

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF A NEW INDIAN  
GROUP IN LAWTON, OKLAHOMA  
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(This is Lawton, Oklahoma. September 16, 1968, an Indian meeting in the Cattleman's Cafe, to discuss programs for Indians in the Lawton area.)

We are glad that all of you can attend and we appreciate those of you that have come out and we hope that we can get something started. As you know, the Indians have all kinds of organizations and everything that should solve all of our problems, but somehow or another we still manage to miss the point. And here lately, I've -- after I became Director for the Community Action Program here in Comanche County, I guess maybe I never paid attention to all the things that have gone on in the county, in regards to -- as far as Indians and their progress and advancement is concerned. And the more -- the longer I work with the programs, the more I realize that everyone is interested and would like to help -- they don't know what to do and then too, there is a lot of differences at the present time on helping what they call minority groups, one of which and other which Indians come and there's also a lot of emphasis on employment, but seems like the majority of it, all the programs that come out today, -- all the programs that come out today, have to do with the advancement of the colored person. And I have attended several meetings and it seems like we, under the disguise of helping to solve poverty for all the minority groups why it happens that emphasis is placed on one group. And I get to thinking that its our own fault a lot of times, because we don't make it known that we want to progress, we want to help and we want to be a part of the community. And I also know, that we have Indians who have worked with Indians in the Indian affairs,