

our annual meeting at Thunderbird here in El Reno, where the Cheyenne-Arapahoes meets annually, for the final reports of the year's activities, the older Cheyennes went around among those descendants of the Cheyenne signers of the Medicine Lodge Treaty telling them not to go up there--it was no peace treaty--the government didn't uphold their end of it, for the reason that Black Kettle, who was the principal chief of the Cheyennes through the Medicine Lodge period--when he refused to sign the treaty--peace treaty--he broke camp and took out and the army went out and brought him back. Brought the Cheyennes back to Medicine Lodge. They eventually made him sign that treaty. With good faith on his part. But, the following year, almost the same month--on November 26, 1868, General Custer and his troops--cavalry and his Indian scouts--attacked the Cheyennes at Roger Mills County in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. There they killed this same Black Kettle that signed that treaty down there at Medicine Lodge. Him and his wife and families of other signers. That's the reason the Cheyennes discouraged the Cheyennes from attending that Medicine Lodge centennial.

(Was that a council meeting at El Reno?)

Yeah. Tribal Council. Lot of Cheyenne and Arapahoes attended that. They spent a whole day there.

#### BLACK KETTLE AND MEDICINE LODGE TREATY

(Do you remember the names of any of the old Cheyenne men that were talking against Medicine Lodge?)

Well, from what I heard, whoever those were that were going around discouraged the Cheyenne Indians from going to Medicine Lodge. And that was carried out. I got a Cheyenne by the name of Hailman Little Coyote to take care of the Cheyennes. He's a good friend of mine and a good friend of my family here. And he tried his level best to influence the Cheyennes otherwise. But they were influenced at the annual meeting. He couldn't get none of them. He finally got three or four and they borrowed enough tipis to put up four tipis there at Medicine Lodge. You saw the Cheyenne tipis. They were all beaded, you know, on the east side. And we Arapahoes had one tipi. We should have had five. Why? Because a week before--three days before the annual