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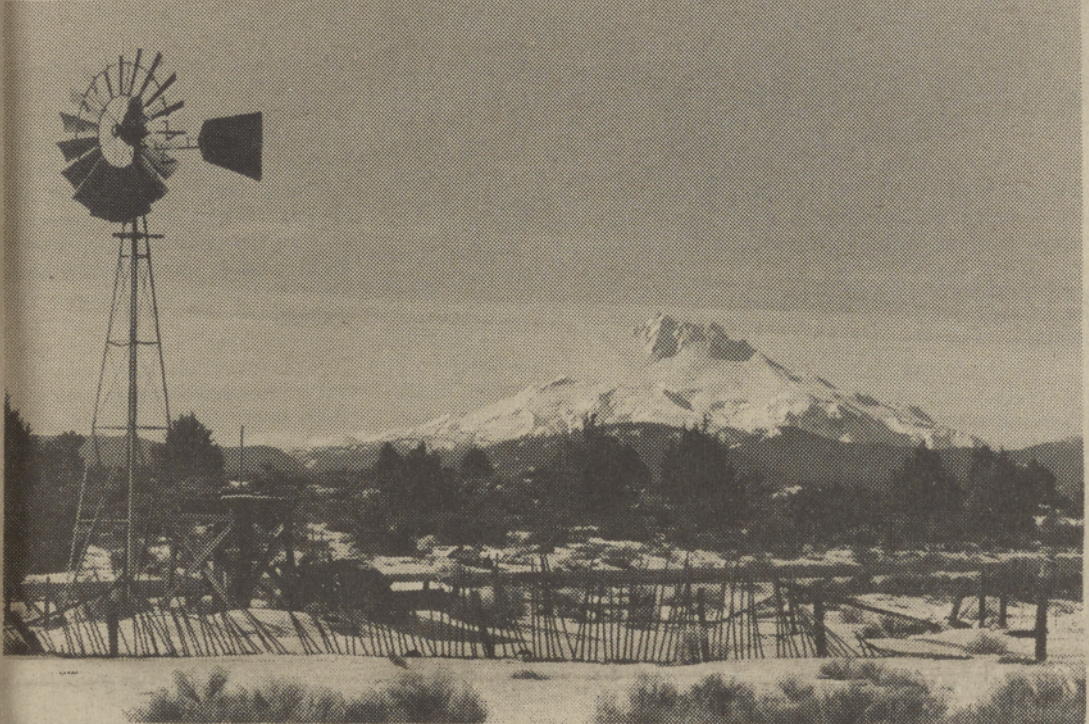
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The skies finally opened up this week to reveal a snow-blanketed Mt. Jefferson. While some reveled in the first sunshine in weeks, others were comforted by the snow-pack's promise of water next summer. CDS Photo.

Warm Springs to Attend . . .

BIA Reorganization Task Force to Meet With Tribes in Oregon

The recently appointed BIA Reorganization Task Force will spend a day in Portland February 2 as part of a series of hearings to be conducted in five locations throughout the country. The eleven-member task force, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, has been charged with the responsibility of studying the BIA and recommending ways of making it a more responsive organization. The purpose of the February 2 meeting is for the task

force to receive comments and input from tribal representatives concerned with issues involving the Bureau organization. Although the agenda is not yet complete, topics will span a broad range of concerns - from education to tribal resources. Presenting testimony in behalf of the Warm Springs Reservation will be Tribal Council chairman Gene Greene, other members of the Council, and tribal attorney Dennis Karnopp. Tribal education representatives also plan to attend the hearing, as well as municipal manager Rudy Clements.

The February 2 hearings will be conducted in the new Federal Building, Room 1578, at 1220 S.W. 3rd in Portland. Testimony will be heard from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day. The function of the task force which was appointed December 6 is to develop recommendations for Secretary of the Interior, Cecil Andrus, on the reorganization of the BIA. Andrus wants to insure that the trust responsibilities of the Federal Government are carried out effectively, according to Under Secretary James A. Joseph. "He wants assurance that services to Native American people are provided effi-

ciently, and that tribal governments are strengthened," said Joseph. As part of an effort to meet its objectives, the task force is taking a hard look at ways of immediately improving the management, organization and practices of the Bureau. Warm Springs' Superintendent, James Cornett, who will be attending the Portland session says he does not agree with the AIPRC (American Indian Policy Review Commission) suggestions on BIA reorganization. Although he agrees with many of AIPRC's ideas, he is particularly opposed to the suggestion that Area Offices be eliminated. Cornett feels that some of the recommended changes would make the BIA less responsive and structurally awkward. "I can't imagine 81 or 82 superintendents being able to get in touch with the Assistant Secretary or his two deputies in Washington D.C. in case of an emergency or regarding day-to-day business," he said. He points to the fact that the time difference alone would create problems. "I'm not against them (the task force) sending people out to evaluate our program," said (Continued on Page 12)

