

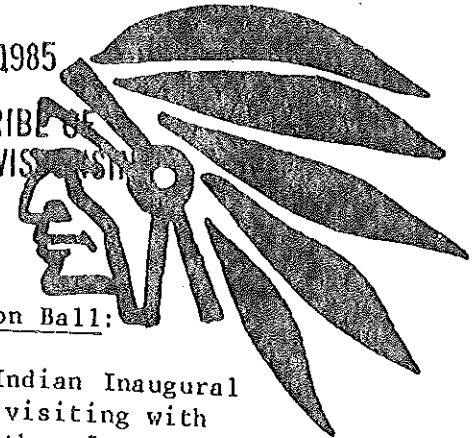
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Interior Secretary Nominee Attends American Indian Inauguration Ball:

Interior Secretary designate Don Hodel attended the American Indian Inaugural Ball in Washington, D.C. January 21 and spent about two hours visiting with all who wanted to speak with him. About 800 Indians, half of them from out of town, attended the ball which was described by one sponsoring official as both a social and financial success. Joe De LaCruz, President of the National Congress of American Indians; Newton Lamar, President of the National Chairmen's Association; Peterson Zah, chairman of the Navajo Tribe; and Phillip Martin, chief of the Choctaw Tribe of Mississippi were some of the Indian officials present. In attendance also were Miss Indian America, Miss Gila River, Miss NCAI, Miss Hopi and Miss Navajo. Iron Eyes Cody attended and so did Mrs. Ovetta Wilson, the Navajo woman who was invited by the Inaugural Committee to be the official representative for the State of New Mexico. Most of the guests were attired in tuxedos and formal gowns, with some in tribal attire. Hodel's arrival at the ball was announced, with an invitation to stop by and visit at his table. The ball was sponsored by the American Indian Society of Washington, the Maryland and Virginia/D.C. chapters of the North American Indian Women's Association and the Scholarship Fund of the American Indian National Bank. A spokesman said each of the sponsors would receive about \$1,000 for their service programs from the proceeds, after funds to finance the 1989 ball were set aside.

Confirmation Hearing Scheduled for Interior Secretary Designate:

According to an Associated Press report, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has scheduled a one-day confirmation hearing February 1 for Donald P. Hodel, President Reagan's nominee to head the Department of the Interior. A former Under Secretary of the Interior from February, 1981 to November, 1982 Hodel is presently Secretary of the Department of Energy. Born in Portland, Oregon, in 1935 Hodel graduated from Harvard University in 1957 and received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1960. After nine years of private law practice, he was appointed Deputy Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), then a part of the Interior Department. Hodel was made the BPA Administrator in 1972. While in that position, he served on the Board of Trustees of the National Electric Power Research Institute, the Executive Committee of the Western Systems Coordinating Council, the Advisory Committee on Energy Facility Siting of the National Science Foundation and the Board of Directors of the U.S. National Committee of the World Energy Conference. He was given in 1974 the Interior Department's Outstanding Service Award (Gold Medal) for energy conservation activities. Hodel is scheduled to replace William Clark who announced January 1 his plans to resign the Interior post to return to his home in California.