

1978 HISTORICAL TOUR

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On the evening of July 25, we read the daily newspaper with consternation. Jehovah's Witnesses were holding their annual convention at Three Rivers Stadium. Where would our members and friends park their cars before boarding the Society's annual boat ride? Thanks to Peggy Jackson, who found parking spaces, and Gerry Gempel, who directed cars to Peggy, all our party found a place for their cars without undue problems.

At five o'clock boarding time, July 26, the weather cooperated beautifully. It was a clear sunny day and, as the *Liberty Bell* steamed up the Allegheny, for a change no raindrops dampened the party. President C. V. Starrett welcomed us aboard. Director James H. Mast gave the history of buildings, bridges, and communities as we proceeded upriver. Farther along our way the historical narrative was continued by Curator John Labanish.

When we returned downriver we enjoyed two special treats in addition to seeing the city lights. The Jehovah's Witnesses ended their evening with an exciting display of fireworks. Somehow it was more fun to see them as we cruised down the river than if we had been sitting in a park. The pilot brought our boat right up against the Point Park Fountain and camera buffs were able to get pictures. All told it was another delightful and relaxing summer tour.