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A white man is called Washichu and they told about the early French fur traders that came to an Indian camp and they went to the drying poles where the meat was and for some reason they took the fat and like the fat, the fat is Wasicu, Wasicu, take as a fat. The white man, the first European that we had contact with were the French fur traders. The Americans are called Minahuska, long knives.

The first Americans we encountered were soldiers and they carried sabers, so they were called long knives, Minahuska, that's what the Americans were called, soldiers, white men.