

The Iroquois were coming down around the Great Lakes. They were looking for territory too. If I recall correctly, history says that the Miamis and the Iroquois fought a thirty battle that nearly--or a thirty year war that nearly decimated the Miamis. History says that they started in as a really powerful--as one of the most powerful inland tribes in America when they were first discovered. Then, when George Washington was president, there was a federation of tribes: the Miamis, the Delawares, the Peorias, the Piankashaw, the Kaskaskia, the Weas, and the Shawnees. Little Turtle was chosen to lead these tribal--these tribes against the armies of the United States. They whipped General Harmar and General Sinclair. One of the battles was Fallen Timbers where a cyclone had run across the native--the large native forest in that country, and the timber was twisted and down. And they waited until they got the United States Army in this bunch of timber, and then they just flat run them off. I think history will bear me out that it is said that that caused one of the first Senate investigations there was, although it wasn't called a Senate investigation in that day. They dragged these generals up on the floor before the Senate of the United States, and the President, and wanted to know, "Why? How come you let those Indians just completely run you out of the country?" And, anyway, they send General Anthony Wayne up there and he started building forts, and, actually, he started preparing for a long hard campaign. And Little Turtle wouldn't fight him after he had been in the area for some while, and the Indian spies were watching to see what was being done and how it was carried out. Little Turtle quit. He says, "He's the man that never sleeps." And he wouldn't fight him. Of course, the tribes called Little Turtle an old woman which was, oh, about the worst insult the Indian