D.C. Delegation Meets With Ullman

Congressman Al Ullman (D-Ore.) told a nine-man delegation of Tribal Council members, management and legal counsel that there was not much to fear in the "backlash" legislation introduced last fall by Washington Congressmen Meeds and Cunningham.

Relaying what he felt to be the general mood of Congress, Ullman said there was not evidence of groundswell opposition to Indians in either the Senate or the House. Cunningham's termination bill was not being taken seriously, Ullman continued, and congressmen had many questions about the Meeds' bills dealing with water rights and jurisdiction.

Ullman's advice to the delegation was to continue the good work being done at home, especially with regard to the positive working relations that the Tribes have cultivated with local and state organizations.

The tribal delegates were in Washington, D.C. the week of January 16-20 to attend meeting of the National Congress of American Indians and National Tribal Chairmen's Association, as well as to meet with Ullman and Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Director Chris Dellaporte.

NCAI leadership offered advice similar to Ullman's - to be strong and positive on the homefront. Education of local voters was encouraged. Sam Deloria reinforced this message by citing the successful participation of Indians in a recent Conference of State Legislators in the normally tense Southwest.

In other NCAI business, resolutions leftover from the Dallas Convention last fall were passed en masse. One issue in particular, Indian Recognition, was given individual emphasis but a resolution was not forthcoming. The subject, which focuses on recent bills recom-

mending criteria for the recognition of Indian tribes by the Department of Interior, will be highlighted at the upcoming NCAI meeting in Albuquerque, February 13-15.

The Deschutes River legislation was the topic of two private meetings between tribal delegates and D.C. officials.

B.O.R. Director Dellaporte received the draft bill for inclusion of the Deschutes in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, expressing pleasure in the Tribes' ability to hammer out an agreement with the various agencies.

The bill has a sponsor in Al Ullman, who recommended that the Tribes enhance understanding and acceptance of the bill at home, especially within Jefferson County.

B.O.R.'s Dellaporte advised delegates that he had been meeting with Assistant Secretary of the Interior Forrest Gerard about the possibility of distributing funds directly to tribes rather than through the states.

The NTCA was reportedly fraught with internal constitutional problems that have to be resolved before a stand on legislation strategy can be taken.

In other Tribal Council news, about a dozen council members and committeemen attended the Oregon Wildlife Federation meeting February 14-15 in Corvallis. As a district director of the O.W.F., Delbert Frank reported that the federation passed a resolution supporting the Deschutes River bill.

The Oregon Wildlife Federation is composed of diverse interest groups, including hunters, boaters and environmentalists.

A general council meeting is being scheduled for the first part of February where additional details regarding these trips will be presented to tribal members.

Gift Shop Jewelry Recovered

Approximately \$15,000 worth of turquoise and beaded items stolen from the Information Center-Gift Shop have been recovered and the burglary suspect indicted by a federal grand jury in Portland.

The burglary which occurred on December 18th has been under investigation by the FBI and tribal authorities.

Information as to where the stolen items were hidden was received on January 9, and the recovery was made by Sgt. Ray

Calica, Richard Montee, and special investigator Mark Werner. Apparently all the items were recovered, according to Werner.

This Tuesday, January 24, a federal grand jury in Portland indicted Stanley Roy Smith III for the burglary.

Also involved is a 16 year-old non-Indian juvenile, but prosecution of him was declined by the U.S. Attorney in favor of State charges.

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Jan. 13	32	30	.24
Jan. 14	33	30	.20
Jan. 15	38	32	.15
Jan. 16	42	33	.21
Jan. 17	48	32	.08
Jan. 18	33	27	.16
Jan. 19	33	31	.32
Jan. 20	38	33	-
Jan. 21	47	32	.02
Jan. 22	45	26	-
Jan. 23	41	20	-
Jan. 24	44	20	-
Jan. 25	40	30	-
Jan. 26	51	26	-