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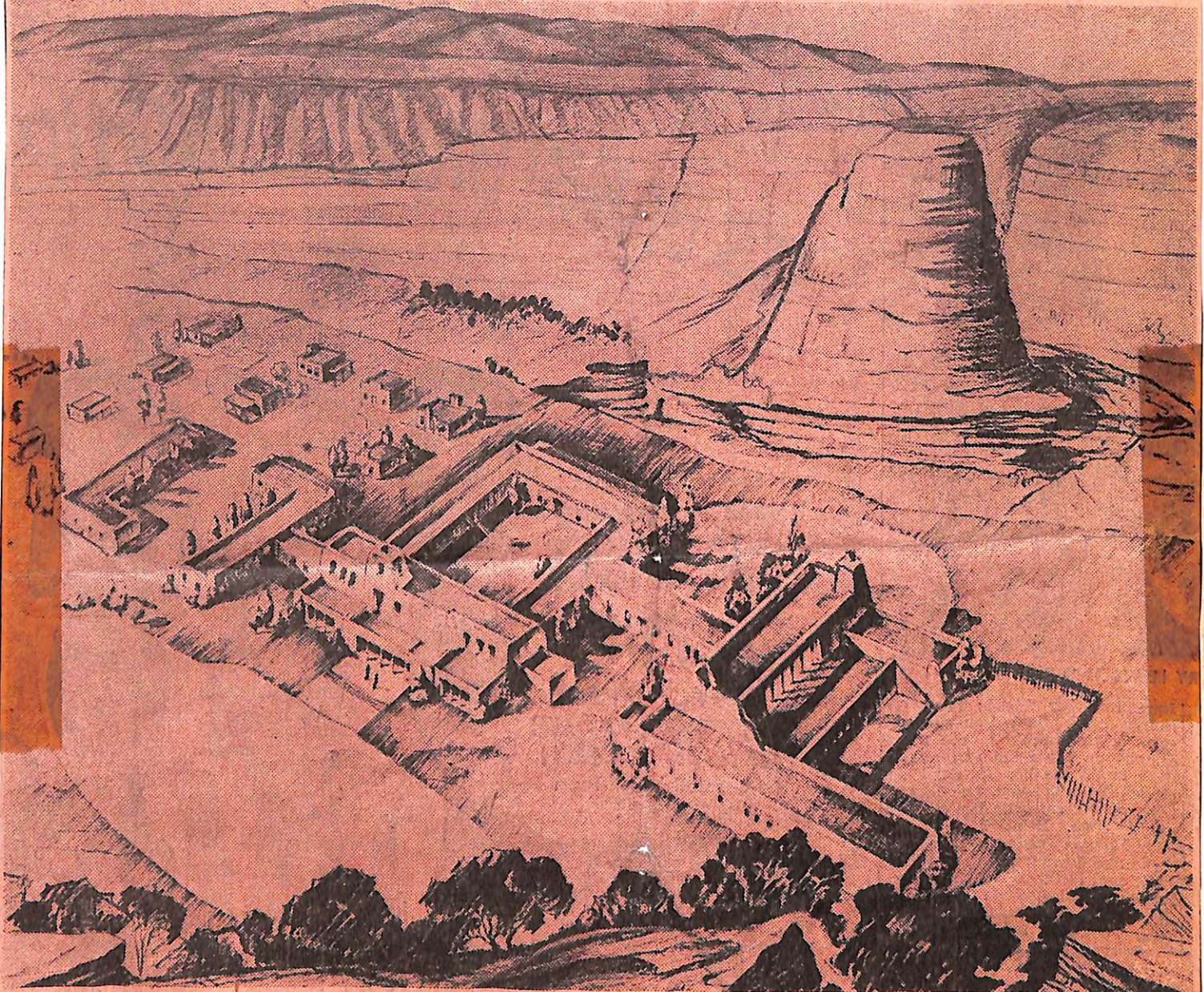
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## A Plan That Was Killed---Or Was It?



National Park Service Sketch.

Here is a sketch of one portion of the \$11-million tourist development plan which the national park service had planned for Dinosaur National monument in northwestern Colorado. It was to be a lodge, cabin and store area in scenic Echo park to cost \$2,500,000. But now Interior Secretary Oscar Chapman has okayed construction of two giant dams inside the monument—and the Echo park site pictured above will be deep under water.

The park service and a host of national conservation groups claim construction of the dams will flood out and ruin thousands of acres of top scenery. They claim that will eliminate Dinosaur forever as a potential tourist attraction as great as Grand canyon. This is denied by Chapman and western congressmen favoring the power and irrigation dams. They say access roads built to make the dam construction possible will provide a way into the isolated monument for the first time for tourists—and that the reservoirs will add to the scenic beauty. Final decision in the battle is up to congress.

In another news release, not saved unfortunately, the Post stated that it had received an advance news release from the Washington Office on the planned development of Dinosaur, that was subsequently cancelled when Secretary Chapman ruled in favor of dam construction there. Jesse L. Nusbaum - Archeologist, 7/6/50