

APACHE MEDICINE MEN: DAVECO

(Question, not on tape, about Daveco--famous Apache medicine man of old days)

Well, that old man, he's just--he wasn't too old, but you said people was scared of him. And it was right, too. They say he witch people. And so when they find out, he didn't have no friends. He was just alone by himself all the time, then. I seen him, and he's kinda tall and fleshy. He's kinda big, like, and he's dark. He wears white sheet all the time. He never do show all his face. Got it covered all time. He could just see people walking 'round. I guess he wanted to know what people does. And he's kinda got

jealous hearted, that old man. You know, way back, people were crazy and they do anything. But he was the one that they always be afraid of him, scared of him. They say he was a big doctor and he cure anybody but if you just give him a hard talk or something that he don't like, he's going to witch you. That's what they said. See, I don't know anything about him like that but that's just what I heard. And I seen him, though.

(Did you ever hear about anybody that he witched?)

Yeah. He witched some young mans and young girls, they said. That's what I heard. That's what they tell about him. But I never did see him--I don't know how he fixed it. I just don't know. Cause I wasn't close to him, anyhow. See, when people camp, they--sometime I see him. He be sitting next to the tent--the tipi. He be watching people walking 'round. I seen him.

(What happened to that young man and young woman that he witched?)

Well, he witched them and I don't know what he does to witch them--kill them. They get sick. He witched them with some kind of sickness. And they get sick and they don't know--and he always tell them that he don't know that sickness. Course he done it himself, they said. But I don't know--see, I don't know a thing about him. But just the people talks, tell about him.

(That's what I was wondering--if you could tell me just what you had heard