

don't have the right to advise inside the tipi.

(Then who is the man that gets the food placed on his palm?)

Well, the Doorkeeper. Like my husband, Mr. Burns, could be the one, because he's the servant of this Bowstring Clan. He's the one that does that.

(And if it was the Hoof Rattlers Clan that had been invited, would it be the Doorkeeper of the Hoof Rattlers?)

If their member was inviting, then they would be head of it. But see, they're just guests--they just went in there. And that's why those Bowstrings have to do all that.

(So this Doorkeeper has it on his hand, and now he's supposed to place it in a hole in the ground--?)

Yes. Outside of the tipi. He goes outside, four directions.

(And who is it that makes the hole for him?)

Him. He holds it to one side. If the ground is not hard he just can dig it with his fingers and put it in there.

(And if it's hard he uses some kind of a --)

Sharp instrument. But most of the time they use these sharp tipi stakes. I never did see anybody use a knife.

(Does the medicine man stay with him while he's doing that?)

No. He's already told him what to do. That's why he's called the advisor.

(Is there any song or any prayer?)

No, no song. I never did--just certain places where this medicine man prays. He don't pray to God. He prays to so many gods, I guess. In other words, an idol worshipper, you'd call him.

(Would that be the same name you were saying--"The Holy One" or "The Holy Ones"?)