

After they all agreed he would be one of us. He took that. He puffed on it. (Words not clear) There's no more, when I got this pipe. "This pipe is out, now," I said. "I'm gonna take them ashes out and put them back to the ground." (And I clean that pipe out with that stick. "The Bible tells me," I said, "The Bible--I hear about it--somewhere in there it says, 'Ashes to ashes, dust to dust,' They say that. That's why we're in here. We're in a good fellowship," I said. "The responsibility we got for our people and respect for our people," I said, "This pipe--this one here. These ashes, the way the old timers tell me, we're made from clay--dirt. We're made. And when this (Unintelligible word) is out, we go back to the clay. Go back to where we come from. That's the teachings from the old people," I said, "About this pipe."

JESS'S STORY ABOUT HOW HE HELPED OBTAIN GOVERNMENT CONSENT FOR ARAPAHOES TO HOLD SUN DANCE IN 1917

Jess: Speaking about ceremonies, I don't connect myself with them because I don't take any part in it--because I was told by the older men that I would have to conflict with my elders--trainers--if I joined in these ceremonies. (Referring to Arapaho customs that younger men could never contradict older men from whom they had received ceremonial instructions) So I never joined any of them. That's why I don't speak on ceremonies. But one year--1917--during this first World War, the Arapahoes--a man by the name of Charlie Campbell--was going to make a Sun Dance. He can't carry over that Sun Dance (postpone his vow) more than a year longer. So the older chiefs, Hail and Cut Finger and those older chiefs went to the Agency at Concho and asked to have a Sun Dance the usual month--August. The superintendent said, "No, we don't allow no Indian ceremony. In fact, no Indian doings during this war." So they got turned down. So they went to the state governor. The governor told them the same thing. Then they went--they wrote to congressmen--Jed Johnson or some of those fellows, and senators. They got turned down. Then they wrote to the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and they got turned down.