

(Is he the advisor of the boy whose tipi it is?)

No. He's in that group, or either the crier. See, you can't just be a crier because you want to or because you got a loud voice-- you got to go through a ceremony to become a crier. You got to go through it four times. And this circle, where they're camped in a circle where they have this medicine--Arrow Worship--Renewal of these arrows, that's the only time they can-- Whoever first gets there is the one that is given this right. He has to go through it four times. I don't know just exactly how they do it. But he has to beat these others that want to be criers. They call them "the old men," no matter how young they are. "He wants to be an old man." That's what they say. I don't know why it is that they call them "old men." And see, each one has to try to out-beat one another--beat one another to that camp where they're given that right. And he has to go through it four times, and the fourth time he can cry. He can holler out. And that's the way it is. He doesn't have to be a medicine man, just so he goes through it in a ceremonial way. And if there's a medicine man in there, he's the one that's got a right to tell this man what to do, before they start feeding these stobs--the "servants."

(Does the medicine man take the food and place it in this man's hand?)

Yes. He told him to go and get the food over there. And he takes it to him. And in turn he (the medicine man) puts it in his hands, and shows it how it's going to be done.

(And the man that has it placed in his hand, is he the crier?)

No. The crier might be the medicine man, himself, but most of the time they're not medicine men. It can be just any boy. But they