PEYOTE, TEXAS LAW AGAINST:

--so the state legislature has gone--legislation in Texas--to prohibit any more getting this peyote through commercial dealers. But you could get a special permit from the Governor of the state, or the state legislature or something like this, and take it over to this ranchman and assure him that the gates will be closed when you go out. If you go out for lunch at noon--go maybe three or four miles--something like that, or bring your lunch so the gates will be closed. Well, up to now the Indians that has went down there has been told that it's happened like that--that the state legislature of Texas. They came and told me about it here about a couple of months ago. A month and a half ago. I been busy with this Medicine Lodge, but here about three weeks ago I wrote to Connolly there --Texas Legis--Congressman from Texas. I informed him that every year for most of the seventeen Indian states where they're using this peyote as a sacred ceremonial under this Native American Church organization--lot of 'em go down there to (unin. word) . . . down there, and spend their money in garages, hotels, restaurants, dry-goods stores, curiosity--curio stores--just spend their money for things they can buy down in Texas. Which brings a lot of money to the STate of Texas. I said, "I think Congress should maintain their super authority that state legislatures should not overpower the national--which has granted the peyote to all Indians of the United States." And I says, "You may not know it or you may have agreed to it, but in other words, Texas is losing a lot of Indian money for this true faith in this peyote as their sacrament." I haven't heard from him yet. So this Indian (referring to a recent visit he'd had from Shannon Wanie, a Comanche) --I had a report back in 1937--of eight scientifical men--doctors--that analyze--that study this peyote. Including this Eleanor G. Smith--wife of Dr. Morris G. Smith that studied that peyote--she testified before Congress, written statements. And this Osage chief by the name of Ered Lookout--he's a peyote man. He's a college man but he let his hair grow. And telling about the effects of peyote and the names of it through the years from the Aztec type two thousand year ago in Old Mexico that was used, and how the Indians acquired it through the Apaches, of