

with other organizations.

(Did they ever pray at these *manatidi' e.* dances?)

Well, that I can't say. But the way we're carrying it on, we just put that in there.

See, there's a lot of things we added and a lot of things were taken out. Now one part of it is where you're gonna prepare for a dance. You gather at a tent and then you approach the arena together. And if in the course of that march a dog cross your path, you kill the dog.

(Is there any reason for that?)

No, it's just one of those rules. You can't let no dogs go in front of the *manatidi' e.*

I can't explain it. However, it's just a rule they made. They get arrows. They had arrows, you know. When they're singing and when they're gonna stop, they holler and they let them ladies (holler?) — And if a dog comes in front of them, they kill it. They can't get in front of *manatidi' e.* There's lot of rules like that. That's the reason they abandon that.

(How was it tied up with religion?)

It ain't exactly religion, but the word "religion" has to do with our present Native American Church. But religion in this *manatidi' e.* or this *Yitidi' e.*, it's put in another way, some way—not exactly religion, yet it is. If you believe that way, you're a good member. You believe that way, you stay with it. Just like these different denominations, like ....and Catholics and whatever you belong to. If you believe that, it's your religion. Ain't that what it means? Religion is a belief? But just to have a holiness, or some kind of...just like this peyote meetings.

#### TERMS FOR "GOD"

(Well, back then before they had Christian churches and the missionaries, who did they pray to?)

God. Our Father. That's what they say — *daxi' lée.* — and another word —