

set of values, being so different than the white man, that one of the problems they had in the early days was the white man trying to enforce his set of values onto the Indian without ever attempting to find out whether they would fit or not. You were mentioning a few minutes ago about some of them accepting and not accepting--how they did and didn't accept the restrictions placed on them as individuals. You'll remember that we talked about that a few minutes ago?)

Yes, I believe I captured your question and what you're asking for. The Indian in the first place wouldn't really except services designed supposedly for his welfare and a program or programs that were designed to help him out and set him on the road to progress--a transition or whatever you may have. But somehow or another the Indian resisted. He knew that if he ever come to a point of dependin' on another organization, another set of rules, another way of life he would be givin' up his pride, self-respect or whatever a man might have within himself to walk straight and to be proud.

(Giving up the real meaning in his life wouldn't it be the only thing that had any meaning for him?).

He'd be givin' up values to live by, religious-wise--everything. He would become a man without the land. You've probably have heard about a "Man Without A Country" and other stories. But if the Indian exected in the first place he'd be a man without identity and the whole meaning of the Indian or meaning of his religious way of life would have gone away from him--out from under him. And the total Indian population might have been different today if this would have happened. But again we can look back and see what's happened to the Indian as he exected services. He really learned to stick out his hand and the goods were given to him. We taught him then. And some of us are responsible for this as well as the white people. We have joined hands with the various organization in behalf of the Indian and we have sold these programs to our own people. And, now, we have given them the incentive to not work--to want something for nothing because he knows that he's gonna be helped. There'll be money--welfare money. Other assistance will be given him. This is the saddest thing that's ever happened to the Indian. The younger generation is beginning