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Dear Comrade Campbell:

I was both surprised and thrilled with the picture of the old Santa Fe trail and the article that accompanied it.

My husband, who was raised on a Montana ranch and who has read and enjoyed all your books, said "Mr. Campbell is a Westerner - he knows the terminology of the West."

I am an Easterner, the daughter of an Indian War Veteran who entered the service in 1878. He loved the West although he lived in D.C. for many years. He was connected with the government and when he retired was prepared to move West when mother announced, next of the Mississippi was out of bounds, so he ended his days still dreaming and still talking of his beloved West. Of the Mississippi River Boats - one wheelers - bogged down on the sandbars: the herds of buffalo crossing the Missouri River: dumps of the surplus farm products in the Mississippi River and the huge vegetables grown in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana.

My father was the first of his family to make his way west of the Rocky Mountains. His uncle settled in Central Illinois in the early 1800's and my mother's people decided to locate near what was then Ft. Dearborn, Illinois in 1837. One of the family who lived to be 97 often told of the hardships they endured on the trip from New York State. Misfortune not Miss Fortune welcomed them to their new home in what is now Chicago. The hay caught fire and some of the cattle were burned to death in the stampede that followed.

I am very much annoyed at the lank way the Legislative Branch of our government appropriates money for themselves and then joins the Executive branch of the government in its schemes to deprive the WWI disabled Vets and others of their hospitalization and ~~and~~ compensation. President Eisenhower spent seven weeks enjoying the