

(They wanted me to serve on the council with it.) See, it's appointed. The chief appoints a council. They're not elected. And I said I'm --they wouldn't consider me a Cherokee. What could I do living over here in Norman. They wouldn't consider me an Indian, and I said I would do what I could to help and I been doing it. But you're making the point that I made to them. I said that's the trouble over there now, I said, you ought to have some real full-blood Cherokees over there, working, living over there and serving on that council.)

Now here's what I told the council, I mean I told the advisors or officials in Washington here oh two or three years ago when I was up there. I said to them this way. I said my people been coming here asking for protection from the government in which you all took part and done a good thing, so far. But the only thing I want to talk about is this council, Osage Tribal council. We need equal rights. We need full-bloods.

(The Osages need some equal rights on their own council)

And I asked them about it, but they--one boy; one man got up and he said chief we'll see about it. That's about all he said, and I never did know who his name was. There was about 4 or 5 attorneys, officials, solicitors. So, it's going into a battle now. If we lose it just be a hard battle.

(What happened to the-- oh they had some--a group that try to organize several years ago, separate from the council called Osage Association?)

They're in Tulsa. I talked to one of them guys the other day. And he said they're working to build up again.

(Isn't that group trying to organize Osage Indians?)

Yeah.