



PIONEERS ON TRAIL—A group of modern day pioneers are shown as they left Mission, Kan., on an 800-mile journey along the Old Santa Fe Trail. They expect to complete

the trip by May 20, providing the trail enthusiasts have good weather on their trip to Santa Fe, N.M. (UPI Telephoto)

Former Inmate of Nazi Death Camp Sees Self in Film

New York—UPI—Marc Berkowitz sat in a Manhattan movie house and watched in horrified fascination as he came face-to-face with his past.

Berkowitz, 2, was looking at the documentary "Mein Kampf," about the rise and fall of Hitler.

His eyes fastened on the hollow face of a pitifully starved boy shown being liberated from the infamous Auschwitz death camp in Poland after the Russians had seized the area from the Nazis.

Suddenly Berkowitz screamed: "It's me! It's me! My God, it's me!" He didn't care that scores of people in the dark theater were staring at him.

Through the cooperation of Columbia Pictures, Berkowitz was able to get a clip from the film and examine the picture closely to confirm that the 12-year-old boy at Auschwitz was indeed him.

Relives Horror
Today he decided to relive the horror of his past "so that this dreadful thing—the torture and killing of millions—will not be repeated."

And so Berkowitz, now a salesman, happily married and the father of two, told in a quiet and almost emotionless voice the story of his fight to stay alive in the death camps of Eastern Europe.

In 1941, when he was only 9, Marc, his parents, three sisters and a brother were herded into their first detention camp in his native Czechoslovakia. Others in the camp were forced into trucks at night and dumped into a river to drown, but the Berkowitz family somehow got transported across the river into Poland, where they managed to stay together a few months.

The Jewish ghetto in which they lived was in Chotkow, Poland, where on every "dark Monday" many Jews were marched into the town square and shot. Marc's brother Bandi and his father Bernard were shot the same day.

Wears Christian Cross
"From that point on, I took off my star of David and wore the Christian cross," Berkowitz recalled. "My mother told me that we must keep alive, and so unknown to her, I stole food daily. When she found out, we set out on foot for our home town of Slatinsky Dol in Czechoslovakia."

The Berkowitzs lived off the land, stealing food, plucking scraps from pig troughs, eating raw birds. The trial of privation led only to the Czech prison, however.

Then came the concentration camps of Poland, first Birgenau, where Berkowitz and his twin sister were used as human guinea pigs by Dr. Josef Mengele, the notorious "experimenter."

"We were six days on that filthy train to Birgenau," Berkowitz said. "Many died. When we arrived, there was a table set up in the rail yards and behind it were Mengele and Adolf Eichmann. Sent to Laboratories"

"They ordered most of the passengers to get into trucks heading for the crematoriums, others into trucks heading for the laboratories. My sister and I were sent to the labs, where we lived for several weeks with 30 or 40 other sets of twins being used for experiments."

"Then, one day, in the long line of Jews being herded toward the ovens, I saw my mother. She looked into my eyes and we said nothing. There was nothing that could be said. She had stopped living years before."

In November, 1944, the Allies and the Russians were crushing the Nazis and the

Germans blew up the camp at Birgenau and forced all those they were unable to burn into a death march to Auschwitz. Again, Marc Berkowitz survived and in the following January the Russians released him—and took the films that this week came back to haunt him.

"The Russians gave us guns and hand grenades and told us to help them kill our captors," Berkowitz said. "They didn't understand. There had been enough killing. I had seen so much of it. I threw down the gun they gave me."

"That is why it is important to bare these old scars, talk about the terror and hardship of my boyhood. So the killing will stop, everywhere. I don't even want Eichmann killed—or even Mengele if they ever catch him."

GOLD DRAIN IMPROVES
Washington—UPI—The government reported Wednesday a substantial improvement in the gold-and-dollar drain but said the nation continues to be "vulnerable" in this area. The Commerce Department estimated a net loss of gold and dollars to foreigners in the first three months of 1961 of about \$300 million. It was the lowest quarterly deficit in the U.S. balance of payments since 1957.



MAKES FRIENDS—C. B. Roy, a frequent visitor at Lincoln Park in Chicago, has become good friends with many squirrels, but none have the confidence of Myrtle, who often jumps up on his shoulder to take a peanut from Roy's mouth. Roy has been training Myrtle for many months until she eventually sat still long enough for a photographer to take her picture. (UPI Telephoto)

New York Hotel Keeps Guests on Schedule
New York—UPI—Guests in the lobby of one New York hotel at last have found out from the manager why the electric clock in the lobby is three minutes fast. An executive of the hotel explained that the clock is purposely fast to allow guests extra time to keep their appointments. "In the long run the guests will always thank us for helping them to be on time," he said.

