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West VISITS THE REDWOOD EMPIRE

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Reminiscences of a Redwood Tree...



In the profound stillness of a Redwood grove, you feel as if you are in a great cathedral and involuntarily lower your voice. These magnificent trees have the wisdom of the ages. Many have watched the pageant of history for more than 2,000 years.

I am getting old, I guess, for old people like to reminisce. But I have seen much history.

I was a sturdy youngster when Christ was born.

As time goes with me, it seems only yesterday that Columbus discovered America.

I watched Cabrillo plant the flag of Spain on this coast in 1542, and saw Sir Francis Drake claim California for England in 1579.

I was here when the Russians came to Fort Ross in 1812.

I saw the Mexican flag raised over California in 1822 and the Stars and Stripes in 1846.

I remember when Marshall discovered gold at Sutter's Mill and the Forty-Niners came. *Those* were the days!

Yes, I have seen much history. Two thousand years is a long time.

I have lived through more wars than I can count. I have out-lived *billions* of human beings.

How long will I live? Well, I hope to be around for another thousand years, anyhow. I'm curious to see what kind of a world this will be in 2942.

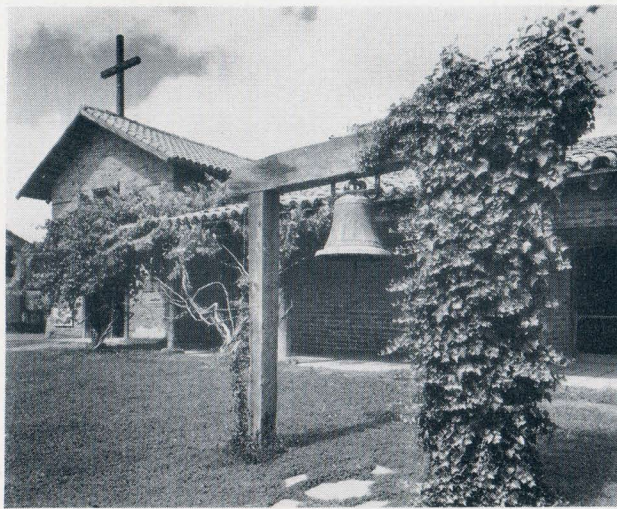
The Redwood Empire is a beautiful scenic area with many varied recreational attractions, embracing nine counties along the Pacific Coast in Northern California and Southern Oregon.



The Redwoods in the Redwood Empire along the California coast are *Sequoia sempervirens*. They are taller than the Big Trees (*Sequoia gigantea*) of the High Sierra.



This picture gives you a pretty good idea of how big a Redwood tree is. World's tallest tree (364 feet high) is in the Redwood Empire.



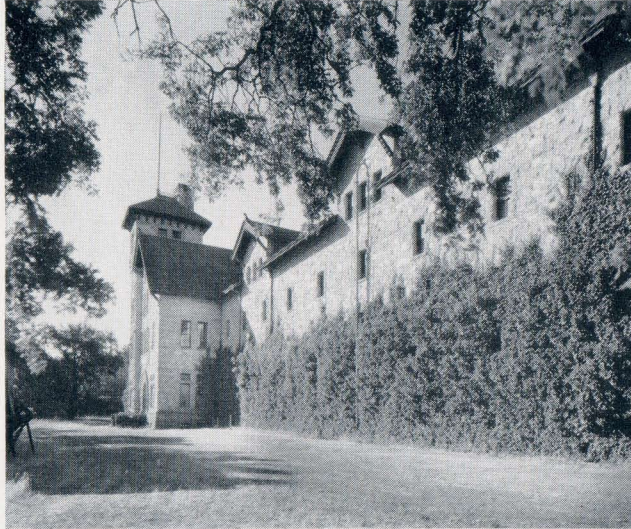
Mission San Francisco de Solano, commonly known as "Sonoma Mission", was the last of the twenty-one missions to be founded (1823). The famous Bear Flag of the California Republic was raised in Sonoma in 1846.



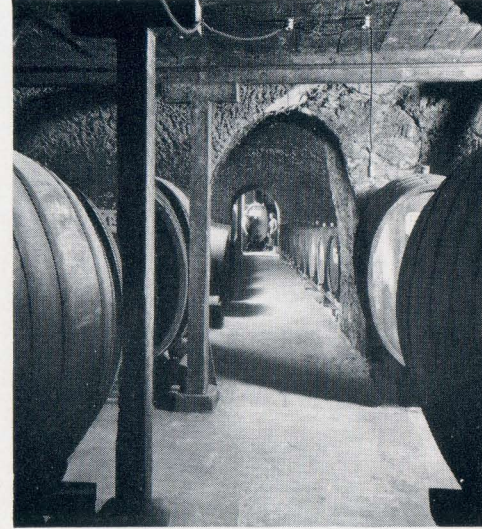
This old mill near St. Helena in Napa County recalls the days of the pioneers. This is rich agricultural country, famous for its wine grapes, prunes, olives, apricots, cherries, pears, etc.



