

Train Passengers Comment On Events Of Wagon Trip

NYSSA, Ore. (AP) — The Oregon Centennial wagon train's arrival in Oregon Tuesday came with the thermometer edging toward 110 degrees.

But one wagoner remarked, "The heat isn't so bad because we are just getting thawed out from the freezing at the start."

The wagons have been through rain, snow and heat and even saw a tornado but the 28 members of the party say they are having the time of their life.

Some would turn around and do

it all over again and others wouldn't. But those who wouldn't are glad they came on the trip.

"It doesn't seem possible," Mrs. Thyra Pelling of Hillsboro said of reaching Oregon. "This is the best reception we've had yet."

The 59ers have some benefits the pioneers lacked.

A 1,000-gallon water truck supplies the water, bridges cross streams which settlers had to ford and the Indians are friendly.

But they said traffic and the weather are the problems on the 2,200 mile trek from Independence Mo., to Independence, Ore.

The wagon train empties the 1,000-gallon tank truck every 1 1/2 or 2 days, Bob Fineout of Hillsboro said. "But we used a tankful last Friday," he said. It was reported to be 120 degrees that day.

"I sure was glad to see that sign to Portland," Fineout said.

The wagon train members went about their usual chores before joining the evening festivities in the Nyssa city park.

Weaver Clark, 66, Hillsboro, went to find water for his mules. "They come first," he said.

"We're quite a combination — an Oregonian and two Missouri natives," Clark said. But he said they give him no trouble. "They know who is boss and we keep it that way."

Ten-year-old Robbie Roberts II of Eugene, sporting a T-shirt with "Eugene Emeralds" across it, said he would like to make the trip again.

"But many of the others wouldn't," the youngster said.

One of the cooks, Val Johnson of Portland, said "We cook everything you would eat at home."

The wagons haven't been beset with mechanical difficulties except for minor wheel repairs. But a supply truck traveling with the train had generator trouble.

One 59er remarked as he crossed the bridge, "I wonder if Oregon has been granted statehood yet."

Commie Paper Raps U.S. For Anti-Red Campaign

MOSCOW (UPI)—The Communist Party newspaper Pravda accused the United States today of plotting a new and provocative anti-Soviet campaign. The charges cast a shadow on the forthcoming visit of Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

A three-column article in the party newspaper asked how President Eisenhower reconciled his professions of friendship with the Soviet Union with the congressional resolution July 17 asking prayer for "enslaved nations."

It was one of the sharpest attacks on U. S. policy in recent months. Because it came on the eve of Nixon's arrival and the opening of the American Exhibition here, observers believed it might have some effect on the reception of the vice president.

Pravda itself pointed up the connection.

"This week the American Exhibition in Moscow will be opened — as public opinion in the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. hope — it should serve to consolidate mutual understanding and peace between the great powers," Pravda said.

"But the question naturally arises how to reconcile the message from President Eisenhower to (Soviet First Deputy Premier Frol) Kozlov of July 14, in which he voices the hope for a considerable improvement of mutual understanding between our nations and his declaration of July 18 which contradicts that hope?"

"It is possible that certain American leaders would like to include the American exhibition in Moscow among the ceremonies and measures of their propaganda week?"

What specifically aroused the newspaper's ire was the congressional resolution calling for an "enslaved nations week."

Premier Nikita Khrushchev mentioned the resolution Tuesday night in Warsaw and said, "we think the only enslaved countries are the capitalistic ones."

Khrushchev also said of the Nixon visit: "I suppose he has good intentions. I cannot understand one thing. What is his aim?"

Pravda bitterly denounced "preposterous publicity declarations about 'freedom' in the United States" and said the United States is a paradise only for the capitalists and "enslavement for the working people."

"One cannot help but laugh at the vain attempts of American officials to find 'enslaved' people in

the genuinely-free socialist countries while about 20 million Negroes and other 'colored' people are virtually enslaved in the United States itself," Pravda said.

Pravda said the congressional resolution was part of a "new provocative anti-Soviet campaign."

"It is quite clear that to fan an anti-Soviet campaign can be done only by those who do not wish friendly collaboration between the Soviet Union and the

United States," the Communist organ said.

Observers here attached great importance to the timing of the charges. The congressional resolution was approved five days ago, but was attacked only today — on the eve of Nixon's arrival on his much-heralded friendship visit.

The Pravda blast also precedes the opening of the giant American Exhibition July 25 showing Americans living at their best. The exhibition opens Saturday to the public but Nixon is to show Soviet and American officials around on Friday.

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Dissension Rips Iraq

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Egypt's Middle East News Agency today reported new dissension in the Iraqi army during the rebellion in Kirkuk and other cities of northern Iraq.

It said that in some cases soldiers were joining Communists and in others they were taking the side of anti-Communists in pitched battles that have raged in the area for more than a week.

MENA repeated that it had confirmed a death toll of 850. Western diplomatic reports have placed the death toll at between 20 and 100.

Iraqi Premier Abdel Kareem Kassem's government has clamped down on news of the Kirkuk fighting and it was next to impossible to get authoritative, independent reports of the details.

MENA reports told of a police chief being beaten by Communists at Aneh, six Communists killed in a clash at Alhindiya, four killed and 60 wounded in a Communist attack on the government house at Hilla and another battle at Ramadi.

Kassem has accepted support from Communists in his country but recent reports indicate he is growing disenchanted with the arrangement.

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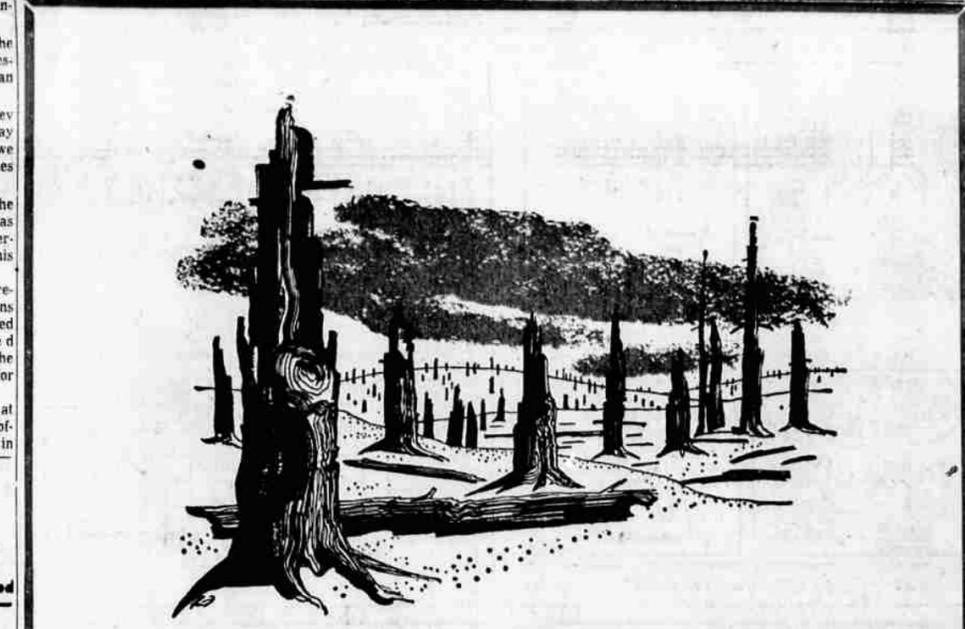
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