

NORTHERN ARAPAHO CEREMONIAL LEADERS

When I'm up there (in Wyoming), them ceremony people--them's my people. That's why I go up there all the time.

(You mean the people that are running the Sun Dance?)

Everything, Yeah.

(Are you related to some of those people like Adam Shakespeare?)

Adam Shakespeare, yeah. I'm related to him. All them people--them ceremony people. That's all my relations--close relations. And when I get there--when I get to Josephine's, word spreads out. And Adam comes over to visit me and different ones. Whitey Goggles and Bennie Goggles--that's all them ceremony people.

(What about Bennie and Whitey--what are their positions?)

Well, they're the high priests. Of the Sun Dance Lodge. They're the high priests. Them boys, they're well respected among the Arapaho tribe up there. And they depend on them for certain phases of that Sun Dance. They're the ones that went through that so many times they earned their position. They're the biggest doctors up there. Indian doctors. They're way up there in them different lodges they got there--different ceremonies.

(Is Bennie--is he any higher up than Whitey? Or could you put it that way?)

I couldn't put it that way, because they're both way up there.

(Now Adam, he has that sacred pipe?)

Yeah. He's way up there too.

(Does he have anything to do with the Sun Dance?)

Yeah. The Sun Dance can't move without Adam and that pipe. The Pipe Ceremony's right inside that--you can see it on the south side of the Sun Dance Lodge.