

the last day, before they dance to the sun, the woman comes in there and they put that pipe on her back. She holds the straps. And then her husband picks up those tripods and he stands behind her and they go out west, where the openings made, straight to their tipi. And the man follows the woman back to that tipi, and when they get to the door she goes in first and he follows her and puts that tripod up and then hangs the Pipe on. There's always fire there. They fumigate them. And then the whole crowds of people--they're lined up--about thirty or forty feet wide opening where these sun dancers are going to dance to the sun--the crowd is about from here to the highway--that far (on each side of a corridor kept open between the dancers and the sun). People watch. Different tribes and white people. Just four or five rows thick. And I seen Catholic ladies and Presbyterians and other churches, Episcopalians, women sisters--lined up. And they had their Bibles open. That means they have faith in what the Indians are doing. They bless themselves--you know how they always do. And I've seen priests there.

END OF SUN DANCE AND THE FORTY-NINE THAT FOLLOWS

(What do you mean by when the "dancers dance to the sun"?)

Well, that's the last part of the Sun Dance. That's the final. When they get through, then they don't go and drink water right away. They take sagebrush and they vomit themselves. They put it down their throat. They vomit--all that foam. From an empty stomach, you know--they vomit that. When they get all that cleared out, you know--vomited--purged out--then they give them water. But first they rinse their mouth out. Sniff it out through their nose. Then they drink maybe two swallows. In the meantime, the men that painted them are cooking food that they're going to eat. Those men that painted them fixed this up for the last day. The womenfolk get together and cook all kinds of food--deer meat, antelope meat, elk meat--nice grocery things, you know--cake, fruits. And they get all through and then they go home and some of them take a sweat bath. Sweat bath. Some of them go home and change into their own clothes and then come to that supper. And then these dancers, they get their relations