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Ex-Mormon fights for ERA

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CASPER, Wyo. — A Mormon excommunicated by her church for supporting the Equal Rights Amendment brought 200 delegates at the state convention of the National Organization for Women to their feet, clapping and cheering, by urging them to "fight to the death" for ERA ratification.

Sonia Johnson, 42, a homemaker, said Saturday: "Men have always been willing to sacrifice for what they want. There will be no change until they know that we (women) are willing to sacrifice our human relations, reputations,

money and our lives, if necessary."

Wyoming is among the states that have ratified the ERA, but three other states must approve the measure before it can become law.

Johnson received national attention in 1978 when she was excommunicated from the Mormon Church because of her support for the ERA and for telling the Washington Post that the Mormon Church, which has publicly opposed the ERA, was organizing anti-ERA rallies.

"If men had at least 16,000 dis-

criminatory laws against them — 1,200 of them are federal laws — they would in 10 minutes be out rampaging in the streets," she said.

Johnson said she was a devout Mormon and opposed the ERA

until she attended a church meeting designed to discuss why the Church opposed the ERA. But she said the Church speaker's attitude was so condescending toward women that it "converted me heart and soul to the ERA."

Book says Davis blackmail victim

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NEW YORK — Bette Davis' first husband bugged their home, surprised her in bed with Howard Hughes and blackmailed her for \$80,000, an unauthorized biography of the actress says.

In excerpts of "Bette: The Life of Bette Davis," appearing next week in Us magazine, author Charles Hingham also said Joan Crawford was a lesbian who wooed Davis with perfume, flowers and letters.

"Crawford had for years nourished a secret desire for Bette," Hingham writes. "No lovesick male in those happy, half-forgotten days when women were still wooed by men tried harder to seduce a beautiful woman than Crawford did in her pursuit of Davis."

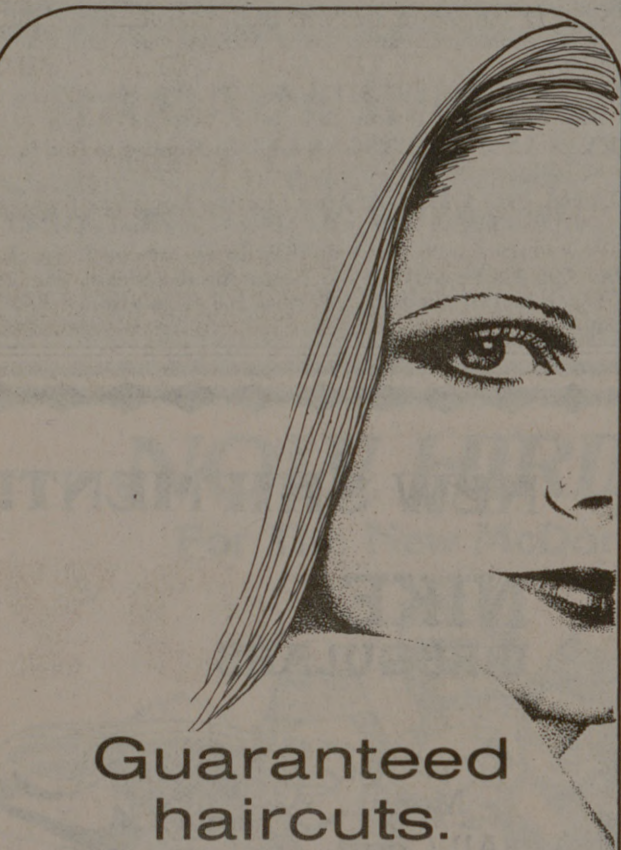
Hingham said Davis spurned Crawford's advances.

But she fell madly in love with Hughes; handsome, overwhelmingly wealthy and a great flier whose picture, "Hell's Angels," was the "ultimate in aviation movies."

Their romance was disrupted by her first husband, Ham Nelson, who rigged a recording system in the walls of the house they shared and then eavesdropped from a sound truck parked on a side street, the author claimed.

Nelson "burst into the bedroom" and caught Hughes and his wife together, Hingham said.

