

Oh, yeah. Have to remember. That's the beginning of the Blackfoot Society--Tonkongia (tòkò.già) organized. You see that man's legs--black? Blackfeet Society. They're among the Kiowas and Apaches. They're going on now. That's when they was re-organized. That's an old organization that died out. And they re-organized and brought them back. I couldn't give you the exact date on that now. But I know it was before the World War I.

(Would you mind saying that again in Kiowa?)

tò.kò.già That means "Blackfeet organization.

(How do you just say "black?"

kò. See, it's black or blackest, or darker. Same thing. That must be about 1915--let me ask Hazel (Botone)--she might remember. She might have better sense than I have.

(Interruption)

KIOWA BLACK LEGGINGS OR BLACKFOOT SOCIETY

--1911, or 1912.

(1912. They give it as 1912. Could you tell me any more about this picture--like what this thing is underneath this man?)

If I could tell what the picture is, I could. But I think it's a secret emblem the Blackfeet carry. Now I'm not perfectly sure of that--I'm guessing. But I say that. I don't want to misinform you no way. But I'm pretty sure that's what it is. They have another emblem besides that, that I know. I didn't see that, but I saw the other one. The other one is shaped like this--they still carry it. That's a lance. It's got a point. Covered over with otter skin. You've seen these like when they dance they set them up--(the staffs).

(This looks like eagle feathers or something up her --)

Yeah, could be, yeah. Well, that's what it is. Those sacred emblems always have eagle feathers--any kind of sacred emblem. The Indians think the eagle is a very sacred, high bird.