Mt. Tamalpais (elevation 2,605 feet) in Marin County, just across the Golden Gate from San Francisco, is a landmark of the Redwood Empire. At its base is Muir Woods, a grove of Redwoods named after the famous naturalist, John Muir. Town in foreground is Sausalito.



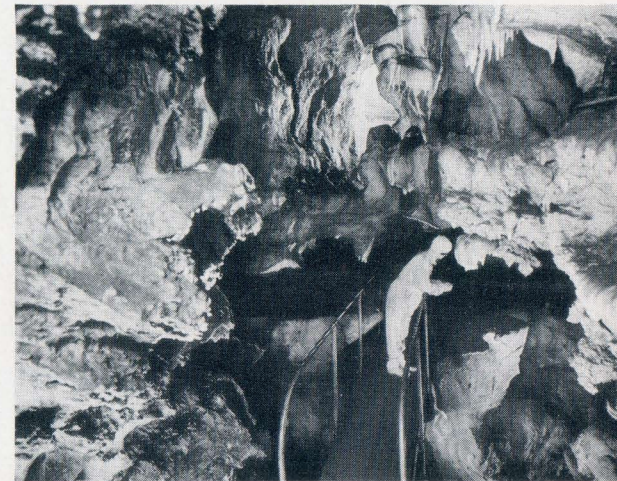
Many of California's famous wines are made in the Redwood Empire, in picturesque stone buildings resembling the chateaus of France and Switzerland. This region specializes in dry wines. California's sweet wines come principally from the San Joaquin Valley to the south.



In one famous California winery, hundreds of thousands of gallons of wine are ageing in caves like this, hewn from solid limestone in the hills.



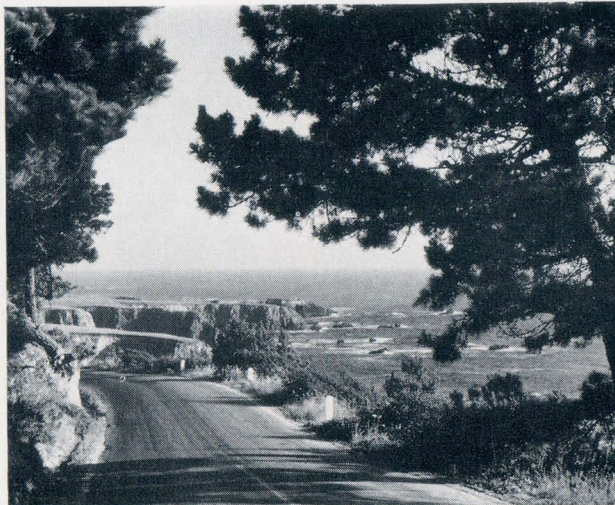
This old church at Fort Ross in Sonoma County in the Redwood Empire marks a very interesting chapter in California history. It was here that the Russian flag was first raised in California (1812) and the settlement was named *Rossiia* (Russia). The present name of the place is a contraction of this.



Oregon Caves are a spectacular attraction of Josephine County, northernmost of the nine counties in the Redwood Empire.



Russian River is one of dozens of famous resort areas in the Redwood Empire. Others are Clear Lake in Lake County, Benbow and Eureka in Humboldt County and Crescent City in Del Norte County. There is fine hunting and fishing here.



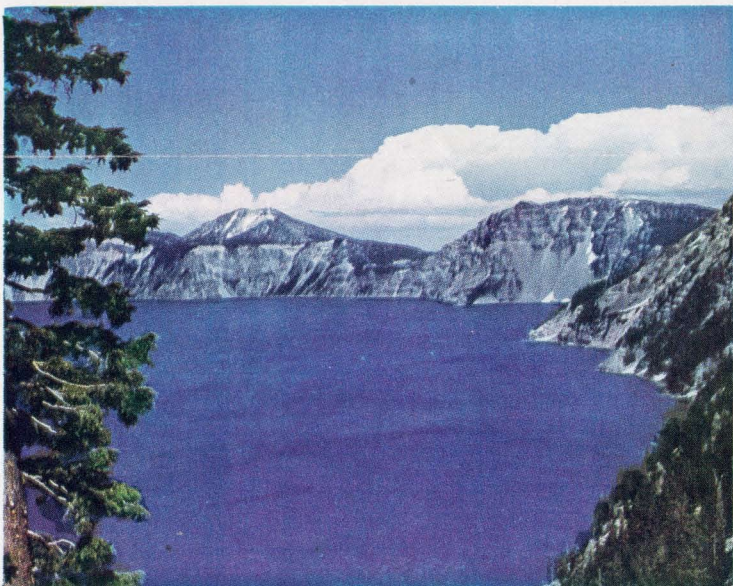
The northbound Redwood Highway and the Northwestern Pacific Railroad (owned by Southern Pacific) both reach the sea at Eureka. This is a typical scene along the Redwood Empire coast, where the highway edges the sea.