The author said Hughes paid \$70,000 and Davis paid \$10,000. Then she reportedly borrowed enough money to repay Hughes his \$70,000.



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Fire damage surveyed

Staff photo by Brian Taylor

Mark Janicki sifts through the ruins of his Cripple Creek apartment which was destroyed by fire Saturday. Janicki, a civil engineering major, and his three roommates were not at home when the blaze broke out. They lost almost everything in their apartment to the fire. John Schmid, executive vice president of Metro Properties, which owns Cripple Creek, said the College Station fire marshal attributed the

fire to a cigarette butt smoldering on an upholstered chair. But Janicki said there had been no cigarette lit in his apartment for twelve hours preceding the fire. Janicki said he and other residents had experienced intermittent electrical service since the day before the fire. The 27 residents of the eight apartments damaged by the fire have been relocated in the Aggeland Inn, Schmid said.

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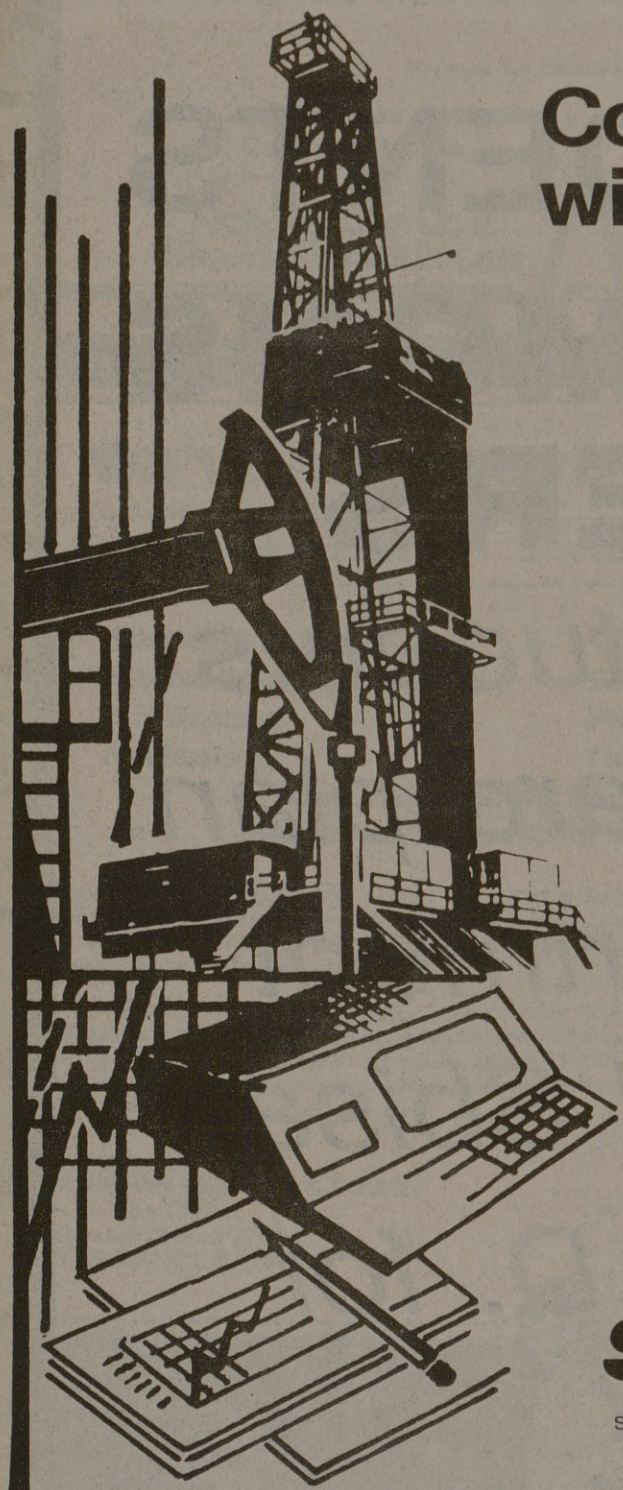
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