

have taken their stuff and have capitalized off of it. So for that very reason, Indians are very very careful who they reveal this stuff to.

(Mr. Connor, each year camps at the Quapaw pow-wow on the July 4th pow-wow, and for the past three years these Apache Fire Dancers have been here, colorful, interesting, and different dance than we have in this area. Last year Mr. Connor was able to talk to one of the leaders to get the story of the Apache Fire Dance, or the Mountain Spirit Dance and some of the music. And he is permitting us now to tape from his recording, what was learned there. When the tape comes on, the Apache speaker is in the process of telling the story. The first part of it has been lost, but it is briefly, that two men were left along during a battle, and this we continue now.)

APACHE FIRE DANCE OR MEDICINE DANCE (FT. SILL APACHE)

Recording: --each of them asking, "Why are you here alone?" The cripple man replied, "I have no legs, and my friend cannot see. So we were left behind." The Mountain Spirit then says, "Build a fire, a big fire, as the sunset." The blind man carried the crippled man and together they gathered the wood. They piled the wood high and then started a fire. The Mountain Spirit said, "Here lies a deer. Butcher it and inside the deer you will find a bag. Put this in the fire, and when the (not clear) jump over the fire." They did as they were told. The Spirit again said, "Now stand behind me, both of you and do as I do. When I sing (?) toward the fire, follow me, and jump over the fire as I do." When the bad burst he approached the fire, swaying from side to side and jumps over the fire. As they jumped over the fire, the blind man again could see, the crippled man could again walk. The Mountain Spirit then told them, "Go back to your people, but first look at me and see how I am dressed and notice every detail. Take it back with you." So they went back and did what the Mountain Spirit told them. The (not clear) four or five dancers and one clown. This is how the Fire Dance began (not clear)--been danced around the fire. Ladies and gentlemen, the dance of the Mountain God, of the Fort Sill Apache. You will note the clown, the