

At the council of Silent Eaters, upon the request of the members, he delivered the following speech.

"Friends and Relatives: Our minds are again disturbed by the Great Fathers' representatives, the Indian Agent, the squaw-men, the mixed-bloods, the interpreters and the favorite ration-chiefs. What is it they want of us at this time? They want us to give up another chunk of our Tribal land. This is not the first time nor the last time. They will try to gain possession of the last piece of ground we possess. They are again telling us what they intend to do if we agree to their wishes. Have we ever set a price on our land and receive such a value? No, we never did. What we got under former treaties were promises of all sorts. They promised how we are going to live peaceably on the land we still own and how they are going to show us the new ways of living - even told us how we can go to heaven when we die, but all that we realized out of the agreements with the Great Father, was, we are dying off in expectation of getting things promised us.

One thing I wish to state at this time, is, something tells me that, the Great Fathers representatives, have again brought with them a well worded paper, containing just what they want but ignored our wishes in the matter. It is this that they are attempting to drive us to. Our people are blindly deceived. Some are in favor of the proposition, but, we, who realize that our children and grand children may live a little longer, must necessarily look ahead and flatly reject the proposition. I, for one, am bitterly opposed to it. The Great Father has proven himself a pretentious party in our past dealings.