

what they mean.

(Oh, the Messiah Dance. Oh yeah, that's an English word.)

Yeah, that's an English word. It's not an Indian word. I was trying to explain to you in English what that meant.

(Yeah. While we're on the subject, what is the Caddo name for the dance?)

(Caddo name.)

(Does that mean anything?)

Well, according to the Arapahoës, I think it means children or something of the kind.

(Did the Caddo borrow that word from the Arapaho? Do you know what they did, the Arapaho, called it?)

No, a lot of the songs began with that. That's just traditional and kind of a universal word in the songs. It don't mean anything to us, but it's the name of the dance. See that's what they called it, so we just adopted kind of an adoption of a term that's used. So that's what it means, the ghost dance.

(How often did the Caddo do the Ghost Dance after they got it?)

Well, it was chiefly in the summer time but they had dances off and on like you know in the feather days when they all get together for a social gathering and they have various dances. But during the summer it was from Wednesday till Sunday. That's when they danced it. Everybody camped there and they had daytime dances as well as the night time dance. And that was up to midnight. The first few nights were up to midnight until up to Sunday night. Then it went on all night.