

handed down. I was a little boy when they made me a chief." Which I know him that way--when he was a little boy. He grew up with it. He grew up to that age. That's what he was talking to me about. He said, "There might be a man come around here. Maybe you might look at him over there--in other words, that's your home. It's your family. He might tell you something or try to do something bad. That tipi we were talking about--there might be a dog. You see dogs," he said. "Maybe they go around the tipi. Maybe they pee on that tipi. You see them. That kind of person," he said, "We class them as a dog. He don't know any better. In that home--in our tipi." That's what he told me and I told him I'd remember what he said. "But one thing," he said. "One thing--when you lose a life, once it's gone, you cannot get it back. It's not going to come back to you. You can look back," he said. You can weep. Lots of people do. You can weep. If you're going to weep, weep in a good way. Don't say anything out of the way. When that time comes, you cannot get it back like you did the food, your money, or anything that's good. I don't like to talk about material things. You can always get them back. But life, no. You can't get it back. It's gone." Yeah, that's what he told me. We understand that. The folks--the old lady--we understand. We live that way. We live that way. It's something that we have to face. We have to face everything. We cannot turn to the right. We cannot turn to the left. We cannot turn back. Whatever the Great Spirit intended us for that, we have to face it. I'm going to have to go, too. All of us. We have to go. "But today," he said, "This is known. I want you to look at your people--from babies on up to the older people. When you see--even if you don't know that person in that family--a little boy or girl--shake hands with them. If a little boy, see--I seen some of the chiefs, their actions, that time. They go places. A chief might have dressed good. Have good clothes on. He see a little child playing. Maybe they're playing with the dirt. Sometimes the chief, he goes up there and picks up that little child. Maybe talks to him, you know. Maybe he's playing