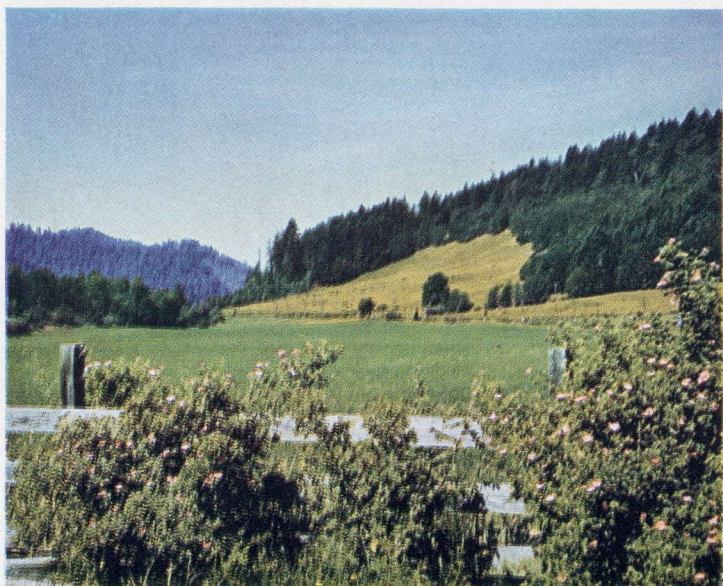
Geysers are active at Calistoga, Napa County (see above) and near Geyserville, Sonoma County. At "The Geysers" in Sonoma County you see jets of steam shooting high in the air, 35 mineral springs (no two alike), and the Devil's Inkstand, with water so black it can be used for writing.



For miles the Redwood Empire Tour winds through groves of stately Redwoods. Many of the groves have been preserved as parks.



Crater Lake National Park in Oregon is a side trip from Grants Pass at northern end of Redwood Empire, or from Klamath Falls.



You see these evergreen hills near the charming town of Grants Pass in Oregon. Notice the wild roses on the fence in foreground.



San Francisco is the southernmost of nine counties in California's Redwood Empire. In the photograph above, you are looking from Telegraph Hill to the Golden Gate Bridge, world's longest single span (4,200 feet).

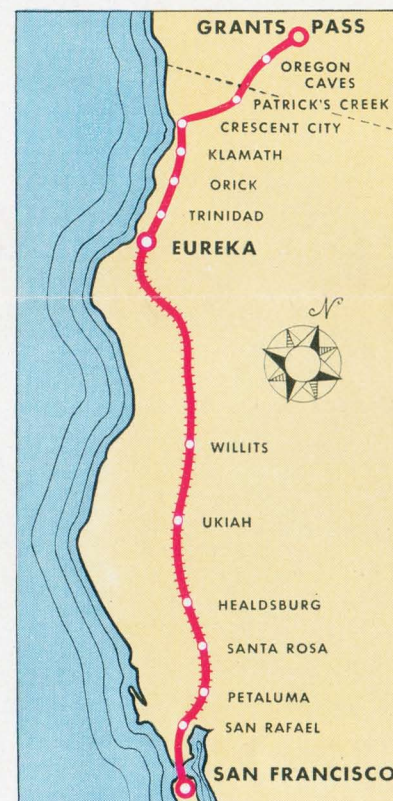
The Redwood Empire Tour

ONE of the world's most famous scenic trips, the Redwood Empire Tour is an alternate route by rail and motor coach between San Francisco and Portland. It does not show you the entire Redwood Empire but it gives you a fine "sample."

If you start from San Francisco, you travel overnight by Northwestern Pacific train between the Golden Gate and Eureka. In the morning you board a Pacific Greyhound bus and travel by daylight through many miles of magnificent Redwood groves—a never-to-be-forgotten experience. Your bus meets the Southern Pacific Railroad at Grants Pass, where you continue your trip to Portland. You may include the Redwood Empire Tour in your ticket between Portland and San Francisco for a very small additional charge.

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Photograph at left shows Northwestern Pacific tracks winding through the Redwood groves. Photo at right is a connecting Pacific Greyhound bus north of Eureka.