

today it's different. They say there's too many people here now. Those spirits, they ain't got time enough. They just went away somewhere else.

(You mean if it's a spirit that touches you, that's what makes you twisted up?)

Yeah. It just twists you up. Keep you from talking, too. You lose your voice.

(When it twists you up, what part of you does it twist up?)

All the boyd. You can't do nothing. You just get paralyzed. Even their eyes, they say they go up this way (looking out).

(How about the mouth?)

The mouth, too.

(Do they have a name for that in Kiowa?)

They say gòmptô -- that's "ghost" gomptomáh or gomptoki. That gomptomáh is "woman". The other is "man".

(What does just gòmptô- mean?)

I don't know--something dead, I guess.

(This word, gomptomáh, what would you apply that to?)

That's the spirit. gomptô that means you're dead and in another world.

(If it left you paralyzed or anything, do the Kiowas have a name for that condition?)

pokun -- "twisted up". And the Indians used to have doctors for that.

Indian doctors. When you get that way, they'll fix you up. But way back there they do just doctor them outside, but a little later on they start bringing people in the tipi. Give them peyote and then doctor them in there. That's going on now.

INDIAN DOCTORS AND DOCTORING

(How did they used to doctor them?)

Well, outside, just like if you was that way, they'd bring you in here and lay you down over there and just make this medicine, and use