

Conversation with Stevie Como.

- (1) Presence of loan sharks in Joggins. Co. would also extend credit and thereby screw miners. In the war co. sold anything black as wal-miners could burn "coal" that was really all "stone".
- (2) Story re Oz Fife and 1947 strike. Fife agreed to give \$1 more per day but compensated by lengthening the coal cutters by 1 foot. The miners refused to accede. Fife was reported to have said, "Stick a loaf of bread at the end and they'll go along."
- (3) Adam Gray was a longtime secretary of local UMW - still in town.
- (4) Story told of one of the Grays (blacks who work in Joggins). A box had been derailed in the mine. Oz Fife said that "we won't stand for mistakes here." Gray said that the only mistake in the mine was that of Mr. Fife's mother.
- (5) Razors in evidence in the Hottentot district. Como reported once coming home from the pit drunk after stopping in to a bootleggers. One negro was said to have had his ear cut off. The calling of negro "coons" started a lot of fights.