

pass away--or some of these younger fellows come to realize--do you think there's a chance they could get more Arapahoes interested or involved--?)

Well, if they get enough young boys interested enough to take part. Which, they are drafting a lot of young boy--and if the young boys are active enough in that membership, I think they can get enough people in the Arapaho tribe to take that up--if they keep that ceremonial part out. Because we don't understand that, and we as Arapahoes--if we see that a dance of some kind is carried on in a little more of the ceremonial part of it, we're not going to dance--step in there and pretend like we know about it. We're not going to do it. Because we don't know nothing about it. All we're going to do is step back and let the others do it.

(But for a social dance--)

If they'd leave that for a social part--dance--there could be more people involved in it. There can. Because Henry Bates and Herman Haury and Saul Birdshead could come more often. They could give more support, and be more advisors to that group. But since they ignore them guys and they don't want to ask them for suggestions--well, they know they're being ignored, and they're gonna just sit there. They're not gonna say nothing. "Well, if they don't want to ask me, I just won't go into that." Besides, I found that out--just like, for instance, me--I found out--I just took a wild guess that something involved there would also involve me. That's the point I got at. And I think I made a wise move by not going into that position that they had offered me without consulting me. See, they just come out and tried to draft me. Said, "Here--that's your drum. You're drum keeper--we're gonna have dance at Nebraska--we're gonna have dance at Colorado, Wyoming-- You got to be over there. You got to be!" That's a demand. Well, that's the point I didn't want to get involved in there. And it might be to where it's at now--you see, they carry on to extreme. To extreme--in lot of ways. They're carrying on to extreme. What I mean by "to extreme" is they're putting on this ceremonial part of it, too much. What they should have done is left it out.