

(Would they do that every day or maybe just on one day?)

One day, I think. Last day.

(Is there any particular reason for doing that--why--?)

They pledge that, you know. That everybody would be all right, and no sickness or anything like that. That was their belief.

REASON FOR PLEDGING TO JOIN SUN DANCE

(Well, today, when people like Junior Sankey dance in it, what would be a reason that a man would have today for pledging to go through the Sun Dance?)

Well, this boy, this David (Sankey), was hurt. And he pledged that, that his brother would get well and come home well. And see, it's that way. He's here. Of course he's kind of odd.

Yeah, that was a pledge, reason--(unintelligible). That's the reason he went to--

(When a person goes through the Sun Dance like that, does that do anything for him as far as getting him honor or respect or anything like that?)

Yeah. Yeah. Respect for them. And they not supposed to go in front of them or anything like that, you know. They have a respect for this doin's. They call it "big medicine."

(Who's not supposed to go in front of--?)

No. Anyone. They're not supposed to go in front of them.

(Even now, after the dance is over?)

No--just while they're dancing. Just while they're dancing and while there's paint on them. You're not supposed to bother around there.

(Did any of the missionaries ever complain about the Sun Dance, too, beside the Indian agents?)