Capitol Memo

Pearson Considered As Most Powerful In Legislature

By DOUGLAS GRIPP

Salem—UPI—If you follow the Legislature at all, then you have heard of Walter J. Pearson, state senator and Portland Democrat.

He is considered the most powerful single legislator, and in some quarters, the most feared.

He is like most legislators in that he wants certain things. He differs from most in that he usually gets what he wants.

Always outspoken, Pearson was more so the past three months because he didn't get

what he wanted most: The controversial three-way workmen's compensation bill. It cleared the Senate but the House labor and industries committee buried it.

The short, beefy insurance company president is at home in a controversy.

Pearson, 57-year-old former state treasurer, is considered leader of Democratic conservatives in the state and has feuded bitterly with Oregon Democratic chairman Robert W. Straub and other liberals.

The most recent blowup was the struggle for presidency of the 1961 Senate between Harry Bolvin, Pearson's close friend, and Alfred Corbett, backed by Straub. Pearson and Bolvin, with Republican help, won.

The only effective bloc in the 1961 legislature was the one composed of conservative Democrats and Republicans in the Senate.

Pearson, known as Bud to his friends, was Senate president in 1960. He made headlines while acting governor in 1960, taking command of the emergency over the Roseburg explosion and making a personal inspection of the disaster scene.

He caused an uproar later—also as acting governor—by commuting the life sentence of a prison inmate—the son of a former legislator—over objections of the parole board.

While billed as a political ogre, he is generous personally and a devoted family man.

There is speculation he may enter the primary in 1962 for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

His reaction to this talk, with a smile is: "I'm not a candidate now. But I might become one."

He recently accepted a Kennedy administration post, a part-time job as a member of the board of directors of the Federal Panama Canal company. He is expected to continue as a member of the powerful state emergency board—the legislative body which decides on emergency allocations of money between legislatures.

His enemies—and a strong man makes many—keep asking themselves how influential he remains. They shouldn't have to ask.

COOPER DECLINES
Hollywood—UPI—Actor Gary Cooper, stricken with advanced cancer, continued to decline today but not radically, his physician reported.

Sen. Morse Urges Fish Study Funds

Washington—UPI—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) Wednesday urged appropriation of \$1.6 million for a "crash" research program to solve fish passage problems at dams on the Middle Snake river.

Morse made the proposal to a Senate appropriations subcommittee along lines recommended earlier by Interior Secretary Stewart Udall.

"The reason we require a crash program today is to properly protect tomorrow's salmon runs and water resources about which we did too little yesterday," Morse said.

Morse criticized the Idaho Power Co. for "complete failure" to solve fish passage problems at its Brownlee and Oxbow projects.

"Rather than pledging full efforts to correct the situation which it created, the Idaho Power Company has suggested that the cost of facilities that would safely pass fish will be so large it might be better to forget them," he said.

Morse suggested that a "louver system" of fish passage in operation at Tracey, Calif., offered hope that fish passage problems could be solved.

DISMISS PREMIER
London—UPI—The premier of the Soviet Union's Kirghiz Republic has been dismissed. The Tass news agency reported Wednesday. The Soviet agency gave no reason for the firing of Kazy Dikambayev, but it was believed caused by agricultural failures in the Asian republic.

Eichmann Said In Good Health As Case Proceeds

Jerusalem—UPI—After being on trial for his life for almost five weeks, Adolf Eichmann eats heartily, sleeps soundly for eight hours a night and has a normal blood pressure, it was learned today.

Details of Eichmann's daily routine were given to United Press International by David Ofer, assistant commandant of police, who is in charge of the prisoner.

Great Reader
Eichmann is a great reader, he said, and currently is interested in a German translation of George Bernard Shaw's "Politics for Everyman." He also has read Andre Maurois' biography of Marshal Lyautey, French conqueror of Morocco.

The prosecution evidence in the trial swung today to the fate of Jews in Norway and Italy. As usual, Eichmann showed no interest in the witnesses or what they had to say, but followed documentary evidence closely. Defense counsel Robert Servatius supplies him daily with pertinent documents and Eichmann carefully tabulates and annotates them with red and blue pencils.

The prosecution offered testimony today that only 12 out of 750 Norwegian Jews who were shipped by the Nazis to concentration camps survived.

Earlier, the prosecution had introduced an affidavit proving that Eichmann went to Copenhagen at the time the Germans decided to round up the Danish Jews. This was designed to strike at his story that his only function in the Nazi terror was to arrange the trains and direct the traffic as the Jews were moved across Europe to their deaths.

The Danish Jews received a warning of the impending roundup and most of them escaped by boat to Sweden.

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