

Fujiyama, Japan's Holy Peak, Once Again Goal Of Alpinists

Washington, D. C. — Fujiyama (Fujisan), Japan's mountain-mecca which is being officially opened to climbers, more nearly symbolizes the land in which it stands than does almost any other natural feature on earth. The symmetrical peak, often compared to an inverted fan in shape, once blanketed near-by Tokyo with six inches of ashes.

To many armchair travelers Fujiyama is Japan. Real travelers, however, never forget the sight of the ghostly snow-capped cone which seemingly hangs in the Honshu sky to the west.

Persons who have never had an urge to climb a mountain immediately went to scale Fuji. Thirty-six to 48 hours are required for the 26-mile-trip to the crater top and back, says the National Geographic Society. Horses are used on the lower slopes, but the final sharp ascent must be negotiated by foot.

Japanese "strong-pull men" can be hired by well-to-do huffers and puffers to help them along. Rest stations at intervals on the trails provide shelter against the frequent storms and offer bunks for overnight.

To the Japanese, the mountain is holy. Both Shintoists and Buddhists revere it, and pilgrims form a steady stream up and down the trail during the short season. To them Fuji is the Supreme Altar of the Sun. Every native feels a duty to climb the mountains once. But sometimes a village selects a representative to make the climb and offer proxy prayers for his townspeople.

The first 1,200-foot rise of the 12,388-foot mountain, Japan's highest, is a cultivated, sloping plain of fertile volcanic soil. A belt reaching up to 4,000 feet supports bamboo grass and stunted trees. Extensive plant life, including pine and other forest trees, clings to the ever-steepening sides at the 6,000-8,000-foot level.

From there to the summit stretches a depressing terrain of lava and volcanic debris. For 10 months of the year this black waste is covered with snow.

The unpleasant appearance of the crater at close view surprises many climbers who were enraptured with the beauty of the "eight lotus buds" of the summit as seen from a distance. These buds, "overhanging cusps of black lava," rise 100 feet above the rim of the 500-foot-deep crater.

Fuji's last eruption occurred in 1707-08, and the mountain is considered dormant but not dead. The Japanese have never reconciled themselves to the eighteenth century outburst because it created a small crater on the south-east slope which marred the peak's perfection. Native painters never show this nonconformity.

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- 1 "Sunflower State"
- 2 Poker stake
- 3 Musical note

Answer to Previous Puzzle

CHARLES DENNY

Petrillo's Order Not Law Violation

Washington, Oct. 21 (UP)—Congressional and administration labor authorities agreed today that nothing in the Taft-Hartley labor law forbids James C. Petrillo's federation of musicians (AFL) from carrying out its threat to refuse to make phonograph records.

They pointed out that the act contains no provision that would compel an organized group of employees to work for a specific set of employers.

Petrillo announced Saturday that members of his union would not accept employment making records after Dec. 31.

Employers Not Target

The action differed from the usual form of strike in that it was not undertaken to force concessions from employers. According to Petrillo, the musicians were merely refusing to work for record manufacturers because such work curtailed the employment available for them.

The Taft-Hartley act forbids jurisdiction strikes and secondary boycotts and strikes to win other specified objectives which are classified as unfair labor practices. Mere refusal to work for an employer is not among those unfair practices.

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This summons is served upon you by publication in The Bend Bulletin a newspaper of general circulation, published daily in Bend, Deschutes County, Oregon, pursuant to an order made and entered herein on the 20th day of October, 1947, by Hon. Ralph S. Hamilton, Circuit Judge, which order requires that you appear and answer or otherwise plead herein within thirty days from the date of the first publication of this summons.

Date of first publication: October 21st, 1947.

MARSH and McKAY, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Residence, Bend, Oregon. 116-122-128-134-C.

TO RESUME HEARING

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