

TROUBLE WITH MINISTERS

(Did he ever have any trouble with the ministers by going to the NAC?)

No in them olden days they didn't. The ministers they didn't...But little later on they start kicking against it. 'Cause there's too many of them going to the NAC. They want--you know, they want crowd to go to their church. But see, every week-end, they have meetings and Sunday they have to stay out there. And Sunday that's when the preachers want all the people to come to church but they ain't got...That's how come they trying to break it up or something.. But they never did.

(Well, back in the days when your father was carrying the drum for your grandfather, when they first started, did they have any trouble with the whites?)

No. There's no white people round there, its all Indians. At that store's the only white people round there, but they don't---that Red Church (means Red Store) out there. But they were living just like we are now. But today still yet, they don't have no trouble with our neighbors. Like the one I got here, they say that drum just put 'em to sleep when they hear it.

(Well, wasn't there some trouble sometimes around the first World War that the government was trying to do away with the NAC?)

Well, it was the missionaries. The preachers. They're trying to break it up. Just like I said, they trying to get the people to join their church...go to their church. 'Cause a lot of them was going to this NAC. They trying to break it up and call it...well, they trying to classify it as a dope or something. They analyze it I don't know how many times way back in '1 I think. James Mooney he was that one that fix everything up for us.

JAMES MOONEY AND NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH

(What did he do?)

Well, they had meetin over there west of Apache, Old Man Oyti's home. He went in there.