

(It isn't?)

I'm afraid it wasn't. It is practically gone.

(Well.)

#### UNDERSTANDING OTHER LANGUAGES--MIXED

My wife was telling me about some folks that live out here at the promenade. She was in the company of some ladies. And there was two or three of them just visiting and they was all different tribes. But yet they could speak each other's language. Then one day we were meeting together here. There was Spanish woman there. And the first thing I knew she started rattling off Spanish. They understood her. Now my dad- I never asked him anything about it--about what he did or anything else. Evidently he had been around them quite a bit. See. We wasn't too far from a Navajo reservation, and I don't know whether he picked up Navajo language or not.

#### SIMILARITY OF NAVAJO AND SPANISH LANGUAGE

(A lot of the Navajo words are basically Spanish words. I mean--the association of the Spanish speaking people, I guess, prompted some of the --taking in Mexican words into their own language. For instance, the word for money--peso being the same in both languages--the word black--Mekiah its the same in both languages. You know that's the interesting thing to travel through the country and meet different tribes of Indians.) Yes. Seems to me like the Creek and the Osage and I've seen reference to some of the others. I don't recall.

(It'd been wonderful if what we know now and what we can observe, a greater effort had been made to preserve, --on paper, as much of the different Indian languages that could been done before some of them are completely lost I guess.)