

It was during this council that Brave Bear, the chief of the Wazhazha band of Brulés, was made head-chief of all the Teton Sioux. Why Whirlwind, Smoke, and Red Water of the Oglalas were passed over we do not know. Brave Bear was a traders' chief who in 1841 was employed by the American Fur Company traders to annoy their Fort Platte rivals in the Brulé winter-camps on White River; a commission which he fulfilled conscientiously by stealing these traders' horse-herds, by shooting up their camp, and finally by boldly attempting to assassinate them. However, ten years later, this man was accepting responsibility. He made an excellent chief of the Bull Bear type, controlling his wild followers by roaring at them and promptly resorting to the use of weapons when any man dared to oppose his will.\*

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