

From this confrontation, I met HAROLD ECKES of the Bureau of Indian Affairs who placed me on his lap and talked with me.

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Now! To explain my uncompromising and aloof attitude.

If I personally, survived two of these death beatings and landed in the hospital under intensive care and have a caved-in rib cage as my battle scars, it wasn't because I couldn't learn english because it will be stated: I was a master of the language as a small child. Then it must have been for doing something Indian! Keep this in mind!

Now, we had become articulate in the use of the english language and aggressive to make our point of reference known. Because of tribal education that continued after being permitted to return to our own reservation homes at the end of each school term plus the training we received at these schools, there was not one white man science that we could study and not master it completely. We knew our ancient Indian knowledge and had been trained where we could be a better white man than the white man could. Through the 1950's we use to visit other reservations and heard Medicine People, tell the same thing that one can hear at College or University Indian Symposiums today: They claim that the Indian had no written languages.

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