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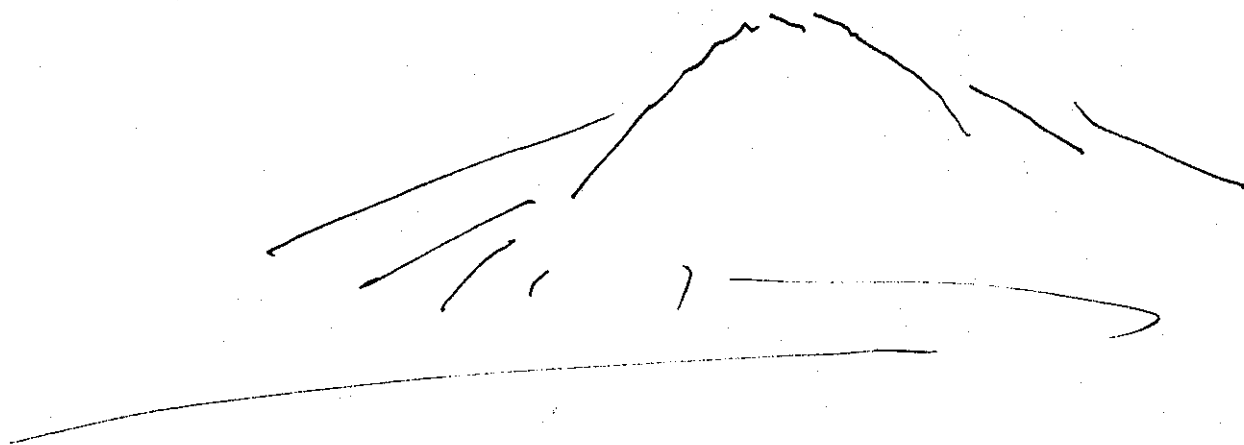
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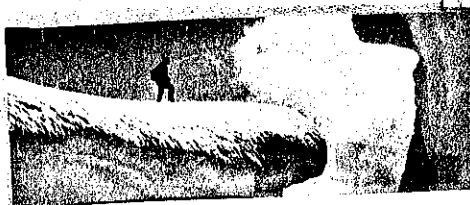


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country. I frequently used it as a base for forays by plane, helicopter, and horse (map, page 651).

The passing years have not greatly changed Stehekin's way of life. Its families still see mountain lions and mountain goats from their kitchen porches. It has no doctor or dentist. No road, no telephone line links it to the out-



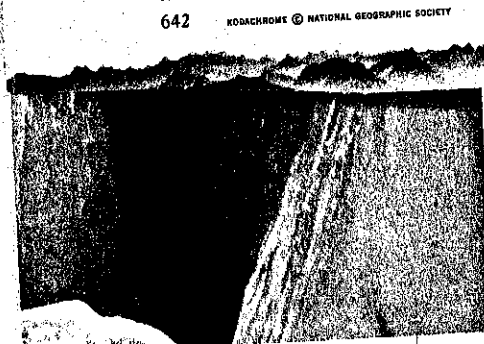
NEW NATIONAL PARK PROPOSED The Spectacular North Cascades

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SHARP AS A COUGAR'S FANGS, the Picket Range spikes a summer sky in the wilderness empire of the North Cascades.

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view points on the ridge by aerial trams, the first ever built in a U. S. national park.

Riding a log raft on Thunder Lake, a Seattle family soaks up sunshine in a Cascades valley. But they stay atop the water, so icy that only the most courageous dare swim in it.

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OUT IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER of the country, up against the Canadian border, lies a sparsely peopled land of snowy mountains and forest solitudes—the North Cascades wilderness, in Washington State. If Congress this session completes action on a bill already passed by the Senate, the choicest part of it will become our newest national park.

What is it like? Last summer I went to see, and now I can report that it is like nothing else—unique in itself—though at times it seemed composed of about equal parts of Alps, virgin forest, and the easy informality of the old West.

As we roamed this peak-studded wilderness, National

paid the slightest attention to a white cube about the size of an ostrich egg—which suggests that shape may be the major factor that stimulates stone throwing (page 637).

Much work, however, remains to be done, and we plan to return to the crater later this year. We hope to rear an Egyptian vulture

sharing parts of the Egyptian vulture's life. I have become a vulture lover! Not of all vultures, but certainly of the white bird with the yellow face and dark beak, the aloof bearing, and the overwhelming passion for eggs that has made it one of the few animals known to use tools.

THE END

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