

POSSIBILITY OF REORGANIZING STARHAWK SOCIETY--OLD MEMBERS STILL LIVING

I got two songs I want him to put out this coming Saturday. We're going to have an Arapaho benefit dance or some kind of dance at Eagle City. There's an auditorium there. The town's pretty near empty, but they got a good building there where we always have our doings. And I told them we ought to invite this Gourd Dance--what the Kiowas call "Gourd Dance"--our Starhawk Dance, as it should be. There's only three of us living now--myself--I'm the youngest, and a cousin of mine, Charlie Whiteman--he's 89 years old. And another cousin, he's 92 years old. He's blind. There's three of us that were given the full right by the old warriors to dance that. And we're the only ones that can pass it on. So since that honor was given us by that scroll (presented to Jess Rowledge and Starhawk Society by Fort Sill, the army, last week) we thought we'd just get active and revive that whole thing.

(What is this other cousin's name--the one that's blind?)

He lives at Colony. His name is Ananita Washee. He's the oldest. He's blind but he's a tribal chief. This Charlie Whiteman lives about four miles north of Eagle City. He can't hardly walk, but we'll try to have someone get him there. He's the father-in-law of Jim Warden. Ananita Washee is the oldest Arapaho man. A woman right there in Colony, Eva Poisal, is older than him by one year. She was at Medicine Lodge. She's a descendant of Hawk.

(Did you say this Ananita Washee is a tribal chief?)

Yeah, he's an Arapaho chief, yeah. But he's not active. He's blind, you know. But we give him all the information of what goes on, all the time. He lives in Colony. Got a home right there in Colony.

LIST CLOTH AND STROUDING FOR BLANKETS

(When did the Arapahoes start wearing those red-and-blue blankets?)

About--the story connected with this Starhawk--even though that Starhawk Dance has been going on for maybe two or three.