

(What kind of things would they do?)

Well, they're just like a magician, you know. Turn salt into snow or snow into sugar or something like that. And they cause you to see, what you call that--hallucination. Daveco used to do that in the tipi. He'd put a black handkerchief down and make gestures and pull that black handkerchief and you'll see a fog there--just like this fog going back and forth--calvary men on horseback--that's either hallucination or imagination or whatever it is. But after he performed that expressly in peyote meetings, he didn't last long. And he made that statement (above) --"my power, but I can't for the life of me, compete with the power of that peyote. The peyote is not to play with. You can't play with that."

(Did Old Man Saddleblakket ever perform in that way?)

Oh yeah, he doctors, though. He doctors sick people. Like if you have a hemorrhage or you have a nosebleed, or you have high fever or have a stroke, paralytic stroke or something--he'll doctor that. He'll cure that. But this peyote, whenever those medicine mens got together here at Apache John's, right after they got organized, you might say, they made a rule that when you go in there, you leave your powers outside. They say, for example, "You leave your arrows outside--don't shoot 'em in here." So they all agree on that. When they have peyote meetings they left their magic powers outside. They don't use them. Therefore, they don't doctor in tents. But these other tribes do. You seen some of that I suppose, didn't you?

(No, I've never seen doctoring?)

Well, I seen it the other night at Eenedoh's, but I walked out. I didn't want to see it. The peyote's a doctor itself. It's a medicine