form--like in this picture--and I know who got that picture-James Mooney, the Quaker anthropologist. That might be written
behind this picture." I was just telling her that. I was
actually there when this tree was dedicated as a symbol of unity
of the chiefs. "But now," I said, "That tree is no more. The
next year a tornado pulled it out, roots and all, and broke every
limb and every branch about that big and scattered them all over
for a hundred yards." She turned over the picture and looked and
she said, "Yes, you're right!"

(Did the Indians have any thoughts about that when the tornado uprooted the tree?)

Oh, yeah. Yeah. That means no matter how solid—I know my father and Left Hand and Black Coyote mentioned it. No matter how solid the chiefs stand pat, Affidavit (?) could come along or something like that and disrupt the whole thing. That's the way I heard it. They always say, "Only the rocks of the mountains"—the words that White Antelope used before he was shot at the Sand Creek Massacre. When he came out with his nice clothes on, he came out singing. He said, "I'm going to go. There's no life certain. Only the rocks last longest that are in the mountains." They referred to that. Which White Antelope, a Cheyenne, did when Chivington attacked the Cheyennes at the Sand Creek Massacre. That's when they killed White Antelope.

(What kind of an impression did James Mooney make on the Indians out here?)

Oh, they just worshipped him. He'd ride with them. Stayed in the camps with them. In fact he was instrumental in this Native American Church. He told the boys to make a foundation of unity. He