

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

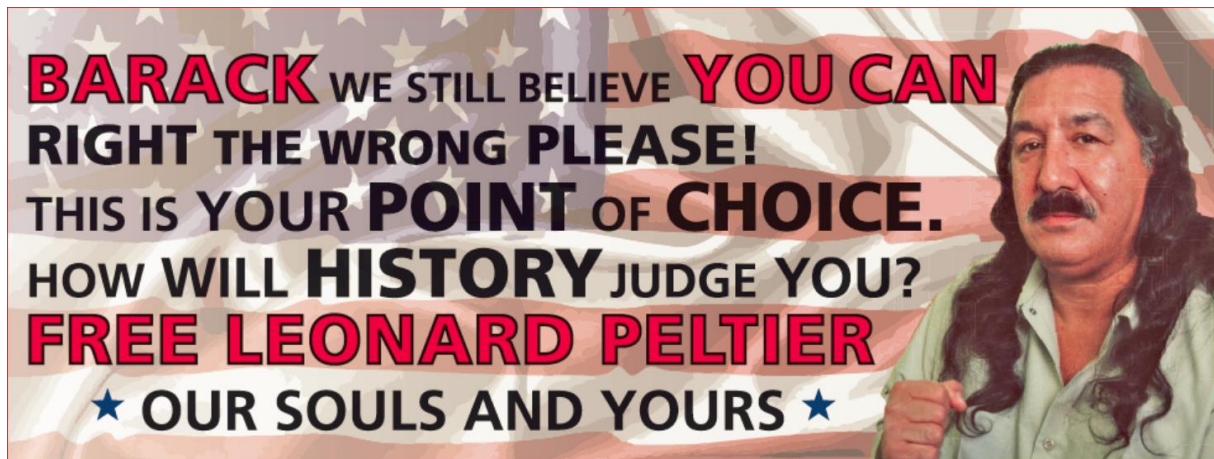
Day 1

Sunday, December 4 – Friendship/Welcoming Circle

From 1:00-3:00 p.m., join us at the National Museum of the American Indian (outdoor space), 4th Street and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20560.

Greetings to all,

Actually my friend Verena and I pondered what should be written on the sign. My cousin Mark helped me with the design.



We would be happy, if this attached PDF could be passed on and used everywhere. On Facebook.....for other Banners.....

Then, the story with the banner started of like in a Stan & Olly fashion, for I really meant it extra well and had this huge double sided Banner printed on Vinyl, even though Michael Koch had actually informed me, that this was very heavy. But since it was much cheaper than printing it on fabric, I thought we'd find ways to cope with it. The print has turned out really perfect, but by all good will, not the weight.

At my friend's home near L.A., we spread it out and tried by inserting 3 tent poles in each banner pocket to the left and right of the banner to hold it up. The poles bent. Besides, we were almost unable to hold it up. Also at the banner shop had advised us not to bend the banner. How should we transport it by plane (even rolled, it is 1.50m high and 4 m wide). Finally, we ended up folding it and the print is as good as 3 Wetter Taft, since it came out perfectly from our suitcase.

Today we (my friend Ali and I) went in time to the National Museum of the American Indian. Even though, it was already 3 pm, we did not see any gathering. Just about 5 people standing outside, but not in a group. So we went inside. There was security screening. We went through. I already could hear the drums and thought, the event has started already. We asked at the front desk. They at least knew about the event would take place and sent us kind of behind the building. Inside was no sign at all that the Indigenous Human Right week had just started. We wonder who is aware of that. We went right outside alongside the building. I noticed, the drumming we had heard, was just of an audio played inside the museum. We walked all the way to the back of the building: NOTHING. Finally when we returned, a few people where gathering.

They were astonished by the huge banner.



And immediately started to gather all behind it and a lot of pictures were taken. I will ask to get one of those tomorrow.

About 15-20 people appeared. Some of them I can name. Delaney and Peter, I think were from the Leonard Peltier Defence Org. and they greeted us. Then Bob Robideau's wife started to talk. Afterwards a man

called Nightwalk (here on the left) and finally Chauncey Peltier (right), Leonard's oldest son.



They all talked about how important it is to do all possible to help Leonard Peltier now. Chauncey said that despite Standing Rock it is necessary to fight for Peltier's release, since this is almost the only chance he has to come free.

Among others there were also another son and a daughter of Leonard Peltier present and a woman called Dina (or so), which was there during the "Incident at Oglala".

After I said, we should do something more than just stand here, Delaney has given me postcards, we could get signed.

Even so this event had been scheduled until 3, after about 1 hour, just my friend Ali and 3 men called, Leonard C. Bolt, Fist and Nolan stood still there, holding the banner. I found this very disheartening. We also tried to get more signatures.



At 3 o'clock, we went for some food into the museum and afterwards to the La Fayette Park, right in front of the White house. Unfortunately there is now a tribune built in front of it for the inauguration of the next president, which actually prevents Obama, to see my banner! So, what should we do??

We stuck the banner to a fence, by hooking the grommets onto the peaks and talked to passers-by about Leonard Peltier. About 15 Min later, a guard showed up within the fence of the White House and asked us to remove the banner from the fence. But he also answered me some questions. So we are allowed to use some poles. We were told before this would probably not be possible. He also gave me the code, under were to look up the rules

and regulations of this little Park. It is: CFR7.92 just in case anyone needs to know.



Tonight, Ali and I have separated the double sided Banner. First of all, it will be lighter to carry and hold up, and secondly, it could be showed at two places and tomorrow we will try to find sturdy telescope poles.

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