

bunch of thugs if I ever saw 'em." I said "They might be at that, I couldn't tell."

TWO STORIES - PLES PORTER AND SAM HOUSTON

(Unidentified Voice: Tell 'em about that buy that had--when they big meetin'.

Who was it? Some guy that--)

Aw, Joe! Now this gets kinda into politics. But I don't think anyone's narrow-minded about it anymore. I'll just tell it. They have a great big formal deal, and it was something that was very important to the Indians. It was very important that these officials could side in and see their point you know, once in awhile. I don't know what it was. Anyway, Mr. Dawes was there, and the Governor, or Lieutenant Governor or what ever you call it... Acting Governor, what was that man's name anyway? France, French, or what it was, before our regular Governor. (sentence not clear) --is gonna get this done, no matter what. So--Ples Porter, Chief of the Creeks now, was at the head of the table. And Mr. Dawes was on his right and they called on him to speak and he got up and he said, "I am proud man,"--he was about six feet four and a half. He said, "I am a proud man, I have three bloods in my veins, white, red and black," (laughter) he said. Stood up there and Mr. Dawes-- I said, "Well what did you do?" And he said "Do?" "Why we didn't do anything. You could not only have heard a pin drop, you could have heard one turn over." (laughter).

(Unidentified Voice: That ain't the one I was talking about. That was--)

Oh, that was Sam Houston, you're talking about. You mean the Mexican official came up to see him? I think I told you about that. They say that Sam Houston had more Indian blood than he did anything else. They never say that. They mention his Indian wife, like it's so different from himself, you know. But they never say he found a wife among the Indians, you know, they never say