Pike Exploration 150 Years Ago **Paralleled Lewis and Clark Trip**

Led First American Party to Upper Mississippi Area

Editor's Note: This year marks steamboat to reach St. Louis was kotas. The steamboat played a named after him: President vital part in the influx. major exploration of the Upper James Madison eulogized him in Limited Navigation an address to Congress; and a function an address to Congress; and a new warship in Scaketts Harbor panding railroads built bridges now includes Missouri, Iowa, U was christened the "general dia arcoss the Mississippi. now includes Missouri, Iowa, II- was christen linels, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Pike" in 1813.

the Dakotas. Here's the story of that eight-month trek and the man whe led H. Zebulon Montgomery Pike.

Louis after an eight-month trek into the Upper Mississippi area. Our nation had purchased the Louisiana Territory in 1803, and Pike's upriver exploration was

great river, the Missouri, Pike's Mississippi trip is one

that history seems to have over-looked. Perhaps it is because his second great river trek-up the Arkansas in late 1806-brought him to the mountain now named cial house being "Pike's Peak." Whatever the ex- city-donated land.

planation, his Mississipypi River explorations deserve notice too. **Placate Indians**

special guards for his house. Pike and his party of 20 men left St. Louis on Aug. 9, 1805. Ac-O'Brien noted that the city's gift of some unused park property cording to orders given him by Gen, James Wilkinson, Pike was for his house was resented by to explore and report on the Mis-some people who said "There will sissippi River from St. Louis to be no park property left soon." sissippi River from St. Louis to its source; recommend sites for The house is being equipped with military posts: consult with Indispecial devices to aid the para-lyzed veteran. In recent weeks, ans along the way: make peace lyzed veteran. In recent weeks, (if possible) between the Sloux O'Brien said, vandals ripped down and Ojibways, and check on Brit-ish traders who had remained in by the contractor, broke windows. ripped valuable electrical equip-ment, and stole building materials. the newly acquired American territory.

He did manage to placate some of the Indians he encountered. But he never achieved his goal of finding the actual source of the Mis-sissippi. He thought he located it when, on Jan. 20, 1806, he reached the junction of Leech Lake and the main stream of the river. But there were several other sources of the great stream to the north, and these he did not find.

Well Worth Trip This understandable shortcom ing aside, Pike's accomplishments on the 1,330-mile stretch of upper river were worth the difficult trip.

He managed to secure 100,000 acres of land from the Sioux who were camped at the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers where Ft. Snelling now stands. The price for this tract? Pike reported that he got it after he had presented the Sioux with scop worth of srifts and had \$200 worth of gifts and had "cleared the Indians' throats" with some 60 gallons of well-watered whiskey.

Pike also visited the fabulous Julien Dubuque whose lead mines at what is now Dubuque, Iowa. were the richest in the area.

The expedition wintered in what now Little Falls, Minn, In the force winter weather Pike made

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Pike. By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS One hundred and fifty years ago a young Army licutenant whose name was later to commemorate a mountain poled his keelboat into St. Louis and thus became the first white man to successfully ascend and come down what is known today as the "upper stretch" of the Mississippi River. Zebulon Montgomery Pike, just to the first white man to successfully stretch" of the Mississippi River. Zebulon Montgomery Pike, just into the Upper Mississippi area. Our nation had purchased the by, but powerful towboats, equipped with diesel and radar, do the job. Coal, oil, metals, farm-machinery, grain and chemicals

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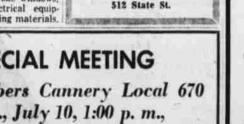
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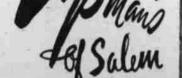
Pike got no special reward for his upriver accomplishments, and bad luck seemed to follow him from this point on.

Sent out on the exploration of the Arkansas River three months after he returned from his Missis liopi trip, he was captured by Mexicans and taken on an enforced tour of their country before he was released in 1807. He finally was killed in the battle of York during the War of 1812.

Pike's military career was shor and fascinating. He began as a licutenant in 1802, and when he was killed in 1813, he was a brigadier general. **Rockies** Area

Although Pike's name is known now, for the most part, in associ-ation with the mountain Colorado he discovered, in the 19th Century he was a heroic figure. The first







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