

Well, they say even the numbers is always a balance. Odd, you might say, well it might come into your mind that you don't want to miss--you ought to take one more, or you might eat too many if you eat five or three. That's just what I've been told. I've never had experience of that.

TEA MADE FROM PEYOTE AND OTHER FORMS OF PEYOTE

(Do the Arapahoes ever make it into tea--take it that way?)

Oh yeah. That's something they're doing now that I don't like. These young men--they concoct a tea. Put it in these fruit jars. Pint sized or even quart size. They take the tea into peyote meeting already ground up. Well, you don't know how many is in that concoction. Might be four, six, or eight--ten. The thicker it is, the more peyote that goes in there--in that tea. But I never--I refuse to take any. I say, "If I'm going to eat peyote, I'm going to eat round ones--natures's. Take maybe two or four. But never any ground--where I don't know the number--or where I don't know the strength that I'm taking." That's what I tell them. I never take any in tea.

(Well, do they grind it up now, too?)

Oh yeah, they grind it up and pulverize it and pound it.

(Well, you know, these green ones that you eat--about the size would they be?)

About that big around.

(About the size of a half-dollar--or silver dollar.)

About a silver dollar. And when they're green they may be a little thick, but because they dry out, they shrink.

(Well, do you eat the root part too?)

Well, sometimes we eat the root part. I've seen fellows eat roots that long. When they come from Texas last month, they said--the man that brings them