

they give it up. They appoint one chief to bring it to the Bow String Clan, which has been appointed by the chiefs, being a little smarter clan than anybody. He'll come to the door and tell them, "This is what we have been discussing, that the government put in our hands. And we cannot come to a head--bring this to a head. Now the chiefs have turned it over to you. See what you can do." Now if it's about trouble or something that's hard to thrash out for the Bow Strings, these Door Keepers going to turn it down. "No, he say, "Don't put the bug on us. We don't want to be the ones." He say, "Take it to someone else." Or, if these Door Keepers say, "All right, we'll accept it. We'll talk about it." Then, that's when it goes in. That's when they get together. These on the inside of the tipi on east side and the ones on the west side, the head men, they're going to discuss that. All right, they'll come to some kind of a discussion. And they'll put it back in these Door Keeper's lap. "Is it all right if you o.k. it? If you put your stamp on it?" as the white man says. All right. Then those Door Keepers going to get together. "You think we should approve of this? Think we should?" Well maybe one says, "No, it's not quite--seem like it's still unfinished or something." They'll talk it over and put it back inside again. And then they'll complete it. "All right. Now here it goes. How is this now?" And they'll say, "It's all right." And they push it back out and it's already approved. Well, it's that way. That was their Indian law and rule. (When it was inside the tipi and these head men were discussing it, would this be just the headmen of the Bow String Clan?)

Yes.

(Well, could any, say just any member of the Bow String Clan, would they ever be in on it or was it just--)

Well, maybe they could put in their suggestions or something like that. But they didn't have too much voice.

(Well, now these headmen, are they the same as the sub-chiefs?)

Yes. They're the headmen, they're the ones that called the headmen--the Door Keepers and these on this inside.

(Well, then when your talking about the main chiefs of the tribe, that have a