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INDIAN REORGANIZATION ACT

Wisconsin Press-Gazette: I feel entitled to answer the remarks made by Mr. Morris Wheeler at a recent meeting of the reorganizations at the Epworth church, Oneida.

The new Indian agent, Mr. Collier, of Tomah, Wisconsin, made a statement since he is here and is to the effect that he will not tolerate any agitation against the operations of the Indian Reorganization Act on the part of the Indians, such as has been done on by Mr. William Wheeler.

He said for their further information I would like to submit more facts to show that agitation on the part of the whites feel like. And it is interesting to see how they will use it or not.

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Another matter was discussed, Mr. Wheelerlock said in the Brown County court last May. His answer was that his attorney was.

The Oneida Indians have been under federal jurisdiction for a number of years and were released as such and have become citizens and the fee simple patents to the land.

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Town of Oneida Residents Oppose Settlement.

A vigorous protest against a government plan to settle Indians on 20-acre tracts of land in some of the best farming areas of the town has been raised by the town of Oneida, Outagamie county, it was learned here today.

Protests of Oneida residents have been presented to Commissioner John Collier of the Indian Bureau at Washington, D. C., by Senator F. Ryan Duffy of Fond du Lac. At the request of G. F. Clifford, Green Bay attorney who is acting for the town of Oneida, Senator Duffy has asked the Indian Bureau for a hearing on the plan before the necessary land is purchased.

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The government already holds options on land in the town, and has about \$50,000 to expend on the program. The Indian Bureau is also planning a similar program in the town of Hobart, Brown county, Clifford said.

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If this land were purchased by the government for the Indians, it is questionable whether the land would then be taxable, it is said. If it were withdrawn from taxation an extra burden would be placed on the tax-paying residents of the town. There would also be an extra burden in the matter of supporting schools.

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If Indians were settled on 20-acre tracts in the midst of good farm land it would also lessen the value of adjoining land for other reasons, it was said.

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INDIAN SETTLEMENT HEARING IS HELD

Statement From Washington Indicates Misunderstanding

A statement from the Indian Bureau at Washington, D. C., says Oneida residents are mistaken in their view that purchase of land for city is contemplated for resettlement purposes. The statement is irrelevant here today, it says.

Oneida is not a city but a town and it is not purchase of land for the city, but in the town of Oneida at large that are being considered.

No date has yet been set for a hearing on the proposal to settle Indian families on farm land to be purchased by the government. It was announced, but Oneida white residents and their attorney, G. F. Clifford, are disappointed of gaining a hearing.

According to John Collier, Indian commissioner, the government is not planning to buy land in Oneida. Plans are being said, purchase of three acres in Brown county, one in Outagamie county, and the other located in both counties.

Options are already accepted on all but one small tract, according to Collier. He said the plan would put the Indians on a self-sustaining basis, and will be a "social and economic benefit to the community."

According to information available here the Brown county site is in the town of Howard and the Outagamie county site is in the town of Oneida. Where the other one is located is not known.

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Respectfully submitted
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On Aug. 16, last, I appeared before the United States Indian Affairs Committee on Indian Affairs, where I was holding hearings and investigating the operations of the administration of the Indian Reorganization Act by the Oneida Indian Affairs Commission. One of the charges made by the chairman of the committee was that

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The town has suggested that the government buy land in the northeast section of the town where the purchase would not interfere with the values of lands throughout the town. This land is entirely available, it was said.

In this way the Indians would be segregated by themselves. Most of the Indians also favor such an arrangement, it is said. This plan, however, conflicts with the theory under which the Wheeler act operates. It is Wheeler's idea that Indians should be settled among white people and thus they will be absorbed into the general population.

White citizens of the town also object to building up a large Indian population in the town. Plans have not been formulated. The extent of the selection of the Indians for the settlement program, but it is thought that

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MILWAUKEE (AP) - The case of the Oneida Indian reservation lands allotted to the reservation was dismissed today by Federal Judge F. A. Geiger.

The action was denied on the motion of Stanley A. Sandt, former district attorney of Outagamie county.

The court held that the political matter not subject to judicial review.

Outagamie and Brown counties and the towns of Howard and Hobart were the defendants. The suit was to recover the amount of the original reservation land payment to be made to the Indians named as plaintiffs.