

hit that table over there.

(You were talking about this loan?)

Yeah, talking about this loan. And my friend was making signs, and I was looking at him. Anyway, somehow, I slowed up a little and he said, "Mr. Chalepah, when this conference is over would you please come to that certain door over there?" U-T-E, I believe--that's his name. I can't never pronounce it--U-T-E. He was in this department--head of that department but the line I was talking on, I dropped it and thought I'd save it up for him. So he was there. He was sitting right there on that end. Well the next day it was over, you know. We meet at ten o'clock in the morning. Of course, we meet at nine, but this time we met at about ten. And I looked down the hall and boy you just see tables--just long tables! And see them colored people wearing jackets getting those tables ready. They're going to have a big eat. Our Commissioner come in for the last two days. Chapman. Well, we had a pretty good conference. When it was over ... we just come back to kind of a routine. Come back for kind of friendly get-togethers. Discuss the weather and whatever you can think about. So finally they call the tables into order. Everybody started getting up expressing themselves, you know, because this meeting. I got up same as the others. We got through talking and those photographers come in. Boy, lights were just going like that! Pretty soon they got enough pictures so they went out. That Blackfeet guy was setting--no, Navajo--sitting right here, and then a Blackfeet. I know his name but I forgot it now. He's an interpreter. Boy, he's interpreting for the older chief. These old mans--Charlie Reeves, he died. He's Blackfeet. After everything's over he sat down way over there. I still was sitting in the same place. He was talking to the peoples. Of course that was the first time he was down there. That wasn't my first time, but this conference was my first, that way. (I think Alfred means he had been to Washington before, but not as a delegate to a conference.--jj) We met before, you know. He give me dinner. We stayed in the same hotel. We stay in the