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NEW YORK CLAIMS SURVEY RESULTS

The preliminary results of the "Quality of Life" survey of the Oneida Reservation of Wisconsin has been almost completed. This includes an opinion survey of the tribal membership relative to the New York claims and negotiation issues.

As of April, 1988, 631 heads of households and adults have ~~been interviewed~~ ~~or~~ completed questionnaires. This represents over 90% of the "on or near" portion of the tribal membership. A smaller sampling of the membership, including portions of Los Angeles, Detroit, Milwaukee, and Chicago was also completed. The feelings of the off-reservation Oneidas seemed to indicate a stronger leaning toward land acquisition interests. For instance 86% of the off-reservation population sampled, wanted a larger land base in Wisconsin to be achieved through the negotiation process.

A preliminary review of the results of the claims and negotiations section of the survey seem to indicate the following findings and conclusions:

1. 51% of the reservation population is either "moderately" or "very" interested in acquiring future land rights in the State of New York. The result is all the more interesting, since 20% of those surveyed had no opinion.
2. 61% believe that a first priority in the negotiations should be the legal and land rights of the Oneidas presently residing in New York.
3. 65% of the people surveyed were interested in the acquisition of a

larger land base in Wisconsin if the land funds came out of the money damages portion of the settlement. An additional 19% either didn't know or have an opinion.

4. 67% of the people surveyed were either "moderately" or "very interested" in using a portion of the money damages to purchase land for homesites, businesses, farms, forest lands, etc. An additional 14% did not know or did not have an opinion.

5. If the settlement were in the form of land rights and money, in the case of money distribution, 29% wanted an "all per capita payment" and 16% wanted a perpetual annuity fund, of which the interest would be distributed annually. Another 12% wanted money split between economic development and a per capita. Fourteen other categories of interest received 6% or less of the survey.

6. In the case of jurisdiction over New York Lands, 45% of the people surveyed said that jurisdiction should be decided by all three Oneida groups. In an answer that was probably related, an additional 24% said that jurisdiction should be decided by each Oneida group independently.

The results of the questionnaire, including a breakdown of each question will be included in a special edition of the tribal newspaper which will be printed next month. in Aug

1988 WISCONSIN SPRING SAMBOREE
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS -- SEYMOUR, WISCONSIN
JUNE 10-11-12, 1988 -- PAPER VALLEY BREAKAWAYS

Early Bird activities scheduled for June 8-9, 1988

Friday June 10: 7:30 AM Early Bird Hospitality - Bring Cup
8:00 AM - 9:00 PM Registration
1:00 PM Games: Cards, Horse Shoes, Bean Bag, etc.
2:30 PM Seminars
6:30 PM Popcorn & Visiting
7:00 PM Welcome & Announcements
Parade of Flags
7:30 PM Entertainment - Magic and Juggling
10:00 PM Pajama Bingo Party (Dress in
Sleepwear to enter the Pajama Contest)

Saturday June 11: 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM Registration
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts--Bring Cup
8:00 AM - 9:30 PM State Committee Meeting
9:00 AM Tours By Bus
9:30 AM Young Folks Games and Contests
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Flea Market (Sellers Bring
Your Own Tables)
10:00 AM Cake Judging & Adult Games
11:00 AM First Timers & At-Large Mem. Meeting
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Second Chance Meeting
1:00 PM Ice Cream Social
1:30 PM Cake Walk
2:30 PM Seminars
5:30 PM Catered Meal \$3.50
7:00 PM Opening - General Meeting

Drawing for Prizes

7:30 PM Entertainment - Oneida Tribal Dancers
10:00 PM Noise Parade EVERYONE!!!

Sunday June 12: 7:00 AM ~~Coffee & Donuts -Bring your own cups~~
8:30 AM Church Service

Mr. McEster

We are looking forward to your dancers appearing at the fairgrounds. Please feel free to add anything to your program concerning the Oneida Tribe. I feel our group will enjoy your program.



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