

like about that movement is that they do not have a pastor or priest--whatever you might want to call him. They just pick one out, whenever they think they should have a meeting. And that man, sometimes he's a drunkard and sometimes he might be using this church belief.

(Has your church--this Mennonite church or some of the other churches--have they ever opposed the Native American Church?)
Oh, yeah. They're strong against it. Yeah. But now they are told to lay off of it. Because they're beginning to find out that they really worship the true God inside of the tipi.

INDIANS CAN'T BE MADE INTO WHITE MEN

(Just speaking for yourself, did you ever see any conflict between the Mennonite teachings and the Native American Church services?)

Oh, yeah. All the church movements are against that. And one reason they are against it is they don't go in there and see what it's like. When they once get in there, from my viewpoint, when you get in there, you think only about what you're in there for. But the churches don't see it yet. They're in there to reverence their God and pray for their people and teach their people that they're really next to nature. That's their Indian belief. Years back, as far as I can recollect, our Indian people was next to nature. But now since we came to live as a white man, they're getting away from the true nature of God. They're taking the way of the white man too much now. They're trying to make Indians be a white man when they cannot do it. They cannot change Indian way of life over to white men's way of life quickly. It's going to take a number of years to do that, because they know that they are an Indian. And they cannot get away from their own Indian tradition. So they're just gradually getting over to where they think like a white man.

(Do you think that that's good or do you think that it's a mistake for the Indians to try to live like the white men?)

No. In a way it's good. In order for them to get along in this fast-moving world, it's best for them to be living that. But on the other hand I think it's not right for Indian to be pushed