

other. You have a Sun Dance?" He says, "Yeah, we have a Sun Dance."

"Sing one of your songs." So, this Ponca man sang that song. Says, "Hey, that's our song." (Laughter) See? Even the songs, the tune were same.

And he sang them one. He says, "Hey, that's our song," See? Now, that's

happened. That actually happened, see? Different tribes from Montana and

Oklahoma met them. Their ceremonials and songs were so alike, see? Now,

this Poncas have those dances, the Sun Dance. The last dance they had was

in 1919, yeah, nineteen. And, well, Cheyennes still dance, even down here,

up there in Wyoming and Montana. Different, I believe Shoshones dance that.

I don't know. But, anyway, some tribe dance it. And then, and through, I

don't know what, some friction, you know, something, tangle among our people

you know. And they put a stop to this thing here, but they didn't put a stop

among Cheyenne, everywhere. (Laughter) Yeah. Well, I don't know really,

know how it happened, but I always think that's just among ourselves, you

know. Some way, some how, they just put a stop to it. Wrote to Washington

and said this and that about it, and they just put a stop to it. That's all.

(Yeah, said that it was inhuman and cruel...)

Yeah, cruel.

(And such as that, you know.)

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Well, the way my father used to tell us what he heard and what he learned

is always started from way back there, you see? Now, it was about the time

when, I know he says, "probably when there's no white man here." A man went

out to look for horses or going out for something early. You know, they get

up real early in them days, you know. Get children out and get them out and

push them out and get out in that air. That's the way it was, I guess. He

went out, this young man. And he went so far from the camp so many miles.