

What?

(That was a year and a half ago, wasn't it?)

(And they've accomplished quite a bit in a year and a half, haven't they?)

DRINKING PROBLEM - JEALOUSY AMONG INDIANS

Right. Uh-huh. There's several things that are typical of Indians. They are some of the things that keep Indians back. One of those things is the drinking problem. Indian has a drinking problem, another thing is jealousy. It's hard for me, if I was to go out there and be a head of a bunch of Indians, like a . . . (Not clear)

(You don't mean jealousy just among your. . .

No, among Indians.

(You mean among the men, it's everybody?)

Right. It's everybody, Indians in general. Like I would be getting hired, see, in management and I was over a whole lot of other Indians! They would resent the fact that I was above them and was telling them what to do. But if you get in and put a white man in that same position, it wouldn't bother them in the least.

(Why is this?)

I do not, I don't know.

(In other words, they'll take orders from a white man but they won't take orders from an Indian?)

Right. I don't think it's as much of a problem as it was in the past. We're gradually coming out of that. But this a part of the reason why we have so much unrest in the Cherokee tribe now. Is jealousy among each other. There's several factions. . . .

(Do you think maybe that the self-image that the white man has imposed upon the Cherokee Indian?)

This is where it really comes from I think.

(Because they think, well, he's just an Indian like I am, he can't know any more than I do.)