

They go, and if a dance is all ready, they start dancing that night.

I think it's three days and nights they fast and dance and drink no water. They can't eat, you know.

(Now, is this just the dancers or everyone involved in the ceremony?)

Just dancers.

Susie: Just those that vow...

John: --that vow to go through that dancing. All the chief does is get 'em ready, you know. And I was so tired that evening, I come home. /laughter/ I was up there all day, wasn't I? Yeah. /Susie makes comment, but inaudible./ Sometime I sure like to take you just to witness.

(I'd like to see it.)

What they go through, you know, at that Sun Dance.

(Is it going to take a while. Are they going to hold one this summer?)

Yeah.

(O.K. You holler and...)

I'll holler--

(--and I'll be glad to go.)

Susie: These fellows makes a vow, but they won't say they're gonna dance. It's not a play thing of any kind. They can't back out on or anything, they won't say they are.

John: See, like me--people can't say. See, chief, he don't go up there. I got that on there. I went and done my duty, see. But we got lot of chiefs that don't even come 'round, you know. They just chief in name you might say, I don't know.

Susie: How many chief we supposed to have?

John: Forty-four.

Susie: Forty-four chiefs. I know there's, say, six of us put that thing up. Out of forty-four chiefs.

(That's not--)