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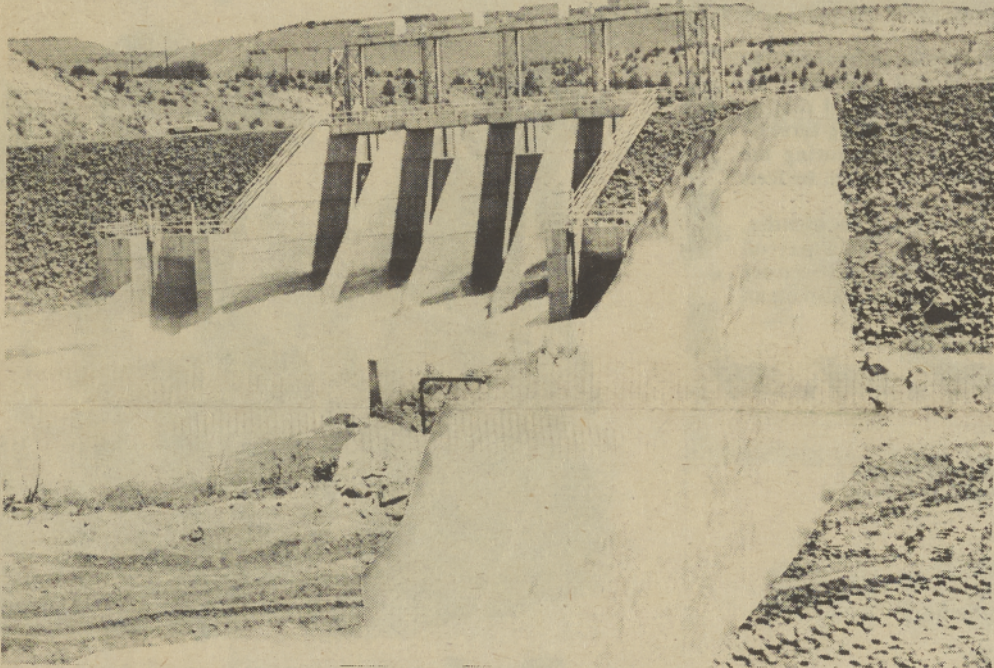


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CRACKED UP DAM

Dam cracks up, stress blamed

At about 1:00 p.m. March 32, 1982, the Pelton reregulating dam cracked up, spilling waves of water over the project and homes along the river. The hydro electric project was due to go on line in June.

Hydro officials had no explanations for the disaster, but thought that the spring runoff may have had something to do with it causing extra stress on the structure. One official was heard saying, "That's the breaks."

Residents living on the Deschutes River directly below the dam had no warning that the dam had cracked and were forced to put themselves and what few personal belongings they could save in rubber rafts and float to safety downstream. The White Cross later set up rescue headquarters at the Des Chutes Crossing to aid survivors of the flood.

No lives were lost. However, all the homes along the river were destroyed. Most lost all their possessions. One family was able to save books, one

entitled, "How to Survive Floods."

One survivor was said to have shaken his head and said, "I never thought I'd see the day when my own house would beat me down the river," as he saw his house floating past him while he was in a raft.

Officials are still uncertain when work will resume on the hydro project. Employees at the dam have been laid off indefinitely. It is expected, according to one dam official, that residents along the river will be hired instead of the existing crew, to make up for their great losses. "Hopefully, they will forgive us for this mishap, if we put them to work. We're going to give them all the breaks we can."

As for the future of the project, officials can only speculate. "We're trying to come up with alternative uses for the project now. One council member has suggested we open the project as the Northwest's greatest amusement center. The waves of water will make a great water taboggan ride."

Governor resigns after returning state to Indians



Former Gov. Victor Atiyeh with Assistant King

Following weeks of budget hassles, Orygun Governor Victor Ah-tee-yah has given the state of Orygun back to the Indians. Said Ah-tee-yah, "I just couldn't take any more of the budget hassle. I threw up my hands and told the legislature 'Give it back to the skins! I've had it up to here!'"

Following negotiations with Orygun tribes, it was agreed that the tribes should not have to pay for the land. Instead, the now-defunct state will pay the tribes \$3.20 per hour to manage the new kingdom. "Minimum wage is all we can afford, now. Maybe at a later date we will be able to afford more," said Ah-tee-yah.

The capital of the kingdom will be in Warm Springs and Rudy Clements will be Assistant King until elections are held next month. King of the kingdom will be Doug "Big Mac" McClelland. His is a life-

time position and will not be voted upon kingdoms.

Before taking over the state, the four tribes in Orygun (Warm Springs, Umatilla, Burns and Siletz) have demanded that the western interior valley be cleaned. "We can't accept it the way it is. Too much pollution, too many people." Fifty-percent of the non-indian residents will be transferred to surrounding

states and to eastern Mongolia.

Asked what he is going to do now that he is no longer governor, Ah-tee-yah said he will be moving to Rajneeshpuram to become a disciple of the Baghwan.

A contest will be held in the near future to determine the name of the new kingdom. Look in future editions to find out details of contest.

Important announcement

Every tribal member age 18-and-over is directed to assemble in the Community Center social hall next Monday at 2 p.m. sharp. Tribal management has an important announcement to make.

Those who are late or fail to show will be fined or jailed, or both, unless they can produce a note from their doctor—or if they have a valid Oregon Diver's License.