

I think that's the one they chose to use.

(These blankets the men dance with now--are they the same as those used for peyote meetings?)

That's the original blanket for peyote. The Starhawks just used a white sheet.

(What about the gourds--are you going to try to use all the same kind?)

Johnny Washee, Jr., he was making gourds. This Henry Bates has got the original gourd. It's round, or rawhide. It's something like a doughnut with a handle on it. And it's got flicker--red flicker feathers--and crow feathers. They said they was going to use those two. So that's the kind of gourd they're supposed to use. That was the old original gourd.

(Would there be any feeling about using that kind today?)

There's some people--other tribes--that use that as a medicine gourd. But the Arapahoes--have a rawhide gourd in the shape of a lemon, you know--my grandfather (Sleeper) used to have one like that. He used to use it when he'd sing doctoring songs. But the original gourd dancers had rawhide round ones, like a doughnut. Hollow in the center. Got rocks in it. I don't know what kind of handle was on it. Johnny Washee is supposed to make me one. He told me to furnish the feathers on it. We boys went and got him to get some of these flickers--I think it's a male flicker. It's got kind of red tail feather, with sharp points. And then this common old crow, you know. That's another one they use. Yeah, there's lot of flickers around here. They come in orange and red. Lots of people gets them yellow ones. You see lot more of those yellow-orange or orange colored ones. These red ones don't hardly appear.

(Did they used to use those flicker feathers for peyote fans, too?)

Yeah, but most of the people are a little bit afraid of them. Only ones that used them were certain men that were able to doctor inside. In peyote, they use mostly everything (all kinds of feathers). I got some of them mountain hawks that I used to run meetings with--that you get from Idaho. That's the ones I use. Yeah, they're striped. And I got them chapparel--road-runner. I got a set of those. They're more for boys--when you