

Mr. MEEDS. You would not compel him to.

Governor LEWIS. No, sir.

Mr. MEEDS. OK.

The CHAIRMAN. Are you trying to prove that they flog each other?

Mr. MEEDS. No, Mr. Chairman. That is not my purpose at all. I am sure they do not.

Would you, under your law in any way—first of all, what is the situation with regard to property rights? Do individual members of your tribe own individual pieces of land?

Governor LEWIS. Yes, sir.

Mr. MEEDS. Could you, under your present law, or what you are working on, could you take that property away from him without compensating him in some way for it?

Governor LEWIS. Could I use another example, sir?

Mr. MEEDS. Sure.

Governor LEWIS. In answer to your question; first, no. For instance, in this housing project, some of the people I mentioned in the congested areas do not have land of their own to build homes on. So the tribal council is acquiring land, paying for it, and setting up a subdivision on one side of our pueblo. We would compensate or we would—

Mr. MEEDS. If you take land that belongs to any individual, you always pay a reasonable price for it?

Governor LEWIS. Providing he wants to sell it.

Mr. MEEDS. What if he does not want to sell it?

Governor LEWIS. We cannot force him to. It is his property.

Mr. MEEDS. OK.

Now, do you have the same situation described before, the other gentleman described about the way you try people for offenses?

Governor LEWIS. Yes.

Mr. MEEDS. They had eight of the Governors and Lieutenant Governors, representatives there?

Governor LEWIS. That is right.

Mr. MEEDS. Do you have that same system?

Governor LEWIS. Yes, sir.

Mr. MEEDS. It is held in the open, where anybody can watch it.

Governor LEWIS. Yes. We have it in the tribal council hall, and anybody can come in.

Mr. MEEDS. You do not try to keep people out?

Governor LEWIS. No, sir.

Mr. MEEDS. Does that person have the right to be represented the same as the other gentleman testified?

Governor LEWIS. Yes, sir.

Mr. MEEDS. Does he have a right to be told what he is charged with and be informed of the charges that are against him?

Governor LEWIS. Yes. He is notified in plenty of time.

Mr. MEEDS. You would not proceed without doing that?

Governor LEWIS. No, sir. He has to be present.

Mr. MEEDS. Now, say that a person is charged with some violation, and somebody else said he did this. Would that person who says he did this have to come before your group and testify about what he did?

Governor LEWIS. Would you clarify the question, please.

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