

of them, they protect Ross. And where do you get such a character? Well, there are lots of Ross Kneelings among the Cherokee people. I knew one and loved one until he died two years ago, Dennis Bushyhead, went to school with Dennis in the University. He was the son of the Doctor Jessie Bushyhead and Doctor Jess was the first cousin to Will Rogers. Dennis was the grandson of D.W. Bushyhead, the Principal Chief who was elected twice, Chief of the Nation, and who as a youngster about twenty-one years old walked from here at Tahlequah across the desert to Souther-smill in California. And who stayed there until the '70's and walked back came home and the first year, he was here, his father died in 1845, the Reverend Jessie Bushyhead, with just thirty years later, Dennis Bushyhead, later who elected Chief. But in the year he arrived here, he was elected the treasurer of the Cherokee Nation. I knew his grandson, and he had a character just exactly like Ross Kneeling down here. I don't think they're they were related even. But there are a lot of Dennis Bushyheads in this Cherokee Nation. A lot of mothers raising right now Dennis Bushyheads in the Cherokee Nation. And as I said in the beginning, it's here, the people are here, and they'll be here for years to come; and I hope those of you who are younger than I am, and I'm sixty-five years old, that you believe me when I say that I'm able, although you've heard me, sound like I would speak harshly about the government and the people of the United States; I don't mean to be understood in that light, I'm able to distinguish between the wrong done the Cherokee people by an individual who works for the Government of the United States and the wrong done by the Government of the United States, and there's always been people like you who were in the government of the United States. People who loved the Cherokees. People who would not stand still and let it be injured; but there's always