

identified each other there around Red River, Minnesota, where they dig this red stone pipe. Made pipe stone. They identified each other there, again, on account of their dress and physique and all, and features. Come to find out they was one tribe one time, back in New York. That was about fifteen, maybe twenty, years after. But our language broke, too, you know. The Cheyennes have "M" sound. They don't have no "B" sound, anywhere. But every word of theirs starts with "H" and "M". "M" or "H" or "W", just like Arapaho. On the other hand, we Arapahoes don't have no "M" sound. Neither do we have a "R" sound. But we have "H-W" and those others, like consonant sounds. But there is one word in the Cheyennes, that has the beginning of the word with the letter "B". That "chief." The word "Chief," --bihun-- "chief," Cheyenne. That starts with "B". There's one word that I know of--and I'm supposed to talk Cheyenne pretty good--that starts with "B". That would be on the Arapahoes side. We have one--not word, but sound--in Arapaho that starts with "M", and that's a baby lullaby. mahó.ma, mahó.ma, (singing) "M", see. That don't mean any word, but it's just a kind of a tone in a baby lullabies, in Arapaho, with an "M" sound. So these two are one sound of each that reverses.

(Can you Arapahoes understand the Cheyennes when they talk, I mean without learning their language?)

Yeah, we can understand, yeah. We been together so long. And the families--some of them been--like your aunt might come over to your house, if you was home, and she'd start talking to your kids around there, and they can't help but catch the words. Don't have to learn. Don't have to listen. Just every day affair, you might say. And then, besides, we talk this sign language. It's universal, too. And that's something they don't have to learn. I never had to learn sign language. But I can talk fluently with any man that has, like General Hugh L. Scott--he studied sign language. And he's an expert at sign language. And that man--that cow man that had the show--here recently among the Montana Arapahoes and Wyoming Cheyennes--he's a cowboy. I met him. He's a expert in sign language.

(Is that the fellow that was in charge of that 101 ranch?)

No, you mean these here--brothers at 101 ranch. No this was in Montana--I can't think