

ahead, without discussing the thing. It's best for them to discuss these things before they're going to dance. In the long run they might make a mistake and they'll get in trouble somewhere down the line.

(By discussing, you mean going around to these older people or something like that?)

Yes. See, the Indians at one time had to be taught from some older person. Rules and regulations of the organization. Just like the white people. And sometimes they had to fast in some organization. In order for them to be qualified for that organization. But this Star Clan does not go through such as that. I believe it would be a good thing for them--if they do get organized--to eliminate a lot of those things. And get consent from the older element in order for them to shield themselves from further hardship. They have to have a leader that knows something about that certain lodge. So I believe they're going to have to eliminate a lot of things. But the Cheyennes, they just went ahead and organized without getting consent from any older element to say it's all right for them to use that gourd clan dance. But the Arapahoes, they work different. They don't want to get themselves in any jams later on. But the Cheyennes, they do different--they just go right in--into things. That's don't look like.

(I've noticed that not many Arapahoes belong to the C & A Gourd Dancers--)

You take most of the Arapahoes nowadays, they're getting away from their own traditions. But the Cheyennes are all holding on to what little they know of their tradition. Arapahoes are beginning to live like the white man, now. But I always say they can't make an Indian into a white man. Because the blood line is different. The white man's blood is a little thinner than the Indian's--it's a little redder. I don't know what they're going to do. But I'd like to see them get at it in the right way. Because you take any organization they establish--I don't care what nationality it is--they got to have rules and regulations to follow. That way you won't get in any kind of trouble. Or mislead someone else by doing the things they don't know nothing