

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

Day 2 Monday, 5th of December 2016

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

By the way, we are living in a Guesthouse which is called Adam's Inn. It is near Woodly Park Zoo Metro station (red line) and it dates from 1890. This was the cheapest and closest I could find and we have to say that it is such a nice place to be.

Taking the banner apart. Luckily, we have quite a "suite".



Today we went to the Home Depot store at Rhode Island Avenue. There we bought 2 telescopic poles. From there we went to the White house Vigil at La Fayette Park. It was quite a challenge to bring these quite huge poles in the Metro. Down in the Metro, we met Delaney and Peter Clark. They already had been at the Park and were already on their way to the George Washington University.

The White House

Due to the separation of the 2 banners, I lost the pole pockets and anyways had to add grommets also to the second Banner, which I did in the park while sitting on a bench, working on the pavement before me, when a security officer came and told me, I could not work there underneath a tree, besides, I should have done this work at home, or should do it in another Park or on the street. But finally she was happy, when I moved myself in the middle of the Park away from the trees. These are very funny regulations.



Two banners



At the Park, we found Leonard C. Bolt, Nolan, Chauncey and Waja Peltier, some other 3 women, which left right away and some reverent from Philadelphia, which volunteered for 3 hours to hold the banner. What really is a pity is that nobody seems to like physical work which means holding the big banner, which is really demanding.

After a while Delaney and Peter Clark came back, telling about all the work they have to prepare.

Later, when the Reverent left (I just had bought a little snack for everyone), Ali had found a way to connect one end of the banner to a bench and hold the other end all by himself. What would you think happened next??? Another police officer showed up to remind him, that he cannot use any of the park equipment to keep up the sign.

Policemen from many Agencies stopped and asked for licences and permits and reminded us of rules and regulations. We did not have any of the permits, but we knew, that as long as we were less than 25 people, we were ok. In this park are unbelievable account of squirrels.

A permit exists for Saturday and we are hoping many people will show, since North Dakota is now on hold for further environmental studies.

At about 3 p.m. all the supporters left, except for Nolan, Ali and me. Chauncey had taken the other banner along. With Ali and Nolan holding the banner, I managed to hand out many postcards (which can be signed for asking clemency to Obama) and little business cards which the Leonard Peltier Defence Committee has given me.

I always started with the sentence; this man is sitting in prison now for 40 years. Many people were interested. Even a man came up to me, saying he is working in the White house and will check Leonard Peltier's case.

In the La Fayette Park, there is a little tent made from plastic and a guy named Phillippo (or something like that) together with 2 other persons is holding the ground for it since 1981. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clark_v._Community_for_Creative_Non-Violence Phillippo is a very nice fellow and he had given us 2 Poles of wood, which enabled us to hold the other banner up as well. In front of his tent, I got to know some Fred Stafford (or so). **He is a blogger and right away decided to make a little clip about me in his blog. He also said, he would inform some newspaper about me coming all the way from Germany to fight for Leonard's Freedom. Hopefully some news will pick it up.** Since Ali and I were urged through some crazy man to leave fast, I was not able to attain the man's email address or blog, but I am sure I will meet him again and let you know.

We left at around 5 o'clock, being quite exhausted.



I have called Peter Clark, letting him know, we had run out of post- and business cards.



These were the cards I distributed, but these tell not much to those who do not know his case.

Since Peter told me, they had to print anew and I told him he could also add there:

- Leonard Peltier is the Nelson Mandela of the Native America Indians
- Robert Redford's movie "Incident at Oglala" describes about his case
- The Kola website (Celebrities...)

He said, this was a good idea and so we will see what they will bring us tomorrow.

Over the time we have had to carry so much of heavy equipment, that tonight, as we came across another hardware store, we bought this little dolly.



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