

Comanches said, "Wait now." This the second time the Kiowas have failed to adopt their constitution and by-laws. Now they'll eventually adopt the Apaches to come under them so that they can kind of hurry their claim up. They got a claim judgement that's six million dollars. And they want to get that straightened out. But the Kiowas are lacking--lacking in their final action to be a recognized tribe. Because in any of the constitutions of any tribes--like in our case--we have to adopt a certain quantum of blood to be recognized Indians. Like, in the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribe, we recognize on up to one-quarter Indian. Well, as long as the tribe's not organized and have no by-laws, we don't know--the Kiowas may adopt one-eighth or one-half or one-quarter--that's to be known yet. That's why their case is delayed. The Comanche may have adopted their quantum of blood for recognition so far. As I know. So these are the questions that are intricate--make a delicate problem.

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(You know a while ago another thing that you mentioned that I didn't get too clear, was when these old men in the Fox organization used to tell you things about how they went on the warpath and how they cooked and butchered. You were talking about some kind of dipper made out of a lining of the heart?)
Heart. Yeah. They call it "strifling." It's great, big, tissue-like. That's the English word, strifling. S-T-R-I-F-L-I-N-G. They peel that heart. It's a tissue-like. It's a membrane. And of course they worked it up, and they can carry it anywhere. In their pocket, if they had pockets, or anywhere. And then they'd have it fixed up so on the side there was strings. And all they had to do was cut a forked willow--mostly willow--wide enough so that they could string this pouch--this bag--so that it would hold water. Dip it in water and bring up water. They could carry it. You can even unstring that thing and tie that strifling tight and it'll hold water. You can just throw it around anywhere--blood or anything. I know that's the way they carried blood. The Indians always had cooked blood, you know. Oh yeah. Elk blood,