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SOME ASPECTS OF POPULATION GEOGRAPHY OF UTAH

Since Weber Canyon in the Wasatch Mts. turned out to be too narrow for mid-19th-century prairie schooners a route farther south was explored by the Mormon emigrants («Emigration Canyon») in consequence of which Salt Lake City became the residence of the President of the Latter-day Saints, the starting point of all colonization work in Utah and the capital of the state. The area was systematically settled by various «missions», i. e. organized groups of settlers with definite orders from the Presidency regarding their future sites of settlement and economic activities. The village type of rural settlement according to Joseph Smith's «City of Zion» plan is predominant throughout the state of Utah. The small strip of foothills between the Wasatch Mts. to the east and the desert to the west is the area of densest population within the state boundaries. The northern portion of this strip as well as the very Southeast of the state are booming at the present time, the former because of rapid industrialization, the latter because of the recent exploitation of crude oil, uranium and vanadium deposits. Although the racial minorities in Utah hardly make up 2% of the total population of the state their problems are of particular interest. The questions of the Negroes that came with the transcontinental railroads as railroad men, the Mexican and Puertorican miners and ranch labourers, the Japanese who had been resettled during World War II from the Pacific Coast states to the interior of the continent, and the Indians who are partly living in six reservations and partly in the settlements of the white in all parts of the state are briefly discussed.

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Am 27. April 1961 beging Dr. Richard Kirchgraber, ehemals Professor für Geographie an der Handelsschule des Kaufmännischen Vereins Zürich, in seinem Heim in Hadlikon bei Hinwil seinen 75. Geburtstag. R. Kirchgraber, der in St. Gallen aufwuchs, war als Gymnasiast den Geisteswissenschaften zugetan. Dieser Neigung blieb er zunächst auch an der Hochschule treu.