



Back on the reservation, some 4,000 members of the Tribe have seen to it that their Christmas tree gift will be remembered for many a year. Where once it stood in lonely splendor on a remote mountainside, its site will be marked with a plaque. The trail that leads there from the Apache capital of Whiteriver will be smoothed into a road that tourists can travel.

Just before the bend in the trail where the tree stood there will be a new lake. Fed by the water of two Creeks, Sun and Moon, which once nourished the tree, the lake will be 41 acres in surface area. It has been created for protection and propagation of a species of trout, the Salmo Gila, that is found only on the White Mountain Reservation. Some of these fish have already been captured in the high mountain streams and transplanted into the creeks. The floodgates were held shut until the Christmas tree had been removed November 15, and now the waters are beginning to flow into the new recreation area. Although originally to be called Sun-Moon Lake, the Tribe is now thinking about changing the name to Christmas Tree Lake.

There is another manmade recreational water area, Hawley Lake, on the White Mountain Apache Reservation, built about ten years ago. It has provided considerable income to the Tribe, whose means of livelihood are limited by the mountainous terrain and isolation of their reservation.

Although the White Mountain Apaches (one of four Apache groups in the southwest) live in relative isolation, they are trying to make the most of their resources. Some families still live in the traditional straw huts called wickiups, but others are living in new low-cost public housing which they have bought with "sweat equity," substituting their labor for cash down payments under a special arrangement with the Public Housing Administration.

The tribal population has doubled since the turn of the century. Some of the children attend school in a former army headquarters building and play on the troop parade ground. But more children are attending a new, modern, well-staffed public elementary and secondary school at Whiteriver. Tribal elders feel that the new school broadens horizons for their children--and they will need educated Apaches if they try to expand their forestry and ranching industries and tourist facilities.

For these reasons, the visiting Apache delegation will confer with Indian Commissioner Philleo Nash on further plans for economic development of the White Mountain Reservation during the coming week. The Bureau of Indian Affairs provides loans and technical aid for economic improvement of Indian properties.

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**OFFICIAL ITINERARY FOR WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE DELEGATION**  
**Saturday, December 11 through Friday, December 17, 1965**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Saturday, December 11	5:00 P.M.	Arrival at Dulles International Airport
	8:30 P.M.	Attendance at Army Band Christmas Concert, Constitution Hall.
Sunday, December 12	2:30 P.M.	Annual Diplomatic Children's Christmas Party, Washington Hilton Hotel. Introduction of tribal delegation to audience.
	4:00 P.M.	Attendance at United Nations Concert, Constitution Hall -- presentation of gift from tribe to Vice-President Hubert Humphrey.
Monday, December 13	8:30 A.M.	Visit to German School, 1711 Kirby Rd., McLean, Virginia. Talk on Indian life to group of 150 children, mainly from West Germany.
	2:00 P.M.	Visit to Children's Hospital, 2125 13th Street, N.W. Greeting of patients in wards. Informal talk to group in recreation room.
Tuesday, December 14	11:00 A.M.	White House welcome of Ayub Khan, Pakistani President.
Wednesday, December 15	9:00 A.M.	Tour of Catoctin Job Corps Camp and address to trainees.
Thursday, December 16	11:00 A.M.	Inspection of Christmas Tree, Ellipse, John H. Dalton, Chairman, Christmas Pageant for Peace Committee.
	1:30 P.M.	Press interviews, Office of Commissioner Philleo Nash, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
	2:00 P.M.	BIA reception in honor of White Mountain Apache delegation, BIA Auditorium.
Friday, December 17	9:00 A.M.	Tour of Washington Area historical sites.
	4:00 P.M.	Guests of honor, official tree lighting ceremony, Ellipse.