

So if they don't want to lose their respect, you know, in a white society.

"CIVILIZED" TRIBES IDENTIFY WITH "WHITE" SOCIETY

(You mean you think that the word just civilized means right away that they identify with white society?)

With the white society. And this is most--very evident among the male. Where the Indian female will associate, will identify with any different tribe there is, but the male will not. First up here at Northeastern, they-- I met two Creek boys and the first thing they ask me was, "What tribe are you?" And I said, "Well, part of this and part of that." And they said, "You're not Creek?" "No, I'm not," so they--they ah--they had nothing to do with me. It's not that they didn't have anything to do with me. It's because I didn't associate with the white society. Like they did. They had white friends. They always giving--white fraternities, white sororities. Organizations like that, and as long as I wasn't in that--

(And dated white girls--)

As long as I wasn't in that, well, they rejected me. But then after a year or something like that, I could date the white girls. I could get in the white fraternities. Anything like this. Well, then--then they accepted me. But only then when they found out I could do the same things they could. But only way they recognize me is enough to say hi. And that's it.

(In other words, you just sort of did it so as just to prove that you could. You still never forgot your Indian ways and that you're an Indian. And you're going to fight for the Indians.)

If you're an Indian, you can't forget that you're an Indian. No matter how you look at it. If you wanta be--wanta think of your Indian counterpart not only for yourself. I mean if you think of yourself. You don't think Indian. If you think for the Indian, well, you're going to help the Indian out. Help the Indian people out. This is one of the main things that they