

Vinita--Allen Dale--has been the chairman but he's not a state--natural-born state Indian. Not Oklahoma Indian. But he married a Shawnee girl, and he was pretty active. But he got to working with this Crow Indian that went out and fleeced those Navajoes out of a lot of money--Crow Indian by the name of Frank Takes-Gun. And there was quite an open criticism about that. He started talking up with them. So the next election they changed officers and I don't know what they done since. Anyway, they changed it. They made a new election. And this last time after Jasper took out, I think it was Sam Buffalo, A Cheyenne, that got it. Then the pottion of the state's Indians wanted this Allen Dale again. So what they did, they had a primary, at election time. And when this election came on in, came into effect, some of these Indians slipped in a lot of these primary votes--twice--you might say they were voting twice. So that helped Allen Dale. So that question camp up to make an investigation. Come to find out they had to disqualify all those primary ballots. So Hoffman was vice-President then, or some officer--I think he was Vice-President. Inseead of having another election, they declared Hoffman qualified as chairman. That's how he became chairman. They disqualified Allen Dale. But that's the way it stands now.

(Does Mikoby ever attend those state meetings now?)

Oh yes. I think he has. I hayen't attneded to their meetings. Last spring I didn't attend their meeting--I was gone. But I don't suppose he was there as there were no Comanches there. But he comes to all our doins here--Cheyenne-Arapaho. Comes to our peyote-meeting. But about the center, I don't know.

(Did you ever know this Ira-Hamilton?)

Yeah, I know him well. Hewas the chairman after Sam Buffalo. But he got in trouble too. What happened was that he took up with one of those Apache girls. He's a married man. And he made pretty frequent trips to Anadarko. So I was in Anadarko one day and this Charlie Apekoun, Kiowa, and Homer Buffalo, Kiowa, were on the street. I was going around and they says, "Hey Jess, come here." So we met. They said, "Say we just want to post you about what's taking place here and what might turn up." I said, "All right, wat is it?" They said, "Right today in this