

O.K. We started a language class in November of 1968. We discontinued for two months during the summer and we have--begin again. So the members that are attending this class have learned more than six hundred words and they are learning to make sentences and we interpret speeches made by different ones. At this time, we have a speech by Ernie Whitetree, would you like to hear it?

SPEECH IN SENECA BY ERNIE WHITETREE AND INTERPRETED BY MRS. DIEBOLD

(Indeed I would.) (Irrelevant conversation for about one minute. Instructions give to speaker by Mrs. Diebold. He has been instructed to talk Indian.)

Ernie Whitetree: I want you to listen. Words she gave me. Of great importance. Thankful she's well today. At the beginning, everything should be in the right way, in the way the language that he has given us. We should have our faith as well as in our voices a language that He has give us as our Creator. He wasn't playing, as the great thing as he has made us, and created us and give us our lives. He wasn't playing importance again, that he created us. We have our language to talk when we see one another, is the reason that we should continue day after day (static)--has created us as Indians that is the way I believe as myself. At this late date, I ask Father on High to help me to keep well, (static interference). So many things have interfered, I ask to think of us day and night. As it is true we are experiencing what few there are left of us. That we may be well, that we believe He gave us our life. It is true whatever it is, whatever the reason, why we are here on earth as of yet. This reason I say again is of great importance in His mind, no doubt He is helping us. That is why we are still left here ever day. That is why I say that we should ask Him every day. It is true for Him to make us, to help us to be well as well as other people of the different nationalities. At this date I am still asking Him to think of us individually as He made us as human beings, our Father on high. As well as our children where they are falking--where they are fighting. I ask again to ask our leader if he should stop and think to help them to pass this crisis of what so many things are interfering and the