

out, they should contact and come to our communities and hear from the people. But I believe at Santo Domingo you will find they do have the respect of the tribal councils, and they go along with whatever decision is made. But if the majority of the group—I am sure that the tribe will discuss if there are changes.

Mr. MEEDS. What if it was not a majority? What if it were just a few what you might consider to be troublemakers, who were questioning as a group the authority of your tribal leaders?

Mr. ATENCIO. Well, this has never happened at Santo Domingo, but I am sure that the leadership of the community will give every opportunity to hear their case or review whatever might come up.

Mr. MEEDS. I guess I am not making myself clear.

Do they have the right to do this?

Mr. ATENCIO. Yes.

Mr. MEEDS. They have the right. It has never happened before, but they have the right to do this.

Mr. ATENCIO. That is right.

Mr. MEEDS. They would not be punished in any way for doing it, is that correct?

Mr. ATENCIO. I doubt if they will be, no. They will be given an opportunity to discuss this with the majority of the group. If it is something—

Mr. MEEDS. What if they did not want to discuss it with the majority group?

Mr. ATENCIO. May I take a few minutes, if I may? I would like to talk to the Governor.

Mr. Meeds and Mr. Chairman, if we be given an opportunity to call on the attorney of the All Pueblo Council, the Governor requests he would like to consult with him. Mr. Olson.

Mr. MEEDS. Very well.

Mr. ATENCIO. If there are other questions—

Mr. MEEDS. That was my last question, Mr. Chairman, If we could have an answer to that.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is, Mr. Atencio, whether or not an individual would be punished by the tribe—

Mr. MEEDS. A group, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. A group—an individual or a group, let us say young people who step out these days and think they know more than their senior citizens, would they be punished by any method, ostracism, or denial of the privileges of the society of the Pueblo, or anything like that?

Mr. ATENCIO. We feel that there will be no punishment in such matters. And I think we need to be more specific in the case, because as I said, we have never experienced this, and I do not think anything is forthcoming. Anybody that has come up with an individual case, he has every right to do what he wants to, or speak what he wants to say.

Mr. MEEDS. You have never had a person or a group in effect deny the authority of the tribal governing body and speak out against them as a group?

Mr. ATENCIO. Not at Santo Domingo, no, no.

Mr. MEEDS. That is a very fine community. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Berry.

Mr. BERRY. I have only one question.