

Well, some of them have to go through certain movements in their organizations and they don't have to do that in the open public. Because--such as giving some of the movements of their organization--letting it be brought out to the public. Because it was the Indian's wish not to make public the things that they want to be--turned out to the public. Because they think it's sacred to them. So each clan had their different organization and different movements, and some of the clans had to make a vow in order to put their lodges up. They couldn't put no lodge up unless they made a vow. Therefore it's kind of to keep it sacred.

(Did you ever see the Star Clan hold a lodge yourself?)

No. But I just overheard my brother saying they have to go through certain movements. He was here this morning, but he left. He lives about four miles northeast of here. He's older than I am. He was in one of those organizations. And each clan had to use a pipe like they use in the Sun Dance. That's why they don't want to get around that.

(You mean during their lodge they'd have to smoke that pipe?)

Yes. So I don't know how they're going to get around a lot of those things.

(What do you think about the Arapahoes today--do you think most of them would go along with trying to reorganize it--if they could work it out?)

Oh, yeah. And there's some Cheyennes waiting to join them.

That would be a good thing. Good thing for a lot of them. Keep a lot of them out of trouble and one thing and another. See, you take most of the older Indians back in the days that's gone by, they kind of respect all those things. But nowadays, these younger element does not respect nothing. So I would like to see them organize. Because it's them things that's going to be done away with before long. There are a lot of things that's being done away with right now.

(If they reorganized would they be much different from this C & A Gourd Dancers group?)

Just about alike. They'll sing the same songs. I don't know how the Cheyennes got around to theirs, but they just went right