



#### MONUMENT TO AN IDEA

The Vista-Dome stainless steel California Zephyr, near the midpoint of its Chicago-San Francisco journey, traverses beautiful Glenwood Canyon of the Colorado River, near Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Here in mid-canyon—at the siding of Grizzly—the streamliner passes the spot where the idea for the Vista-Dome railroad car was conceived.

It happened one day in 1944 in the cab of a diesel-electric locomotive following the shining rails through the canyon. Cyrus R. Osborn, head of the locomotive division of General Motors, is the man who had the idea. He was so enthralled by the beauty of the Rockies, and the unobstructed view he had from the cab, that he set his designers to work to provide such a view for all travelers. The result was the Vista-Dome. A "Monument to an Idea"—built of native stone and stainless steel—has been erected across the river from Rio Grande's main line to commemorate the time and place.

The California Zephyr daily carries passengers through matchless scenic spectacles in the Colorado Rockies and California's Feather River Canyon on a daylight schedule. Its five Vista-Domes—more than on any other train—provide travelers with the perfect vantage point to view the wonders of America in air-conditioned comfort from train-top level. This famous train is a joint operation of the Burlington, Rio Grande and Western Pacific railroads.





