

Visiting 'Freedomland' Like Touring Old United States

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New York—(UPI)—Travelers in the future will cross the United States in supersonic planes in a couple of hours. The visitor to New York can figuratively do the same thing now on foot without leaving the city.

Sprawled over 205 acres in the Bronx is "Freedomland," a family entertainment center laid out in the contours of the continental United States. A visit to this "Instant America" by the tourist can provide a welcome and relaxing

break, particularly if the kids are along.

For the price of admission (\$1), there is free top-notch entertainment and 14 other free attractions. There are scores of shows, exhibits and rides (ranging in price from 10 to 50 cents), including the only Monorail roller coaster in the United States.

Quickie Tour
The quickie cross-country tour begins where many Americans' ancestors began their quest of a new life. The front gate leads to "Little Old New York" of a century ago

where horse-drawn trolleys clang through gaslamp-lit streets under the watchful eyes of mustachioed, high-helmeted bluecoats.

Chicago is beyond a trestle over which puffing locomotives of the Santa Fe railroad with tooting steam whistles haul strings of old-fashioned coaches on the route to the west coast.

Great Lakes sternwheeler boats with Victorian filigree rails and black crown smokestacks tie up at the docks to take on passengers for a cruise of the Middle West.

Every hour on the hour, Mother Leary's cow kicks over the lantern. A call is made for volunteers to haul out the ancient fire wagon and the small fry can help douse the "flames."

Farther west is Fort Cavalry where the marshal and his deputies regularly gun down the bad guys in Wild West shootouts in the dusty compound.

Nearby, trapper bull boats push off for the famed Northwest Passage and are caught unexpectedly in a crossfire between Indians and trappers.

Next comes California where the travelers can walk through San Francisco's Chinatown, get really shook up on the Earthquake ride, or watch Pacific seals cavort. The Hollywood Arena offers circus acts for all throughout the day.

In the great Southwest, an old-fashioned music hall rings

with community sings, free puppet shows and a Cavalcade of Clowns. An ore bucket ride whisks passengers high over "rugged mountains" in cable cars. Or if they wish to go even higher, a helicopter will take them for a bird's-eye view of the entire "United States" in just five minutes.

In the South, a correspond-

ent's wagon pulled by horses carries passengers through the "shot-and-shell" of Civil War battlefields, ending the journey at Appomattox where an animated figure of Gen. Robert E. Lee on horseback has come to surrender.

Less exciting but equally thrilling is a visit to the Wax Museum — the same which was a highlight of the Seattle World's Fair last year. The tableaux of "The Last Supper," depicting Christ and the

disciples, is a feature.

There also is a futuristic Satellite City centered around a gigantic space saucer, its interior a studio where some of New York's top disc jockeys broadcast and interview visiting celebrities.

Outdoors, the Moon Bowl dance area bandstand is the stage for America's top entertainers and orchestras. The shows are free.

There are soft-drink, ice-cream, hot dog and pizza

stands, restaurants and snack bars. For families who prefer to bring their own food, picnic areas are available.

Freedomland is open daily from 10 a.m. to midnight during the summer.

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REUNION AFTER 51 YEARS—Mrs. Varteni Hagopian, 65, arrived in San Francisco from Lebanon to greet three brothers she had not seen in 51 years. On hand to greet Mrs. Hagopian when she stepped from a plane were her brothers, Hachador Tulanian, 69, of Oakland, Calif., shown at her right; Avezi Tulanian, 64, of Piedmont, Calif., at her left, and M. H. Tulanian, 82, of Sherman Oaks, Calif., at far left. The family originally lived in the town of Sis in Armenian Turkey but became separated in 1912 and the brothers fled the country. (UPI)

Prisoner Escapes From Crook Jail

Prineville — (UPI) — Raymond Leslie Parker, 20, sawed his way through a heavy screen in the Crook county jail and escaped early today, only a few hours before he was to appear in Circuit Court on a charge of larceny by bailer.

Police Chief Mike Thompson said Parker apparently used a hacksaw blade. The escape occurred sometime between midnight and 7 a.m.

He was accused of stealing a car here and driving it to John Day June 22. Thompson speculated he might head for Monument, where he is reported to have relatives.

Parker was described as 6-foot-2, 160 pounds, with light brown hair and blue eyes.

LEFT WITH PANTS
Carmi, Ill. — (UPI) — Thieves ransacked the home of farmer Glenn Myers and stole a television set, a shotgun, silverware, radios, clothing, jewelry, an electric skillet and other kitchen utensils, towels, pictures and dishes. They left Myers one pair of trousers.



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