

guarantee he'd take care of that. But he says, "When we get this thing over with, I'm gonna bring you a big old bag of peyote." I told him, "Sure," I says, "I can use it." I put 'em away you know. Cure them. Some people wants 'em you know. Some people when they get sick they want 'em. Get hurt or get sore, they always eat about five or six--something like that. But there's always prayer with it. Everytime you take peyote there's always prayer. Anybody. But the children and nursing mothers are not given this peyote. Little kids aren't given this peyote. Wait till they get a certain age.

PEYOTE: GETTING IT IN TEXAS:

(These people down in Texas, they're complaining about--is it the ranchers?)

Yeah, the ranchers is the ones that instigated this opposition. They claim--well, it's not so much with Indians as it is with the Mexicans. The local Mexicans there. They caught this pick-up getting a lot of peyote to sell to the Indians. Sell it for sometimes ten or fifteen thousand--ten or fifteen dollars a thousand. Well, the Indians can get it for nothing, because the ranchman ain't got no use for it. But eventually all that cuttin'gs going to be--all the mesquite, cactus, and everything is going to be killed out. Poisoned out. And all that country will be irrigated. And there won't be no more peyote. Oh, there'll be some in Old Mexico. But all through southern Texas--all that peyote country--and there won't be no animals. Like they have these little wild hogs--what they call them? Peccaries or something you call them. They're good eating. I like to eat them, But you kill one and get away with it because the other ones come in there when they smell their blood and they'll take out after anything. Oh, they'll bite a horse or mule and attack a person or a dog--anything.

(Do you Arapahoes go down yourself and get the peyote? Or when you go down there, do you gather it yourself or do you ever buy from any of those Mexicans?)

Oh yeah, we gather it ourselves. Oh, some of 'em buy from the Mexicans. Like some people come from Wyoming--Arapahoes. Now when we got down there we stay three or four days. We camp out. Sometimes we stay around our Mexican friends. They have always empty houses just two or three days. We provide groceries for