

going to carry it," I said. (Meaning carry on the oral tradition, probably--jj) Boyce listen outside. It was up to them fellows in there to agree before he can come in. Even though I'm the elder that was present in that, I'm not a dictator. I don't dictate to them--my fellow chiefs. I don't tell them that. The teaching is from the old people, and I don't do that. I have to ask my fellow chiefs. And I always ask each one of them to have a voice in what's going to take place. We must all agree. If one fellow's talking over there, we listen. See what he's got to say--what's going to be talked about. Don't ever interfere with him while he's talking. I don't care how much you know, don't ask him questions. It be given to all of you. They agree that it's all right--to tell him to come in. They agreed, so Boyce, he came in. He came in and Ralph West. Both of them come in. It was agreed upon.

PIPE SMOKING CEREMONY IN CHIEFS' TIPI

They sit over there. There's a fellow sitting next to me--he had a tobacco pouch and pipe. He had two pipes in there. They got story of when they go on a warpath or maybe when they're in camp. That pipe, he give me that pipe. I said, "No--wait." He had tobacco in there and he had that stick in there--that tamper. I told him, "Go ahead and light it." He said, "no. You're the only fellow that can light it. Elliot Flying Coyote is not here yet." I told him, "When I light this pipe, first thing, you follow me, from the back," I said. "While I light that pipe. When I was a little boy," I told them, "I used to light pipes for the old people. Puff on it and then go and give it to them. When I give it to them, they make motions with that pipe. They point it up in the air. Then they point it down to the ground. Sometimes they point that pipe east and this way, and then west, then north. After they light it (unintelligible phrase)--they told me, 'Son, you're going to live a long time.'" They tell me that. "Now, this tobacco--they say it's no good--this tobacco." I told them, "I went this far. I'm going to light this pipe," I said. "I'm going to smoke. I'm going to pass it," I kind of noticed Boyce over there, whether he took that smoke--after he came in that tipi.