

Indian High Chief Stalks Geneva Streets

Deskaheh, high chief of the Six Nations of Iroquois, has done more than anybody else to divert attention from the great League of Nations crisis and take some of the electricity out of the overcharged atmosphere at Geneva.

Stalking through the streets in full Indian regalia, from feathers to moccasins, his impressive countenance brought men back to the primitive period of North American history when the Redskin ruled.

Deskaheh says he seeks justice from the whiteman's league in the name of the Six Nations who dwell along the Grand River, on the Canadian shore of Lake Erie.

Deskaheh has filed a petition asking that they be invited under Article 17 of the covenant to assume the obligations of membership in the league for the purpose of having their grievances agreeably adjusted.

They demand recognition of their complete independence as a state and accounting of their funds held in trust and suitable action by the league in case Great Britain fails to protect the Iroquois as a sovereign people.

The Indian chief told the international league for the protection of Aborigines that his people do not want citizenship, which he says Canada is trying to force upon them. The Aborigines Association promptly adopted a resolution supporting the Indians petition before the League of Nations.

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