

An article on muzzle-loading rifles and the part they played in making every American a rifleman appears on page 14 of today's Mail Tribune. Another feature appearing on the same page is a story on the rugged, outdoor activities of the state game law enforcement officers of the Oregon state police.



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'On to Oregon' Cavalcade Gets Send-Off by Truman

By EARL ADAMS
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Independence, Mo. — Former President Harry Truman this morning signaled the "On to Oregon Cavalcade" on its way to the Pacific Northwest via the Old Oregon Trail.

The brief "whip cracking" ceremony climaxed a week-end of activity which included a dinner Friday night, ceremonies and a parade Saturday afternoon and street dancing last night.

Rain, which threatened Saturday's activities since mid-morning, came just as the parade approached downtown Independence and brought a quick end to ceremonies at the marker where the first expedition set out more than 100 years ago.

Mr. Truman, and Independence Mayor William Sermon commended members of the wagon train Saturday afternoon for undertaking the event, and wished them luck.

The former president pointed out the original trek to Oregon started from a spot near where he was standing, and that it was significant in the history of Independence.

It was from this site that Lewis and Clark started out, went up the Missouri river, and opened a vast new country, the Oregon Territory, he noted.

Mr. Truman was presented an interest in 10 acres of land in the Oregon Cascades by Howell Appling, secretary of state, representing Oregon Governor Mark O. Hatfield.

Appling told the large crowd gathered for the ceremonies and parade that Oregon residents "honor and respect our mid-west heritage that has found expression in the lives of many of our early settlers, in hundreds of family and community names, and in the rugged spirit of Independence that still characterizes our people."

Appling invited Missourians to visit Oregon on their vacations this year to explore "the profuse splendor of our mountains, our seas, our forests, and our streams."

The Independence mayor was presented a gift of Myrtlewood bowls from the mayor of Independence, Ore. Otis Calef, an Independence, Ore., eagle scout, made the presentation.

William Dawkins, Medford, was master of ceremonies at the Saturday afternoon event.

Among those he introduced from Oregon were former Governor Elmo Smith and Mrs. Janet Baumhoffer, Mrs. Lilly Sweetland, Thomas Vaughn, and Medford Mayor John Snider, all members of the Oregon Centennial Commission.

Friday night, the New York Life Insurance company sponsored a dinner for wagon train personnel, Missouri and Oregon officials, and for press.

Light, Scattered Heating Reported

Orchard heating was reported light and scattered early Saturday morning as temperatures dropped to 28 1/2 degrees.

Heaters were fired up about 2 a.m. as some heating was done in the south and central portions of the valley, a fruit grower reported. Heating was reported nonexistent in the east end of the valley due to cloud cover, he explained.

Generally, temperature rose about 4 a.m. as a general cloud cover appeared over the valley.

Some firing was predicted for last night as temperatures were forecast to hit 27 degrees in some places.

WEATHER
Forecast partial cloudiness this morning; fair and mild this afternoon. Increasing cloudiness and a little cooler Monday. High today 68 and low tonight 35; Monday 62.

TEMP.
Highest Saturday — 65
Lowest Saturday Morning — 34

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today — 6:57 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow — 5:24 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow — 3:52 a.m.
Slowly dimming Mars and brilliant Venus are now both moving eastward among the stars of the ecliptic. Venus is the faster moving planet and it will "catch up" with Mars in another eight weeks. (On June 14).

radio and television representatives in the Old Plantation, a dining room in Independence which, during the Civil War, was used as Union army headquarters in this area.

In another brief ceremony at the Truman library near here, Medford's Mayor John Snider presented Mr. Truman a check for \$100 from the



Local Wagon Lacks Insignia, Literature But Driver Hopeful

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Independence, Mo. — The Medford Trail Riders' sponsored covered wagon left here this morning with six other wagons for its long trip to Independence, Ore.

But it was without identification and with little literature about the section of the state it represents.

George Mcune, driver of the wagon, which was made by Roy Brabham of Eugene, said the canvas cover for the wagon was sidetracked so that it was between Salt Lake City and Denver. A temporary canvas cover, lacking identification as to its sponsor or its destination, was made here.

Mcune is hopeful, however, that the cover will reach the wagon train along the way.

Looked Undressed
Saturday, at the wagon train campsite, the Jackson county wagon looked undressed, and with the exception of the replica of an 1840 plow on its side, the only thing visible to remind curious visitors the wagon was part of the group was an old muzzle-loader on the wagon seat.

