

RECENT CLAIM SETTLEMENT, CONTROVERSY OVER MANNER OF PAYMENTS:

--Oklahoma claim of the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty--..... and we won that in '62-- '65. Fifteen million. No obligations, no offsets, no counter claims--nothing. And it was in the paper yesterday where we're going to get that, too. Did you see that? In the Oklahoman? There was no necessity of it, but this committee, all young high school smarties--got in our committee and they couldn't do nothing. They had no background. No experience. And they had a bill--Congress to pay us our money when we'd already won it. When it was already in our name in the Treasury of the United States. All unnecessary. And there's five or six-- my daughter's one of 'em that died, that won't get any of that. And after that I been mad at them. I'm going to give 'em a hard, good talking this coming Thursday nite over here. We're gonna gather. Talk about this campaign that's coming on for election. And there won't be any of 'em that retain their office.

(What election is that?)

It's the committee election. The members of the Business Committee, every two years. This is the year we elect. Election comes off November 14. They're having their preliminary campaign meeting here Saturday night. Make speeches. Big dinner, and all that. Everybody's invited to it. Take part, and express themselves.

(When did you say they won that claim?)

Well, in '58 we won that Wyoming claim. We call it the Wyoming claim--Treaty of 1851. Twenty-three and a half million. It involves Northern Cheyennes of Montana, Northern Arapaho of Wyoming, and the Oklahoma Cheyennes and Arapahoes. All of us--four divisions--three divisions. Twenty-three and a half million. And by another Section (?) of that case, same tribes, only by the Oklahoma division. They file a claim. And we won that. Well, it was really--the opinion was really made after '62, but the final decision of the court was rendered in October, 1965. That gives us fifteen million clear, and it has built up interest of about half a million on top of that since. Since '62.