

I said, "When that Brooklyn Institute was having hearings on peyote and classification of peyote as a narcotic under the Harrison Narcotic Act," I said, "I took some peyote to Collier to use as analysis for the chemical contents of peyote." I just took them up to him. I didn't appear at that hearing because I was busy on something else. But it turned out that there wasn't nothing against peyote.

MANNER OF GETTING PEYOTE IN TEXAS:

(I'm interested in this story about these white men that were dressed like Indians--)
Yeah. He told me. But evidently they were commercializing it. What this Texas don't want is for anybody to commercialize it. Now they even stopped themselves down here in Texas from any other Mexicans coming in and cutting just the tops off to dry and sell to Indians for \$15.00 a thousand or something like that. When the Indians can come in there and cut it themselves and make friends with the ranchmen and, you know--get acquainted. Maybe we give them moccasins and we give them bow and arrow--to the boys, or something like that. But these other Mexican that commercialize on this peyote cut thousands and thousands of them and take it to their houses and dry it out and the Indians come in and they say, "Here's a thousand--we'll take fifteen dollars for them." When they can get it for two or three dollars--just the expenses on gas going out there to the ranch. That's what the ranchmen wants. And that's what I think these guys that professed to be Indians was found out to be doing, you know--commercializing on peyote. I think that's what it is. At least that's the way I sized it up.

STAR-SHAPED VARIETY OF PEYOTE:

(What part of Texas do they go to get this peyote?)

Well, you go to Laredo and all east of there--let's see, east of there--what county is it? Oh, you can find the county, east of Laredo. And down to Oilton. Oilton and that other one--an old name, they changed it some time ago. And down to, I think, Jefferson City on down towards Star County--that's the next one. That Star County is named after a form of peyote that grows there. It grows--it's like a star. Five-pointed star one on top of the other. It's peyote but that's the way it grows. That's why that Star County's named after that. Because Texas is a great star state anyhow, you know, and that's a kind of a symbolism of their state--their state name. I've had