

Yeah, they do. That's their main religious--Indian religious doings. What interest me was that they use Arapaho words in them songs. Just as plain as I would say those words.

ARAPAHO GHOST DANCE: FORM, BELIEFS:

(Were the Arapahoes having the Ghost Dance about 1918--along about the end of the First World War?)

No, no. They had the visions but they didn't come out publicly. They just among themselves, locally, you know--just a small group privately. That's how they carry on it.

(How would a small group carry it on?)

Well, they'd get together. Say, like three or four families come there and they'd stay three or four days and they'd pray and they'd sing them songs and they talk about religion and the next world. I've heard 'em talk that way. And they say to love the people and pity the poor and respect the aged and all those things. They were good sentiments, all right. But they couldn't arouse any sentiments, you know--not much amount of personal interest.

(Well, at that time--about the First World War period--did they have any kind of organization? Any leaders or people that got up and talked?)

You mean the Ghost Dance?

(Yeah. The Ghost Dance people.)

All I know is like I said before--this Heap-of-Birds. Even Sitting Bull wasn't active in that. He'd already gone the peyote way. No, this here man that this big lodge is named after--Roman Nose--he's--they call themselves "Messiah people." He was wrong in his faith--this Ghost Dance, as a Cheyenne. He was educated at Carlisle. But he always wore--as far as I know I never seen him wear another kind of a hat. But a Spanish--one of these stiff-brim velour hats. He wore it OVER twenty years as far as I can remember. That was a Ghost Dance hat. Sitting Bull used to wear that kind of a hat. He had eagle feathers on it. He used to swing it, you know, when he danced. Put it back on. And then some times when those people got under--they went under trance during the regular Ghost Dance--when they pray, pretty soon they go--Just like they (unin. word) these objects and they pray. And especially was