribal Council. In other words, there could be contractual implications for the BIA if they (the BIA) do not make some factual determination acknowledging the suspension/removal and the subsequent filling of vacancies on the Oneida Business Committee.

BIA Officials meeting continued. . .

Under the circumstances, we think that they were satisfied to some extent, but we ought to provide a full summary statement of the actions of the Oneida General Tribal Council regarding this matter. This statement should be developed and sent to the BIA; St. Arnold, Barlow, Nitzschke and Ducheneaux as soon as possible but no later than November 12, 1982

It may be considered that someone should deliver the statement to St. Arnold, personally to counter the materials being provided by Gary Metoxen. While we were present a letter by Gary Metoxen on Tribal stationery was received by the BIA. However, we were not provided a copy of said letter. It was also indicated that Gary Metoxen, et al had gone to BIA Tribal Operations in Washington, D.C. to seek interference into present Oneida Tribal operations.

The success of such actions by Gary Metoxen is dubious. However, some effort should be made to counter these tactics.

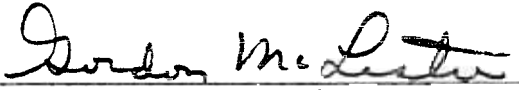
Personnel Policy Information

The information covered; grievance and problem solving procedures. The Business Committee continued to review the Policies. Joe Villagomez will develop an orientation form for employee's and bring back a draft for review.

Personnel Recommendation

Probationary evaluation of Phyllis Fastwolf was to dismiss her as Elderly Coordinator. Mark moved to approve the recommendation. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

12:15 Mark moved to recess. Tony seconded. Motion carried.


Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary