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## THE INDIAN'S SEARCH FOR A DELIVERER . . . .

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Speech of the Delaware prophet made before Indian allies called together by Pontiac, the Ottawa, for the Council of Ecores River, May 1763, when he was

joined by Potawatomi, Wyandott, Ojibway, in a hopeless attempt to stem the tide of white migration into the Ohio valley:

“I am the Maker of heaven and earth, the trees, lakes, rivers, and all things else. I am the Maker of mankind; and because I love you, you must do my will. The land on which you live I have made for you, and not for others. Why do you suffer the white man to dwell among you? My children you have forgotten the customs and traditions of your forefathers. Why do you not clothe yourself in skins, as they did, and use the bows and arrows, and the stone pointed lances which they used? You have bought guns, knives, kettles, and blankets from the white man, until you can no longer do without them; and what is worse you have drunk the poison firewater, which turns you into fools. Fling all these things away; live as your wise forefathers lived before you.”

Such attempts and orations have occurred and re-occurred through the years. The last great movement was the appearance of the Ghost Dancer religion with its Messiah, Wovoka. It was there that Ahpeatone, the Kiowa, made the difficult and dangerous trek to the Paiutes, and brought back the discouraging word to the Plains Tribes in camp at Coyote Butte, that the whole thing was false.



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