CAPE VERDEAN ORAL HISTORY

FIRST CAPE VERDEAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE
Saturday, March 3, 1974

First Unitarian Church
Benjamin Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Interviews by Alberto Torres Pereira

(on side 2 of tape) interview with Alexander Tavares, state photographer.

Pereira: "This is Mr. Alex Tavares, state photographer, and we are seated at a table with foods called jagacida, and manchupa; this is the First Cape Verdean American Convention which may or may not be an annual event. Alec, what do you think of the groups - what do you think of the first part of it? And what's coming up next - the various resolutions to be read by the moderators of each small group - what do you think?"

Tavares: "I don't know anything about the resolutions that are going to be presented this evening. But it pleases me to find in this meeting...we're getting so many Cape Verdoleans meeting here in one spot to kind of iron out differences they may have with one another. And of course, it's kind of gratifying to see some old faces, people you wouldn't associate with to get together with for something like this particular conference. Later on this evening when we find what the resolutions are about is when we can make some kind of an evaluation. But even if the only thing that comes out of the conference is that we got a lot of people together, Cape Verdean people, to kind of discuss their grievances where they never used to before, not even in the street, that in itself is an accomplishment and it's worth what it is."

Pereira: "So you're looking forward to what's discussed on the floor?"

Tavares: "I didn't get that."

Pereira: "I'm saying, you're looking forward to what's discussed on the floor?"

Tavares: "Yes. I think that'll really tell us what is going to happen, within a month, two months, three months. And that'll be the groundwork for the future."

Pereira: "Okay, thank you Alec Tavares, state photographer."