The muzzle-loader was loaned to Mcune by Eldon N. Judd, a young Independence, Mo., man who made rope halters for Mollie and Fibber, the mules Mcune is driving.

The muzzle-loader is part of Judd's collection, which he recently started, and is in working condition.

The .44 caliber plain rifle is an original cap and ball rifle, Judd said, which was used in the early 1840's. There is no manufacturer's name on the rifle.

Motel Literature
Mcune has with him literature from some valley hotels along the route. Regular Jackson county chamber of commerce literature had not arrived by the time the wagon train left.

But again he was hopeful it would catch up with him along the route. "There's a lot of interest here in this," he said, and he is sure Jackson county would benefit from any literature distributed to town officials along the route.

About the only other thing that worried Mcune was whether the wagon would receive enough money for the trip. Cost of each wagon is \$1,650 minimum, and as of Saturday, only \$1,225 was accountable for Mcune's wagon. The money finances food and necessities for occupants of the train.

Didn't Seem Worried
The Medford repair shop owner didn't seem worried about the trip with the exception of motorists, as is the case with all members of the cavalcade.

"The people aren't thinking of the problems of the trip," he said, "We are here to drive these wagons along the old Oregon trail, and that's what we are going to do."

He admitted that traffic is the greatest problem. For the most part, he believed that motorists would cooperate wholeheartedly, but he noted there are always some who think "they own the country."

All members of the cavalcade are in good spirits, and by the time the wagons were ready to roll this morning,

Jackson County Democratic party for the Truman library fund.

The wagon train is expected to take more than 100 days to reach Oregon, making an average of 20 miles per day. It will follow as closely as possible the original trail, attempting to stay on unpaved roads.

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Castro in Shirt, Tie As Host to Diplomats

Washington — Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro reluctantly shed his battle fatigues last night and put on a new uniform with white shirt and tie to play host to a diplomatic reception.

Asked why he had changed out of his colorful campaign clothes to greet guests at the Cuban Embassy, Castro replied: "Orders. It was against my wishes." He pointed to Cuban ambassador Ernesto Dihigo, standing at his side, as the source of his instructions.

Soviet ambassador Mikhail Menshikov received only a brief handshake from Castro, who has been accused of pro-Communist tendencies since he came into office. Menshikov was invited, even though Cuba does not maintain diplomatic relations with Russia.

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Pearson, Duncan See Session's Ending Soon

Salem — The 50th session of the Oregon Legislature will wind up its business by the end of this week, according to a prediction yesterday by both the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House.

Senate President Walter Pearson of Portland and House Speaker Robert Duncan, Medford, made the forecast.

Pearson said the Senate, which recessed yesterday afternoon, would not meet again until Tuesday. He said the senators are skipping a Monday meeting for the first time this session to devote the day to committee meetings. Duncan said the House will go back to work Monday to consider 30 important bills. He added the House may have to meet in night session to get the work out.

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Washington — Swift Senate confirmation of Christian A. Herter as secretary of state was forecast yesterday by leaders of both parties who moved promptly to strengthen his hand in critical cold war negotiations with Russia.

Key congressmen, including Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, hailed President Eisenhower's selection of the 64-year-old Massachusetts Republican to succeed cancer-stricken John Foster Dulles. Johnson said Herter will have "the backing of a United America" in the vital post.

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"You Can See The Poor Fellow Is A Prisoner"



Dalai Lama Tells Of Red Treachery

Tezpur, India — The Dalai Lama of Tibet left by train for Asylum in an Indian hill resort yesterday after accusing the Chinese communists of killing other Lamas, forcing monks into slave labor and firing shells at his place in a reign of treachery.

The spiritual and temporal leader of Tibet charged the Chinese Reds violated pledges granting Tibetans autonomy over their internal affairs and that he fled the country March 17 of his "own free will" when the situation became intolerable.

Dispatches from the neighboring kingdom of Nepal said Tibetans were fleeing over the border to escape roving Chinese army patrols. The Nepalese dispatches said Khampa tribesmen in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa had been seized in their homes and beaten and a kicked to death by the Reds.

The 23-year-old Dalai Lama, revered by 150 million Asian Buddhists, rode an Indian army jeep 40 miles down the foothills into Tezpur from the forbidden roof of the world after a 33-day trek by cart, pony and on foot.

