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Informant: Tia Piah Society, Kiowa

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(This is the 4th of July celebration at Medicine Park, Oklahoma, 1969.)

This celebration is put on by the Tia Piah Society. This is the noon program.)

Henley Kaubin: Various personnel have become honorary members of Tia Piah Society. Ft. Sill personnel are area affiliated with the Tia Piah Society. That's why they are no strangers to us. Work hand in hand with Ft. Sill. Many times we have come out to the Post on their request to fulfill some of the Indian portions of their special dance programs.

(This is Henley Kaubin speaking at the microphone.)

Kaubin: --do something while we are waiting and it is requested go go ahead with some Gourd Dance songs. There's a little procedure been here already planned to get together this program. (Music and background noise--dance in progress, fireworks and conversation. This continues for about 5 minutes of tape.)

(This is a special song requested for Abel Big Bow, one of the oldest living Kiowas.)

Kaubin: --means you all's participation. (Songs for about 3 minutes of tape. With several songs, the horn is very evident in background.)

Kaubin: All of the dealings are held by the military leaders. And that's the way the first beginning of our history has taken place in this part of the country. And it is a great fortune that many of us will enjoy today to see some of these things that are real that appear that offer many changes. Today we have some distinguished guests in our audience and we'd like to present to you at this time, Commandant of Ft. Sill is here and also with his aide, Chief of Staff of (not clear) Owens. (Applause and drum for 1/2 minute.) We welcome you to this Tia Piah (not clear) witness some of the traditional dances and the rituals were performed many years ago. It's