

INTERVIEW SITUATION:

This interview took place in the home of Bob Stegall several miles west of Geary. The interview started as rather informal conversation on the old time Indians and their customs, but developed into a discussion of how Indians and whites butchered and preserved their meat, and later on of the contemporary problems of Indians.

(This is a continuation of the interview begun on T-374)

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AMONG INDIANS AT CANTON

Bob: --the records from Concho and they brought out grievances against that boy. I never saw anything like it. He'd go around with one leather glove on--one hand--like these outlaws--keep their glove off their shooting hand. And they'd go around with--any kind of a trinket around his neck. And then he'd get a white tee-shirt and write on there, "Hell's Angels"--any kind of stuff like that. Get shaggy hair, you know. And he broke into the office and he broke into the kitchen and stole peaches--canned peaches--and--

(Did these boys ever do anything to white girls or colored girls?)

Bob: Now the report came to me from up there that this boy--fifteen years old, and another boy fifteen years old--that's pending right now--I got to do something with him--and some more of the fifteen and sixteen year olds--they lurk in that park as animals--gangs. And this woman told me up there, she said, regardless of whether it's a ten year old girl or a seventy year old woman, if she goes in that park at night, she's raped. Gang-raped by that bunch of kids. Now that's what was told to me.

(You don't know about any white girls, do you?)

Bob: No. I don't know about any white girls.

(What would happen if they did?)

Bob: I'll tell you what I would do. I've never been bothered. I go down there to that park--that's "Indian Territory." If I go down there on business, I've never been bothered. There's no horse play. Everything is strictly business when I go down there. If I want to talk to some one, it's all business. I wouldn't dare go down there and be joking around with them. And they drink. Let me make this statement where you can understand it. I'll