

six inch wide stuff. Now that thirty-six inch wide stuff, I know, my women folks didn't have to put in that side (panel). Just cut it to reduce the waist.

(Did Arapaho women ever, when they put in that side panel in their dresses--did they ever put it in of a different kind of material?)

No. It always had to be matched. One piece of goods.

(Did they wear belts?)

SILK SASHES:

Oh yeah, they wore belts, sashes.

(By sashes, do you mean they're cloth?)

Well, they bought-- They had regular sashes. The last good supply we had was from--well, it started from Fort Sill. Those Comanches, they were good dressers. The men were good dressers, you know. They saw those Major-Generals wearing those sashes coming over their shoulders and around their waists, with the fringes down. Some was sort of kinda beige, or a nice tan. Those major-generals wore them. So the Comanches had their trader, A.D. Lawrence--his son still lives there at Lawton--his name is Arthur Lawrence. I told him to look me up some of that sash. Oh I could get it in Washington if I wanted it, but I thought maybe I could--if I could once get him to order one, lot of these Indians would order from him, and he'd start that business again. That's the reason I ordered one. But I can get one through Senator Harris or one of our congressmen. Get it from the War Department. They have them on display in those museums, you know. The Indians wore them. The men wore those cream colored ones, with fringes. And the women-- This Lawrence man that ordered them-- This was back in nineteen hundred, I think, or nineteen-one. He ordered dyed peacock blue, American Beauty rose, purple, green, orange. That's the most colors the women wanted for their sashes. And he used to sell them for eight, nine, ten--you couldn't touch them for less than--well, he sold them to begin with for about fifteen dollars. But I bought one for my wife--it cost me eighteen dollars back in nineteen-sixteen. Went up about the same time this fancy list cloth came up to about seven and a half or eight dollars a yard. Kept going. Now you can't touch it for less than eighteen dollars. And