

So, when Roy Nightwalker accepted the fifty dollars, here come Virgil Franklin and Junior Sage. They went over and asked for fifty dollars. They said, "Well, if it hadn't been for these drummers, you gourd dancers couldn't dance." That's the remark somebody made. But it was altogether given to the Cheyennes and Arapahoes from Oklahoma gourd dancers--no certain group was named. That's where the trouble comes in--if a certain organization is given fifty dollars, another bunch comes in, and that's where a lot of trouble is.

(They could have split it, couldn't they?)

They could have split it if they wanted to, but somebody just wanted all of it! And they had big trouble. I heard about. When I was in Wyoming I heard about it. And (name unintelligible) threw that right in my face and said, "Jim, your people sure had a big trouble up there." He said, "Did you go up there?" I said, "No, I was right here in Wyoming. What happened?" He told me about it. "They had big trouble. They like to have a big fight up there." "Well, what for would people want to do that up there for," I said, "When you're in a strange country, you got to learn to stay back and look and listen and you'll learn that way," I said. That's what I said. But them guys, when they get anywheres, they want to put up a big front and make a big show. What's given to them, they're going to hog it all. It's been practiced in general. It's been practiced.

(If this new Starhawk organization does go on and have their own pow-wow this summer, do you think you would go?)

Well, I would have to go. I would have to go.

(Why?)

Well, I would look and see what they're going to do, see. I'm not against them--it's just that I didn't want to get involved being tied up as their drum keeper and be forced to be there. I have nothing against them. And if they have their own pow-wow, I might be there one day. I might be the main drummer there. I don't know. Then, again, I might be somewheres else. But I'm going to Wyoming, I know that.

(Is this Junior Sage and Virgil Franklin--are they related in any way to the Sleepers that you know of?)