

Two Hours Across U.S. Predicted

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 265 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.

The quickie cross-country tour begins where many Americans' ancestors began their quest for 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 haul strings of old-fashioned coaches on the route to the West Coast.

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

Kicks Over Lantern

Every hour on the hour, Mother Every'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 correspondent's wagon pulled by horses carried 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.



BIG WELCOME — Cuban Economic Minister Ernesto "Che" Guevara, left, gets a hearty clasp from Algerian Premier Ahmed Ben Bella on arrival at Algiers. Guevara led Cuban delegation to participate in the celebration of the first anniversary of Algeria's independence.

— UPI Telephoto

Henry Wallace Predicts 80 Million Employment

SOUTH SALEM, N.Y. (UPI) — Henry A. Wallace, whose 1945 plan to provide 60 million jobs drew derisive hoots from skeptical congressmen, said Saturday the nation should aim now for "at least 80 million in 1970."

The fiery elder statesman and former farm bloc spokesman also suggested decentralization of industry as an answer to the unemployment problem.

Wallace took time out from "having fun planting some strawberry seeds" at his home here to comment on the Labor Department's announcement that the number of employed Americans passed the 70 million mark for the first time in June.

"My only error was in underestimating," he told UPI. "My plan was all laid out in my book 'Sixty Million Jobs,' published in 1946."

"I suggested three plans for furnishing the necessary jobs—through private enterprise, a certain amount of government participation or an intermediate one of both."

"Oh, there was lots of skepticism then," said the 74-year-old Wallace who served four years as vice president under Franklin D. Roosevelt before heading up the Commerce Department.

"One senator — I won't mention his name — even went on the air and said there couldn't be more than 54 million jobs."

But Wallace admitted even he was surprised by the spiraling economy. And what most surprised him, he said, "was the amount Congress was willing to go in government financing."

"It was higher than I ever envisioned in my most extreme plans," said Wallace.

Experimental Plane Causes Major Headache

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The test-flying (70,000 ft.-plus) and the heaviest (more than 550,000 lbs.) of revolutionary aircraft ever built, scheduled to roll out of a Palmdale, Calif., assembly plant in August or September, and the Pentagon is in dilemma about how to handle this major news event.

Years in construction and the source of continuous friction with and between the executive branch and Congress, the XB70 is the experimental plane which the Air Force had hoped to develop into a reconnaissance and missile-armed strike craft called RS70.

What do you do when you publicly unveil a jet aircraft which is the fastest (2,000 m.p.h.), highest (70,000 ft.), and the heaviest (more than 550,000 lbs.) of revolutionary aircraft ever built, scheduled to roll out of a Palmdale, Calif., assembly plant in August or September, and the Pentagon is in dilemma about how to handle this major news event.

These are questions the Defense Department, in the person of Assistant Secretary Arthur Sylvester, and the Air Force are debating and seeking to resolve.

Promises Advance Notice — Sylvester gave assurance, in answer to questions, that the roll-out date will be announced in advance and the press will be present to cover the event. But somehow an effort will be made to play the whole thing in low key.

No amount of Defense Department crepe hanging, however, will change the fact that the XB70 is a fantastic flying machine in its own right, embodying radical advances in technology and manufacturing processes, and certain to further the aeronautical art. There never has been anything like the XB70, once called a manned missile.

No amount of Air Force and company hoopla at the unveiling, on the other hand, will alter the fact that this particular airplane ran afoul of the missile age and is not destined for squadron service, however much it contributes to future aviation development, both military and commercial.

Two To Lead — Yvonne de Carlo and Dale Robertson, of the defunct "Wells Fargo" television series, will play the romantic leads in "Invitation to a Hanging."

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No amount of the government's wrestling with its problems of managing the XB70 roll-out will influence the fact that there will be large public interest in the event and the press will expect to be out in full force to cover it.

Builds Three Models — At a cost now expected to exceed \$1.3 billion, North American Aviation, Inc., as prime contractor, is building three XB70 models. The first was slated to fly last December but ran into technical problems that have delayed its roll-out at Palmdale until late this summer and its first flight until October or November.

Technical difficulties are the rule, not the exception, in advanced new aircraft, all the more so with one that makes such strides as the high alloy stainless steel XB70.

The special problem in this case was a leak of pressurized nitrogen gas, used in the triangle-shaped wing to cool fuel while

hiking along at three times the speed of sound. The company and the Air Force believe that the problem has been fixed, after painstaking examination of the wing construction and nitrogen gas piping.

Their present expectation is to roll-out the XB70 in August or September and start extensive ground tests at the desert center at Palmdale.

Then, if all goes well, the behemoth should take to the air in the late fall for a two-to-three hour flight, alighting at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., the testing area for all America's advanced military aircraft.

For the first time, entomologists have extracted the substance which makes cotton appetizing to boll weevils. This substance, called "arrestant," if it could be synthesized, could be used to treat other plants and induce boll weevils to lay their eggs where the newly-hatched larvae would starve, according to the Britannica Book of the Year.

CITY'S NICKNAME — Lord Cornwallis, who held the city for a time during the Revolutionary War, called Charlotte, N.C., a hornet's nest because the city's citizens were so active in anti-British activities. Today's slogan - nickname of "hornet's nest" continues to typify activities of the community.

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