

(Would the dancers ever get up and join that Forty-Nine?)

Oh, they'd be too tired. They want to sleep!

(Is there any way you know of that they figure out when to have the Sun Dance so that star will be there at the right time?)

It's every year--mostly in August. Same time of the month, every year, in August. (In recent years the Sun Dance has been in July--JJ)

(How do they decide when they're going to have it?)

Well, the Committee meets on Decoration Day, before that, and they say, "Let's judge about what time that moon will be right, that those stars could be detected and it won't be too dark."

So when their decision is made, that's final, and they announce it and the whole tribe knows it, and then they send word down to us. Some of the boys goes up there and joins, you know.

(How are they able to calculate when the moon is going to be right?)

They know that pretty well--the old folks know that pretty well. Yeah, they know when it's going to rain and they know, say, a week or two ahead of time what the weather's going to be. I don't know how they know, but they're pretty good judge on the calendar. That's a mystery to me.

(Interruption)

#### WHITE MEN CALLED "SPIDER"

--they climb on and suspend themselves. They capture their prey by net--all that spider web and all those things--that's been a mystery to the Indians. And all those things. Because of his miraculous ways of doing things--that little bug (spider)--we name the white man that because he does things like that, you know.

#### STORIES AND STORYTELLING

(What kind of stories are those?)

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(Do the Arapahoes have stories like, how the rabbit got his fluffy tail, or anything like that--animal stories of that kind?)