He read his indictment of Red China to a crowd in Tezpur and five hours later departed by air-conditioned train for exile in the hill resort of Mussoorie, a four-day journey away.

The Dalai Lama said he hoped there would be no more bloodshed. But he left no doubt that he had fled because he wanted to and not under "duress," as the Chinese communists have claimed.

(In Peiping, Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-Lai insisted again yesterday that the Dalai Lama had been abducted by counter-revolutionists. "We still hope" to get him back, Chou said.)

His arrival in Tezpur, the farthest outsiders are allowed to go before the forbidden zone of India's northeast frontier, touched off rejoicing among the devout Buddhists of Asia. There were indications his flight and his revelation of Chinese brutality and perfidy would stir up a holy war against communism in neutralist Asia. To Buddhists, the Dalai Lama is the 14th reincarnation of Buddha.

Kennedy Defends Provisions in Bill

Washington — Sen. John F. Kennedy charged yesterday that those who want to stiffen the Kennedy-Ervin Labor Reform bill are "those who want to limit or destroy the rights of honest unions."

"You can't pass a bill in this congress, and have the President sign it, that will destroy labor unions," the Massachusetts Democrat said. He appeared on a television-radio program conducted by Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D-Tex.).

Kennedy has split with Sen. S. J. Ervin, co-author of the measure, on Ervin's motion to eliminate a section that would make three basic changes in Taft-Hartley law provisions.

Ervin argued that the extra provisions might serve to water down the bill's anti-racketeering features. His motion goes to a vote Tuesday in the Senate.

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Mass-Escape Try Reported Cause Of Bloody Clash

Ringleaders Found Dead After Assault

Deer Lodge, Mont. — National Guardsmen crushed a murderous convict mutiny at Montana State prison yesterday and Warden Floyd E. Powell disclosed last night that the 35-hour rebellion was triggered by a mass escape attempt.

Steel-helmeted Guardsmen crashed into the ancient prison before dawn to free 16 prison guard hostages and 15 captive "stool-pigeon" convicts. Both prisoner ringleaders died during the final assault.

Warden Powell said the mutiny "was not a riot but definitely an escape attempt."

"When the tunneling - out operation failed and came to an end, the ringleaders decided to kill all the hostages last night," Powell said.

"Upon learning of this I saw only one course of action, which was taken successfully."

Powell, husky 46-year-old reform warden of the oft-troubled penitentiary, personally lead the blazing assault by 300 Guardsmen, highway patrolmen and old west-style vigilantes.

The attack force, using bazookas, machine guns and tear gas, quelled the angry convicts and sent the weary hostages out to their loved ones in only 20 minutes.

Two other hostages, including a hero of the revolt, prison sociologist Walter Jones, 24, got out earlier.

The riot claimed three lives: Lee Smart, a 19-year-old murderer, and Jerry Myles, 44-year-old six-time loser, the principal ringleaders, and Deputy Warden Ted Rothe, whom Smart admitted shooting in the back at the outset of the mutiny, Thursday.

Others Wounded
A hostage guard, Robert Wyant, 29, and a National Guard Lieutenant, Russ Pullium, 28, were wounded by convict gunfire. Hostage guard William Cox was knifed earlier in the rebellion.

The prisoners told newsmen that they objected chiefly to the parole system and to Benjamin Wright, director of the State Parole board who resigned Friday night.

Wright's resignation was formally accepted yesterday by the Parole board with what they said was "extreme regret."

The 90-year-old prison houses about 450 prisoners, but officials believed only about 20 or 30 men formed the "hard core" that kept the rebellion going.

The 16 hostages lived agonizing hours with the threat of death by fire, rope or bullet hanging over them. They rushed joyously into the street for jubilant reunions with their families.

Ringleaders Dead
The ringleaders, Smart and Myles, were found dead in one of the prison towers, apparently the victims of a macabre last-minute murder and suicide.

Powell county coroner Ralph J. Beck said "it appears at this point that Myles was shot by Smart and that Smart then shot himself, putting the barrel in his mouth."

The Warden said he believed Smart killed Myles because the latter "didn't have the intestinal fortitude to carry out what he said he would do" — presumably refuse to be taken alive.

Touched Off
Powell, a hostage himself briefly, quoted Smart as saying he touched off the rebellion by slaying Deputy Warden Rothe as he bent over files in his office Thursday afternoon.

Thus Smart, a murderer at 19, began and ended the revolt with two more murders.