

this time or not--I don't remember if it was put up before breakfast or after breakfast. A little water is poured out on the earth before the fire and water bucket is passed around first. Then the rest of the breakfast is passed, the bowl of corn, then the bowl of fruit, then the bowl of meat. Paper cups and plastic spoons are passed around. Each bowl has a large serving spoon or ladle in it. People either take a few mouthfuls--what they want from this serving spoon or ladle what they want out into their paper cup and eat from this. The corn is canned whole kernal yellow corn, served cream style. The blueberries are frozen ones, served with their juice. The meat looks like round steak which has been roasted or baked in the oven and then cut up into half-inch cubes. As each person receives a food bowl, he either eats what he wants or takes what he wants before he passes it on. During the breakfast people talk to each other and joke and laugh quietly. There is a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Everyone seems to feel good.

John says: "Abraham, Irene and John (Kionut) brought me a box of peyote fresh from Texas. I want you to have it--make use of it. Use it in good way."

Abraham thanks him. Then John explains to me that his son, Bobby, is Secretary-Treasurer of the Arapaho Chapter of the Native American Church. He (John) and Glen, who are both Arapahoes are members of the Calumet Chapter, which is a Cheyenne Chapter. The president of the Calumet Chapter is also an Arapaho--Freeman Pawnee. John is making a joke and laughing about the Arapahoes running the Cheyenne Chapter--says he represents the Cheyennes all the time. He goes on joking about the Calumet Chapter--says he always brags about his chapter, but whenever he has a meeting none of them show up. (referring, I suppose, to a small attendance at this meeting). Someone comments: "Just the wrong ones." John says: "Just me and Verle and Glen show up." Then they all joke about John's last name, Pedro. Say it sounds Mexican instead of Indian. They tease him about his name. Thus they make a number of jokes and relate humorous anecdotes. Everyone laughs. John tells some anecdote about John Kionut when he had a bum hand one time--how he shook hands in a funny way, tried to beg off drumming because of his hurt hand, but towards morning really "got with that drum," etc. Someone says, "You ought to shake hands with him again!"

Glen says: "When I was young, I sure could drum. Now I'm all stove up. And when I was young I sure could eat peyote. Now I just can eat three or four peyote and it's enough. But that time--seventy or eighty--I was a natural! I had a brother who used to fix fire for the old people--and he never eat no peyote. But he got the influence, though. He never eat a one. Said, 'All it takes is the belief!' (Everyone laughs) When he'd eat three or four, he'd lose his song! (laughter) he's in bad shape. (Laughter) that's my brother! (more laughter.)"

Then Chris tells something, but he's hard to hear and understand on the tape. He talks about the old people with their long hair and all dressed up, etc.

Then they pass the hat for Abraham and also for their Chapter. Glen says, "It's customary that we try to help our visitors out that's come a long way. It's not much, but every little bit helps." Several dollars--I don't know the exact amount--are collected and given to Abraham who thanks the people for it. After the collection for Abraham is made, another hat is passed for the Arapaho Chapter. Only \$2.00 is collected for this. John Pedro looks slightly disgusted and says something about, "Only two dollars, and just look at this tipi!" (This tipi is pretty ragged--has been mended a number of places and still has several tears in it. The top of it is very much darkened from smoke. This had been John's tipi, but he gave it to the Arapaho Chapter, and it belongs to them, although he keeps it.)