

tribal organization. (Jess is referring to the abolishment of the old Kiowa-Comanche-Apache tribal organization, the recently organized Comanche tribe, and the recent attempt by the Kiowa to form their own tribal government.) And they got a suit similar to ours (claims case pending in Washington before the Court of Claims), jointly with the Comanche, Kiowa, and Apache. But since that's split, the Comanches have reorganized and adopted their constitution and by-laws, and adopted--and approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Whereas the Kiowas have taken two chances--two efforts. Made two efforts to reorganize the tribal organization--the Kiowa organization and adopt a constitution and by-laws. Every time election date is set, these older Kiowas go around and say, "Don't sign that! Don't sign that! Don't agree to that treaty--I mean--that constitution!" When the election day comes to adopt that constitution no Kiowas votes for that. They have no organization yet.

(Why don't they want to adopt it?)

Well, they split with the Comanches. The Comanches are the ones that cause that split for this reason--I know because I'm part Comanche. Every time the Comanches put up a question, no matter how important it was--no matter how beneficial it might be to both the Kiowas and Comanches and the allied tribe, the Apaches--the Kiowas always knocked it down. The very next meeting the Kiowas re-adopt that thing and call it the Kiowa question. See? They showed their jealousy of the Comanches. But they want theirs to be known as the "Kiowa movement."

Well, when that thing comes up, the Kiowas and these Comanches--"No, that's ours-- They're the ones that adopt it--we ain't going to adopt it!" And finally, eventually, they split. But since they reorganized, the Comanches have adopted a constitution. And Lee Motah is their chairman. Lee Motah is their present chairman. Now the poor Apaches want their affiliated--the Comanches says, "Wait now--you been with the Kiowas. You've been with the Kiowas. You've been known as the Kiowa-Apaches." They used to be with us here, you know. "We're to pick you up. We're ready to affiliate with you."