

General Subject: Life History Materials

LANGUAGE BARRIER IS A REAL PROBLEM

(Now I'm going to be interviewing George Groundhog. George is a full-blood Cherokee who was born and raised and brought up here in Cherokee County. George is presently Chairman of the O.C.C.O. organization. He's going to tell us a little bit about that and some of the problems that he sees here in the Cherokee Nation now; and what he thinks and what the organization thinks can be done about it and what they'd like to see done to solve some of these problems. O.K. George, I think we're on this time; I hope.)

Well, I was nominated last November as a chairman of the O.C.C.O. Before I start out with the problems though, I'll introduce my family. Sally is my wife and I have two daughters, Fayola and Mary Ann. And I have always been concerned of Cherokee problems, so to speak. Those that are unable to speak English are the people that are really in need. And those type of people are the people that I have been concerned since I was a little boy. I've always tried to help someone that were handicapped speaking both languages. And I will try to explain the problems on H.E.W. (Health, Education, and Welfare) and the worst problem Cherokees have had in Eastern Oklahoma were poor communication. Today, we have installed telephones at each board members home's and we have a communication by radio and we are trying to fill these gaps that are the handicaps by these gaps or problems.

HEALTH PROBLEMS - CRITICAL OF USE OF TOO MANY INTERNS IN HOSPITALS

Mainly that I will explain about the problems and the number one is health. These problems that these patients are having today in health clinics or Indian hospitals are these Intern Doctors. The problems have been brought up time and again to our office. They requesting a skilled Doctors to work with these Intern doctors in these Indian hospitals. We understand or realize