

formation. And no doubt but what they thought the people was passing on the class if with dope and all that. I twas good enough for them and they just made it unanimous and legislate that. But, however, if you go into details of it, like you say--no doubt but what they find out the difference and see things on our side. Course, it's in the Constitution that Congress cannot dictate any religious convictions. And one of our delegates recently took the Charter up there to the Attorney General over there, and they told him they didn't know anything about it there but it was here in Texas.

BECOMING A PEYOTE CHIEF:

(Where did James Silverhorn get his road--his way of conducting?)

Well, he went to meetings like I did and made his own. See, my father told me that. "Don't take my road. You know you got pretty good idea as to how to run meetings. But when you run meetings," he said, "You go down there and get your own. And doctor it the way you want to and make your own ways."

(By getting your own, did he mean that Chief Peyote?)

Yeah, that chief. You can find em. There's millions of 'em over there. You can find one and fix it and cedar it and use it. "Don't take mine, because your ways and mine are different." Just like your life and my life is two different things. "Couse, I don't know how long you'll live," he said. "But I mean by this that in my life it was pretty rough. I lived my life rough. But your life, I want to tell you the rougher part of my life so you might get the conception or have the general idea of how I lived, and you might steer away from it."

(Did your father ever go down there to Laredo to get peyoted?)

Oh yeah. He been down there several times. And he's always been a great help to these leaders. He carry drum for them and build fire for them. He's one of them--he's active in that. He knows the songs, and he knows the prayers. In fact he speaks about three different languages? He can talk Comanche like you're talking English.

(Did your grandfather--your father's father--did he participated in peyote meetings?)

Yeah. He used to carry drum for Daveco and another one, Saddleblanket, and some of those what we call Big Shots--them days, in the Apaches. In that time no doubt