

He didn't say nothing about it. I don't know.

CONTEST OF POWER IN PEYOTE MEETING: SADDLEBLANKET'S POWER:

(I want to change the subject and ask you something else. Going back to these peyote meetings--I've heard the meetings used to be different from what they are now, and somewhere somebody was saying they used to have some kind of contests in the meetings. I was wondering if you could tell me anything about that?)

Well, they said that sometime they kinda think, well, "That man think he know more about me--about doctoring--or know more about peyote way. I'll fix him." And they do some things to each others, you know. But I don't know just what they do. But my daddy said that there's a man stay among the Apaches --he sing peyote songs--Mexican man. And he said, "Well, I heard that Saddle-blanket always try to witch you or do something. I want to know. I want to find out." And then they told him (?) and he kinda laugh about it. He said, "All right." And he took a rattle, you know-- he sings. And my daddy, when he's gonna run a meeting, he takes his hair down. He don't have his hair done. (You mean he lets his hair be loose?)

Yeah. And he say when he (the Mexican) started to shake a rattle or started to sing--and finally he couldn't make it. His hand just become numb, you know. And he can't sing anymore. He just drop his arm and quit. And somebody laugh about him. They seen him. And they look at each other, and he said, (Unin. word), He told the old man, "You crazy." "That's way you wanted it. You want find out for yourself, and so I let you find out for yourself." And I guess he fix him again and he got all right. He said, "I believe it now. The old man's powerful."

(That was that Mexican man that caused your father's hand to get numb?)

No, it's my father--because that Mexican man didn't believe my daddy, he could do anything. And they say when he run meetings that sometime he unloose his hair and when has' running it and sometimes when mens look at him it's like