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The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
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and a Happy New Year!

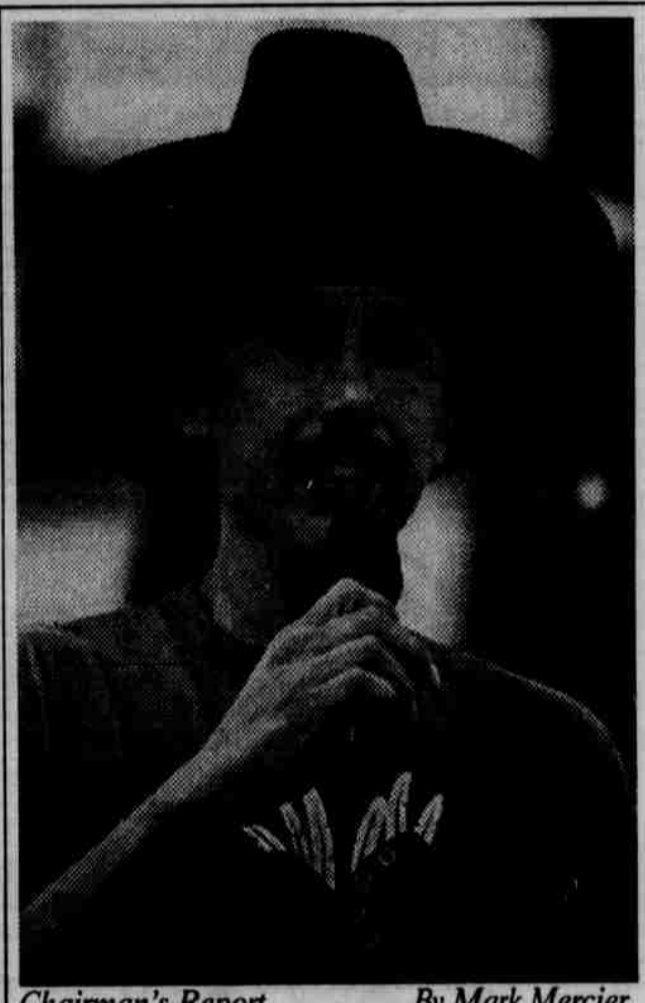


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THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON - December 1990



Chairman's Report By Mark Mercier

Dear Friends,
Those of you who live in the local area or who have had a chance to drive by the Tribal property on Grand Ronde road have seen some of the initial development as we prepare to move our administrative and governmental functions onto the Tribal land.
Naturally, our expectations for a move-in date have come and gone and we are rapidly regrouping and targeting other dates. Our most recent schedule is to have the modular buildings on the property within the first week of December, and to have the utilities hooked up and moving complete somewhere around the middle of the month. We'll see!
We have hired the architectural firm of Settecase/
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General Council Meeting
December 2nd, 1990
Meeting at 11:30 a.m.
Meal following the meeting



Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii has asked Native Americans to take give Manuel Lujan's plan a chance to work.

Give Lujan Plan a Chance, Inouye Tells Native Americans

By Susan Landon
Recently, U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye urged Indian leaders to give Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr. a chance to reorganize the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
"After years of neglect and inattention to the BIA, we now have an Interior Secretary who is not only sensitive to Indian issues, but who is willing to stick his neck out and do something to improve the bureau," the Hawaii Democrat told more than 1,000 Tribal representatives at the closing session of the National Congress of American Indians in Albuquerque.
Inouye received three standing ovations from the audience. After four years as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, Inouye has gained the reputation among many Tribal leaders as being a champion for Indian causes.
Lujan's proposal to restructure the BIA has been greeted with skepticism and criticism by many Indian leaders worried that the plan would fragment federal services to Indians. The secretary wants to divide the bureau into three areas, a bureau of education, an office

of trust responsibility and a bureau for the remainder of the BIA services.
Inouye said the most popular sport in Indian country is "BIA bashing." The senator said he has also criticized the agency, noting that several reports have found mismanagement and lack of accountability in the bureau.
But it's time to stop nitpicking, he said. Re-organization of the bureau will only succeed with Tribal participation, Inouye added.
The senator said he will propose in the next session of Congress that a permanent Indian advisory committee be established on revamping the bureau.
Earlier in the day, Eddie Brown, the head of the BIA, said Tribal governments--not the bureau-- must take the lead in Indian affairs in the 1990's.
Inouye said the climate is right for Tribes to have a bigger say in federal policies concerning Indians.
"The last 200 years of the history of Indian people have given you every reason to be skeptical when fundamen-
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