

hard for them to learn as well as white students. Some can pick it up fast. As for me, as an example, I picked it up pretty fast. I was reading second grade level when I was in first grade, oh by Christmas I was reading second grade level. And only two subjects, spelling and english, you know, the English part where you make statements. And things like that. I picked it up pretty fast. But there's some Indians that cannot pick it up fast. There's some white students that can't pick it up fast. And they speak that language. So, in other words, a beginner, some teachers get frustrated because they can't learn fast and you can't expect that student, if it's pretty hard for them to learn, you can't expect for them to learn and pick it up just like that. And it's much harder for an Indian than it is for a white student. So by whipping his rear, doesn't do you any good. Got to take time with each individual student in order for them to catch the English language. And welfare wise, jobs. Indian does not finish high school. The Cherokee Indian he averages about five years of grade school of education, learning and things like that compared to a white student averages 11.2, I think. So-- (That's nation as a whole?)

Yeah.

(Is that correct?)

I think so. I think that's the way it is. So most Indians you know, they just complete about five years of school. --I think--I think that's just about it. And there are job opportunities now days you got to have a high school diploma in order to get a decent job, well paying job. But since lot of these Indians don't have a high school diploma they're left out. They dig ditches. I could be a little strict, I could say what in the hell do you expect out of an Indian. But then you put him on Welfare, he's sick, you put him on Welfare. Then he have to go through all kinds of red tape before he can get on Welfare. And there's some Indians that have been turned down.