

tendency to associate it with Black Power.

(Uh-hum.)

They have a tendency to say, well their goals, their aims and their organization is like "Black Power", you know militant. And then again there's people that, I don't think too many who have a tendency to think well "Red Power" means strictly means Indian people for some other cause but when I think of "Red Power", I think of "Black Power", in the same breath. Therefore. . .

(Do you really? You kinda yourself think that they're sort of the same thing?)

Right.

(And they'll use the same tactics to get what they want?)

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT FOR CHEROKEE TRIBE

Uh-hummm. . . They're, I've heard of people that said, "take over your tribal government by force if necessary."

(Oh, really. About the Cherokee tribal government?)

(Yeah, there's a little controversy, I've noticed in the papers and gossip going around, now, within the Cherokee community about this organization over here, O.C.C.O. suing Chief Keeler because he's not a Cherokee. Among some other things, they're trying to oust him and have democratic elections so that all Cherokees can vote upon a chief and the chief will not be appointed by the U.S. Presidents. What do you feel about that?)

Well, first of all as far the people not electing him that's true, you know, you can't cast a ballot for your chief, that's right. But the people do elect their representatives, their tribal representatives, you know from the small community. These people, the small group of people that elected one representative from a small group, he in turn has another person over him whom they, all these small people have elected among themselves. This is the way the Chief came about because all these representatives elected the council. This council decided on a Chief and they submitted it to the President for approval.

(And they recommended it to the President?)