

(Why haven't they paid it out yet?)

Well, the Indians-- This Committee that's now on the job campaigned two years ago that if they were elected they would see that every one got their full, complete, capita share. Now they failed in a lot of instances to prove that they were doing what was right, what they had promised. And the Indians got to conflicting with their views. See, it isn't everybody that's qualified to get that money. Some old people with no education. Some with no property--some with no homes. Widows. No care, no supervision-- They want them to draw their money through the agency office. Say, two hundred dollars a month for the rest of their lives. When they pass away they can have appropriate hearing on their land, property, just like land, and the heirs or the (?) would inherit the remaining balance of those old folks' money. And that's the way I liked it myself. But they insisted, and they got a lawyer we didn't want. They got a lawyer and we objected to that. And they had an auditor. We didn't want that. We always handled those things ourself. Audited and approved by the Dept. of Interior. But they went and hired an auditor and it cost us something like \$2300 in a short time. We're still fighting it. But it wasn't the tribes' desire. And it should have been by referendum acceptable to the tribe before they went on into that thing. But they didn't. They just ignored the tribe. Lot of conflicting attitude toward them now. But they to hold this off till up to this coming election so it'll still be fresh in their minds about them. And that they'll be elected again. But no--there's strong opposition to all of 'em. They're gonna kick 'em all out. All districts come to the agreement that they won't retain none of those old members. Say, like my daughter, that died last March or April--took down suddenly and died from a kidney infection. Well, she's got three boys and a nice home. They got a good education. But if she had lived-- If they had paid us that money a year before that, her kids would have inherited all that land. I mean, all that money. But as it was, she don't get a penny, and the kids don't inherit none of her money. It's gone. It just goes back to the tribe. I been fighting them since. Not openly, but I been expressing my attitude toward them here and there whenever they ask me about this thing. I told 'em that's the position I'm gonna take when it comes to the public. Now there's three