

brother for a grandfather.

(Why not?)

I don't know. He didn't want it that way, so he didn't join it. He didn't dance that. They went out and asked him, but he wouldn't go. "No," he said. "I don't think I'll join." So he never did join. He didn't want his own brother to be his grandfather because when they have grandfather, they're not supposed to say anything against their grandfather or against their grandchildren. And if they do--if there's anything that this grandfather would tell him to do, he would have to do it. He couldn't refuse. Now, like one man and his wife separated. So his grandfather came over there and told him to go back after his wife--that he take his wife back. That way they couldn't turn them down. They couldn't refuse them. It was in a way they believe, you know. And well, they say they have the spirit in there--it was their way of dancing like that. But nowadays they're just making show out of it. And lot of these older people, you know, like John Blackman and them, they just--they just--he don't allow his people to dance in there--his folks, you know, like his grandchildren. No. So, me, I tell my grandchildren never to dance in it. Because in our people--in our Arapaho people--they use it in a religious way. And I don't like to see my grandchildren dance in it.

ARAPAHO SUN DANCE

(Is that the Gourd Dance?)

Gourd Dance and Tomahawk Dance. Both. Now, like this Sun Dance--this Medicine Dance--they don't just go in and dance for nothing. They pledge. They make a pledge that they're gonna dance. And they have to