

(About how many Arapahoes are there enrolled now?)

Arapahoes alone? Not very many. Not very many full-bloods. Less than six hundred.

I'm not full-blood Arapaho. I'm part Comanche.

(How many are on the tribal rolls, though, even though they might be mixed?)

There's about 2400 Arapahoes mixed. And the rest of 'em's Cheyennes. Complete, the Cheyenne-Arapaho rolls have 5,300 as of this date.

NATIONAL INDIAN YOUTH COUNCIL:

(There's another organization I've heard about in recent years established to work for Indians and that's this National Indian Youth Council. Do you know anything about that?)

That's just a new one.

INDIAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATION:

(I know--I think it started in 1921--)

Yeah, it's mostly on education. They'd don't have much background. They're pretty bright boys and girls, I guess. But the oldest Indian organization, that has prompted lot of legislation against odds against them--and still active, is the Indian Rights Association of Philadelphia. Founded back in 1882. I'm a member of that.

(Do they still do things today?)

Oh yeah. Even right now they're working in Alaska. With Alaskan natives and Aleutians.

(What is their main purpose?)

To give the Indian his rights and his recognition. Equal opportunities and education and all those things. Improvement--that they say Indians die before they're thirty years old--so much percentage more deaths among Indians than among average non-Indians.

But now it's just the reverse. There's less percentage of deaths among the Indians than among other nations--statisticians shows that. I got all those papers here.

(Does this organization--has it ever done anything for the Indians of Oklahoma?)

Oh yeah. They have for years. They have sponsored laws and legislation through Congress and court petitions. I couldn't enumerate any of them but that's what--

(Interruption) --problems.

(The Otoes?)