

think anything about it or get embarrassed?)

'Well, yeah, something like that. But they'll help you out, though, if you get sick. Once in a while you see somebody get sick in there, but they'll go out and -- Once time somebody got sick at their stomach just like you said. An old man. He told him to go on out and go around the tipi four times. He did and he came back and he was all right. The roadman (peyote leader) told him that. Sometimes they feed you more peyote. If you get sick somebody will pray and when they get through talking, they'll give you peyote. And when you take it, they'll fan you. And that way you get all right again.

MANNER OF PREPARING AND EATING PEYOTE

(Have you ever heard that there might be anything in the peyote itself, like if you were eating dried peyote and then green or something, would that make any difference?)

No, I don't think so. But one thing, that peyote we're eating now, some of them, they eat it with the cotton and all. They leave that cotton (fuzz) in. The old people would eat anything. But today if we want to eat something, we pick it up and look at it good. Look it over before you take it. Pick it up and just-- That's the way with peyote. You pick the peyote up--some of them are doing that. They pick it up and clean it all off and pick all that cotton out and then chew it. And they got some of that pounded stuff now. And that's good. That pounded stuff is like flour, you know.

(It's a lot easier to swallow.)

Yeah. And that green peyote, it's not hard to take.

(If they're taking that cotton out, what do they do with it?)

They just throw it away. They say that cotton ain't no good. They throw it out.

(I wondered, if I went to a meeting, if I was supposed to eat that or not.)