

LOCAL NEWS-- Cont'd.....CONFEDERACY ACCEPTS RULING

The Six Nations Confederacy accepted the ruling of Judge Osler with mild surprise but were pleased with the decision. The Grand Council of the Six Nations was already in the middle of a 10-day session at the Onondaga longhouse to reread the Code of Degahnawidah and the Code of Handsome Lake. They proceeded with ceremonies for the benefit of men, women and children who had travelled from other reserves of the Six Nations and were camped at the longhouse.

The ceremonies scheduled to end on Wednesday, July 18th should provide insight for the people of the Confederacy. Grand Council is expected to convene Thursday the 19th for discussion on the judgment which ruled that the Six Nations reserve is not a reserve.

Coleman Powless, an Onondaga Chief said that probably the Chiefs from the other reserves would be asked to stay to discuss and assess the situation. He also said the Confederacy had requested the Provincial Police detachment in Brantford to continue to patrol the Reserve.

ELECTED COUNCIL FOREGOES REGULAR MEETING

The Six Nations Elected Council preferred not to hold their regular council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 17th.

However, they did meet that evening with their lawyer, Mr. Burton Kellock who had been on vacation at the time that Judge Osler's decision was released.

Thirteen Elected Councillors, Mr. D.J. Borton, Indian Superintendent, Mr. Burton Kellock and Mr. Norman E. Lickers attended the meeting at the District office of the Department of Indian Affairs. No other residents attended the meeting other than Mr. Lickers who was a former Elected Councillor.

Chief Councillor Richard Isaac said that the outcome of the meeting was that the case would be appealed with the consent of the other lawyers involved who are Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Sopinka, Representatives from the Attorney General's office.

CHRETIEN TO ASSESS RULING

A spokesman for Indian Affairs Minister, Jean Chretien said that Mr. Chretien will meet with his cabinet on Thursday afternoon, July 19th to assess Judge Osler's decision and will meet Thursday evening with the standing committee of the Department of Indian Affairs.

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NEW CREDIT RESERVE WITHDRAWS SUPPORT FROM CULTURAL CENTRE

New Credit - New Credit Council, Monday night, July 16th passed a resolution to withdraw their support from the Cultural Centre at the Mohawk Institute. The reason given was that the guidelines set up in Ottawa for the Cultural Centre were not being adhered to by the Board of Governors, such as equal voice of the member bands on the Board of Governors with regard to administration and hiring.

At a meeting of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) at Hiawatha reserve the weekend of July 14th, Mr. Norman E. Lickers, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Cultural Centre presented a proposal to the General Assembly of the AIAI concerning funding for the Cultural Centre due to the present conditions and position of the Federal Treasury Board who can't issue funds to the Mohawk Institute because it is only a building but they do recognize a band council as a legal body in this instance.

Mr. Lickers suggested that funds for the Cultural Centre be received through the Six Nations Band Council and also stated that the makeup of the administration would remain the same.

A letter from the Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs, Mr. Ciaccia's office was read accepting this means of funding.

The letter also stated that the Six Nations Council could at any time change the administrative setup if they chose to.

Mr. Harry Laforme, Co-ordinator for the AIAI said that Mr. Lickers is presently in the process of preparing a resolution for the Six Nations Council to accept this means of funding.

After the resolution was passed by the AIAI, Mr. Maurice Laforme said that he and Mr. Wilfred Crain would be inactive on the Board of Governors of the Centre.