Leonard Peltier Defence Committee's Indigenous Human Right week 2016 in Washington D.C.

Day 3

Tuesday, 6th of December 2016

Program overview

Monday-Saturday, December 5-10 – White House Vigil

Join us daily for a vigil at the White House for Executive Clemency for Leonard Peltier, peak hours from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Evening screening of "Warrior: The Life of Leonard Peltier"

Join us at the George Washington University Amphitheater, Cloyd Heck Marvin Center, 3rd Floor, 800 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052. The event is open to the public and the doors will open at 6:00 p.m. The screening will be followed by a Q&A session with filmmaker Suzi Baer.

Actually today rain poured. We made with our dolly in the Metro alright.



We were the first to arrive in the La Fayette Park.

After a while, Leonard C. Bolt showed and held the banner. Soon after, Chauncey, Waja and Kathy Peltier came, as well as Jean Roach and two other female supporters.

Later Peter Clark and Delaney came as well. As well as Jean Roach and Kari Ann Boushee.

Jean actually made the suggestion to stand right in front of the White House, which we did and it felt really good. It seemed a lot of people had been invited to the White House.

But since there is a building site between the La Fayette Park and the White House, the street there is cut off and there are not a lot of passer-bys.

The good thing in general is now that we do have these two big signs. I believe one should always be in front of the White House until Obama leaves office. On this behalf I have spoken to the CEO of the Leonard Peltier Defence Office Kari Ann Boushee, if it would be possible to get some people from Standing Rock, kind of coach-surfing wise or in another way to Washington D.C. to keep holding up this sign for Leonard Peltier's freedom for Barack Obama to see. She said this was a good idea and she will try to arrange that.

The other Banner we could have, were a lot of people are passing by, interested in American Indians, for example the Museum of the American Indian. Here we could still collect a lot of signatures.

We stood in the rain for 3 hours, sometimes slightly questioned by different police officers, but they were nice and left us in peace. In this rules and regulations I have actually read, that my banner is bigger then permitted, but so far no problem.



Sometimes it is really hard to struggle with the banner in wind and rain.



Here for the picture we turned around to show, we are right in front of the White House.

At 2 o'clock, we were so soaking wet and cold, that we had to leave the place.

In the evening at 6:30 we went to the George Washington University Amphitheater and saw "Warrior: The Life of Leonard Peltier" by Suzi Baer.



I do not know why it was called Native student Leadership council.



Unfortunately, not many people showed up. Our "usual crowd" and maybe 5 other people.

By the making of the movie Suzi Baer actually was just 22 years old. She is still making movies about unjustly incarcerated people and a single mum, rising a daughter. A lot of people stated afterwards, that they liked this movie better than Robert Redford's "Incident at Oglala", since it also gets into the cause of suppression, the exploitation of mineral resources of the Black Hills.

We had quite a good Q & A session afterwards and also a former wife of Leonard Peltier stated how life was like at the reservation during that time. Afterwards, they discussed the Chances of Obama giving Clemency and altogether it doesn't look to bad. So there are really chances. It would be also good, if more signatures could be sent, since the Committee and Amnesty is bombarding the White House with them all.

The really good news is that "Warrior: The Life of Leonard Peltier" by Suzi Baer is available on YOUTUBE. Everyone not acquaintant with the facts about his case, can easily watch it now and build up his mind. Please recommend.



Suzi Baer made this film as her thesis.



From left to right: Suzi Baer, Kathie & Chauncey Peltier, Leonard C. Bolt In front Kathie's mother (former wife of Leonard Peltier).

We all went for dinner, together with Kari Ann Boushee, Waja Peltier, some Nick, which just came back from Standing Rock and Jean Roach.

The names I mention are the way I understood them.

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