

said, "Now there's some here that are not trimmed yet." Well, some said, "Give me those four full--" They start eating, the roots raw.

(Is this in a meeting?)

Yeah, in a meeting. Yeah. Oh, peyote grows in Old Mexico about that big around--thick.

(I know it gets real big down there.)

I'd like to bring one of them home some of these times.

(Well, the ones that you usually eat, are they trimmed or not trimmed?)

They're always trimmed. Always trimmed.

DRYING PEYOTE FOR LATER USE

(How are they trimmed?)

Well, in my process of trimming them, I--when I get peyotes that are green-- I cut them about the thickness that I want them, allowing for shrinkage, and then I wait till the first rain. That first rain, I catch my water from the clouds,--a panful. And I soak them in there. And then I get all that little dust in all those cracks--you know, brush it all out. Then I got another pan-- maybe a wooden keg--that I catch that rain water in it. Then I put them in there and rinse them out. And without ever drying them openly, I let them set out in the sun for a little while until all the water dries off, and then I put them in a sack and I hang them outside. Every evening before sundown I bring them in--inside the tent.

(What kind of a sack is it?)

Oh, a flour sack or something like that. Nice and clean. When it's about sundown I'll bring them inside the tent--or house. In the morning when the sun comes up I go and hang them out--six or seven days. That's what they call the "sun cure". And their effect--you can eat just four and it has the same effect as twenty.