

If this organization have become short, like Will Rogers used to do--he'll go out and raise money. Maybe thirty or forty thousand dollars. And he'll donate it to the organization." My wife sat there and heard all about it. And I said, "Mr. Chairman, I move the election cease and that we proceed with the nomination of our next President of this---

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--1952. And after that we run that election till 5:15 the next morning. All that night. Some of 'em go out and drink pop or coffee--something like that, and come back. I stayed right through. And when after that election was ballots counted, they announced Bill Short is next President of National Congress of American Indians. Well, he came over and shook hands with me. He said, "You're a good campaigner. You're a politician." "Well," I said, "I try to do the best I could for a friend." And his wife was there. His wife's name was Lucy. She come up and just hugged me. So he became our President until he died. No--he requested not to be incumbent next election--he wasn't feeling too good. So we elected a northern boy from the state of Washington, Joe Gary. Indian from--what's that tribe's name--Coup de--?

(Would it be Coeur d'Alene?)

Yeah, Coeur d'Alene (Mispronunciation), that's the word. So he died eventually. Then after Bill Short was elected President we had a boy from the north that acted as General Secretary. But a woman, a Sioux woman that had worked around Denver, spoke there one evening and evidently she proved to me that she's a good Indian worker. So I told this Bill Short, this friend of mine, I said, "Say, that woman that spoke up there--Helen Peterson--I just read this article a while ago, that she had studied law. She's enrolled as a Sioux from Oglala, tribe of South Dakota. That woman, I think, we ought to consider as one of the officials of the National Congress. So the first time Bill Short went to Washington to attend to his duties, he (unintelligible phrase) he had to consent to secretary, general secretary. Helen Peterson. So they notified her and she worked there ten years with us. But she's getting ten thousand dollars a year. But I got a lot of Osage friends that objected very openly that she had gone