

know, you can't be all rags at all times. You know, not decent clothes. You like to wear decent clothes. Cherokees feel that way, too, when they learn that they can read and write. And to where they, they like to associate with the white society but they feel like, you know, they--they're just left out. I mean their parents can't afford good clothing for them as the white parents. Well in some cases white parents are like that too. Some cannot afford clothes for the other one--for their kids. But the greatest majority of the poverty stricken people are the Indians. Because we getting right back to the same thing. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has tried their techniques and tactics but has never worked. They have a tendency to think you know, "We've got some trouble with the Indians. We got to do what we think." Now they never ask an Indian "What do you want?" They never do. If you ask an Indian what he wants. He's going to tell you.

(Well do you think this is changing somewhat in the last two or three years with the government programs that are coming out?)

Yes. Slightly change.

(The war on poverty.)

Uh-huh.

(And--)

It's working too.

(Do you think so?)

It's working. An organization like I'm a member of is working hard and striving for certain goals. It's to stop all these wrong doings to an Indian. To stop it so he, so our kids, the future kids will not go through the same steps that we have. We'd like to stop all that.

(Well Wesley I heard your organization referred to as the Red Power Movement.

Is that true?)

It's not, not so. It's not a Red Power movement. We're only trying to cope