

(Going back to this time when you were down there and you all were camped out, did you say you had a meeting in the morning before that Mexican came?)

We had a meeting all night.

MORE OF PEYOTE MEETING HELD AT PEYOTE FIELD: FORM OF PEYOTE RITUAL:

(Just the three of you?)

Yeah. Harry Black was chief, and I was his drummer and Mike Brown was fireman. But he asked for that fireman before we--while we were still going along on the train. "Brother Jess," he says, "When we get over there, if we have a meeting I'm going to make fire." "All right," I said, "Pretty dangerous job." And Harry said, "Well--" He's a young man. Maybe he's got heart. "I know we're gonna be in wild country." Not only wolves, but snakes. But after midnight, when he heard them wolves, this fireman -- he asked Harry and me, "Hey, can I go out or can we all go out and let me bring that pile of wood in this little wickiup?" I told him, "You're the fireman. It's up to you." Fireman is always supposed to go out and get what wood he's gonna burn inside at the moment, and not pile no wood in there like a permanent home. I told him, I said, "We're not supposed to have wood in it all the time -- you're supposed to go out and get it, what you need." "Well," he said, "You heard them wolves?" "Yeah," I told him, "But that wolves -- we got peyote meeting here. You're supposed to have all your faith in that peyote -- and your prayers."

(Why did you say it was a dangerous job?)

Because anything can happen out there, you know. There might be a snake in the wood pile or wolfs might have smelled the scent of a human or when they're going back they might be digging around there and running around there and they might come back to us. And if there's just one man out there in the dark, they could attack him.

Course, the dog was there, but he wouldn't even bark until his master came that morning.

(I didn't know you could have a meeting with just three people?)

Oh, yeah. That's the way the Comanches and Arapaños do. The chief--first, the fireman goes in. When everything's arranged, altar's made, and (Unintelligible word) peyote's sitting on that altar, and when we're gonna start the meeting, then the man that's gonna run that meeting says, "Fireman, you go and start that fire." And he gives