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WHY EX-PRESIDENT TRUMAN WOULD NOT RIDE DUMBO, OR 25 YEARS OF MEMORIES AT DISNEYLAND

The idea, Walt Disney once said, was conceived on a park bench and nurtured by peanuts. "Saturday was always 'Daddy's Day' and I would take my two daughters to the merry-go-round and sit on a bench while they rode," he recalled. "And sitting alone, eating peanuts, I felt there should be something built, some kind of a family park where parents and children could have fun together." Determined to make it come true, the celebrated producer looked around for financing. He found that "dreams offer too little collateral." So Disney sold his vacation home and borrowed against his life insurance policies to help raise the \$17 million needed to launch Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. in 1955. Now,

14 years after its founder's death, Disneyland is celebrating its silver anniversary. The occasion will be marked by a March 6 CBS-TV special hosted by Danny Kaye and starring Michael Jackson, the Osmonds and Adam Rich.

Throughout the years celebrities have joined the throngs of tourists (187 million so far) at the park. In 1960 the late Soviet premier, Nikita Khrushchev, was prohibited from visiting Disneyland for security reasons. His anger made global headlines.

The lure remains. "I don't want the public to see the world they live in while they're in Disneyland," its creator used to say. "I want them to feel they're in another world." □

There was a boy, a very strange enchanted boy, hand in hand with Nat King Cole in 1963. It was his 4-year-old son Kelly, now a University of Redlands student.



Harry Truman chatted and wisecracked as he took wife Bess on nearly every ride but the elephant Dumbo in 1957. "It's a Republican symbol," he explained.



Sophia Loren climbed aboard the Ciao Ciao train in 1963. Last year she spent 10 days at Disney World in Florida with sons Edoardo and Carlo Ponti Jr.



Disney greeted the characteristically somber Jawaharlal Nehru in 1961. Also on the Indian prime minister's U.S. tour: an American drugstore and the Broadway musical *Camelot*.

Despite time behind bars with parents June Allyson and Dick Powell (on the circus train), Richard and Pam turned out okay. She worked in the Ford White House, he became an actor.



Jack Benny topped off his day at Disneyland in 1962 by visiting the Mad Hatter Shop with adopted daughter Joan Naomi.



Actor Alan Ladd and wife Sue Carol rode the Santa Fe in 1955 with children Alana, 11, and David, 8. David had a gold pass for all the rides—heaven on earth.



Leaving the fantasyland of her Holmby Hills mansion (with its pink fur-lined bathroom), Jayne Mansfield cavorted with kids Zoltan and Jayne Marie in Dumbo in 1960.



With stepson Ronald McLean in the driver's seat, it's a wonderful life for Jimmy Stewart. But in 1969 Ron was killed in Vietnam.



Despite the park's rule against dogs on the premises, Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie (escorted by Disneyland's Marcia Miner Phillips) toured with Chihuahua Lulu in '67.



Shortly after Johnny Cash had America convinced to Ride This Train, his 1960 LP, he engineered a switch-over to Disneyland's riverboat.



Pluto, Goofy and Mickey played goodwill ambassadors to Egypt's Anwar Sadat and wife Jihan in 1966. They plan to build a mini version of Disneyland in Cairo.



Mickey mousetrapped Sir Laurence Olivier in 1976. "A rich experience," the actor inscribed in the guest book. Disneyland occasionally picks up the tab for celebs like Olivier (but does not solicit visits).

In 1958 Ernie Kovacs and second wife Edie Adams visited with his daughters, Kippie, 9, and Betty, 11. The girls returned to spend weeks and "money like it was Vegas," Edie says.