

some people can stand it. Some of them eat that many. Some of them eat a hundred. Just like that guy in the middle there, he eats somewhere around a hundred. That's how come he just gets that way and (goes off). But he said he never did learn nothing--it's too hard, he said.

• (What do you mean by "learn something"?)

Well, he wants to learn something about that peyote--the peyote way and all that. He wants to be a doctor or something, I guess. But he can't. He said that thing want you--won't pity nobody, he said. It's too hard, he said.

#### NATURE AND CONTENT OF PRAYERS OFFERED IN PEYOTE MEETINGS

(Did he continue to go to peyote meetings?)

Yeah, he goes in. Well, you can talk to that peyote. Well, sometimes, some prayers, they kind of get inserted, you know--like if you're praying for somebody sick in there that they'll get all right or something like that. Or it's their birthday and you want that child to grow up in a good way. Like we always say "under this blue sky here". There's something here that's ruining our people. Like Jimmie--he's young. Having a good time. But when he gets up about sixteen or twenty or along in there, that's when whatever it is will come to him and get him some way and just take him off. They make prayers way before that to keep this thing away from them. To let them grow up in a good way. Be a good man when they grow up.

("Even a long time ago did they pray like that?")

Yeah. Want them to grow up in a good way, but it's pretty hard. They said there's something here--something's here. They say little ones like that, they're easy to handle now. I can handle Jimmie easy. But when he gets to about sixteen or something like that, he's going to be hard to handle. He'll be running to town or going off somewhere and pretty soon he'll just take off.