

Current Year's U.S. Vacation Migration to Europe Likely to Top Last Year's 425,771

Editor's note — Nearly half a million Americans will vacation in Europe before the year is up. If you're among them — or hope to be among them — here are a few tips on how to plan your trip, what to expect when you get there, and how to enjoy yourself.

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NEW YORK — Ever since a certain European gentleman discovered America many Americans have been discovering Europe.

For a long time there were more Europeans coming this way, but now there are more Americans going that way.

In 1953 a total of 425,771 Americans boarded ship or airplane and traveled to Europe to gawk at the cradle of Western civilization. It was the biggest annual migration since Capt. John Smith launched the tourist trade by selling a maid named Pocahontas on taking a look at the old country.

The American Express Co., a firm dedicated to the shepherding of Americans abroad, estimates that this year about 10 per cent more will go to Europe. American Express President Ralph T. Reed predicts Americans will spend more than \$1,368,000,000 for travel abroad in 1954.

The European Travel Commission, representing the combined efforts of 21 nations to lead American tourists into every cafe and castle, also is convinced this will be the biggest European travel year yet.

It's impossible to recommend a European tour that will satisfy everyone. The person who enjoys Rome and the beach at Ostia in August may be chilled by the English lake country. It is possible, however, for nearly anyone to find a tour he'll enjoy.

Three Prerequisites

There are three prerequisites to European travel, desire, time and money. The least important of these in our cavalier opinion is money. When we returned from a European trip a couple of years ago we were broke. But that uncomfortable state was more than balanced by memories and friends we gathered.

Time is more important than money. You need as much time as you can get. Some whirling dervishes do Europe in two weeks by air, dashing from city to city, straining to have breakfast in Davos and lunch in Denver. It can be done, of course. But it isn't recommended.

If necessary, add some leave of absence to your vacation. The technique for getting this is to tell your boss politely but firmly that you want the time in order to see Europe. If he gives you any trouble, shout and pound on his desk and wave this newspaper in his face.

Pay Later Plan
Unfortunately we cannot supply such detailed directions for obtaining money. However, Pan American World Airways has given some thought to this. It now will fly you there and back on a "pay later plan," involving 10 per cent of the

fare down and up to 20 monthly payments later.

The desire to go to Europe is easily aroused. If you don't have it, drag around to your local travel agency. If all those travel brochures don't excite you, you're a candidate for either a wheelchair or a highchair.

Well, now you're on the way to Europe—by ship or plane as mood and time dictate. Unless you've

exercised great restraint you're carrying too much luggage.

Too many Americans traveling abroad display a masochistic mania for chaining themselves to huge mounds of unnecessary luggage. You'll see them all over Europe hunting lost bags in seven languages they don't understand.

Merely Mislead
These bags are seldom really lost, incidentally; they're merely

mislead. But while they're misled their owners bleat piteously.

At peril of sounding smug may we report that two of us spent six weeks abroad with two large and two small bags. (And one of these two travelers, ladies, was a woman. If she can do it, so can you.)

By judicious use of nylons and cleaning establishments we emerged unstained by travel. We were royally welcomed at the Ritz in

London and our appearance at certain French watering places did not provoke surprised comments.

What to take is more important than what not to take, however. Actually there is but one essential. That is courage. Not a dogmatic, tramping Sherman tank courage, but a quietly reasonable sort. When you take that with you, neither language nor custom nor red tape is an insurmountable barrier.

Lone Women Travel
For example, a lone woman who uses a little common sense can travel anywhere in Europe this side of the Iron Curtain without fear of difficulties. Thousands are traveling thus all the time.

Through such agencies as American Express or Thomas Cook & Son you can have all details of your itinerary arranged for you. Or you can strike out on your own.

However you go, try to get the name of a friend's brother, cousin or business acquaintance abroad—if you don't know someone yourself. Happily Paris, Rome and many a way-spot are still well populated with ex-patriates.

The method is to call one of these persons on arrival (hire a native if you can't figure out the telephone system) and invite him to dinner. Make him name the place. Insist on paying the check.

About Wine and Food
You'll learn much about the wine and food and customs of the country; it will open new vistas of understanding to you. If possible, try to find a writer. They nearly always are hungry and they invariably know a lot about the places where they're living.

If you expect all the details of living in Europe to be identical to those in America, you never should leave home. But you'll have to get far off the beaten track not to find a comfortable bed and adequate bath facilities. And even off the beaten track you'll find good food.

Most Europeans have been living longer in the same place than most Americans. As stabilized people they appreciate comfortable living. Some are in the business of catering to the tourist trade. But many others are genuinely interested in Americans as people from a far country.

It's wise for every American who goes abroad to remember he's an ambassador of that big, strong, strange nation into the West.

GRAVEYARD CANDIDATES
SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)—Harry Polomesky and John J. Pinkowski Jr., will remain on the ballot as Democratic candidates for county assessor. The law says candidates must own real estate. Polomesky qualified when he proved he owned one-seventh interest in a cemetery lot. Pinkowski then discovered he also qualified. He owns a whole cemetery lot.

Bank for Junior

DES MOINES (AP) — To keep Junior from spending his entire allowance quickly and foolishly, some Des Moines parents have adopted this method: They get an extra check book from the bank and give it to Junior. Then each week the amount of the allowance is credited in the checkbook, but the money is held by the parents. When Junior wants any of his money, he writes a check to mother or dad. They act as the bankers.

More than 22,000 women 15 years old and older are killed annually in the United States because of accidents, four out of five of them in traffic accidents.

McCarthy Would Back Eisenhower For Re-Election

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) told a large audience Saturday that "with a clear conscience" he would work for the reelection of President Eisenhower if he was running for office today.

McCarthy addressed a cheering Republican state convention in his home state. Shortly before his speech to some 40,000 delegates and guests, the convention adopted by rousing voice vote a resolution commending him.

The convention in adopting that resolution praising McCarthy howled down an effort by Harold Michael of Amery, president of the recent unsuccessful Joe Must Go movement, to speak against the resolution.

Rice is the basic food of more than half the world's population.

'Flying LST' to Carry Troops



SAN DIEGO—The "Flying LST," Convair's R3Y-2, built for the Navy at their San Diego, Calif., plant is designed to put troops, guns and supplies directly onto assault beaches. Photo shows bow door open and the landing ramp unfolding. Bow opening is 50 x 100 inches and can accommodate 2½-ton military trucks or 155 mm howitzers. (AP Wirephoto)

Shrine Ends Convention

SEATTLE (AP) — Nearly 10,000 delegates to the Pacific Northwest Shrine Assn. convention wound up two days of fun and business here Saturday night with installation of new officers for next year.

They also decided to hold their 1955 convention in Spokane June 10-11.

Fremont L. South, Spokane, is the new president. Other officers are: Darold G. Smith, Boise, Ida., first vice president; Walter H. Mierow, Tacoma, second vice president; Len Fuller, Portland, third vice president; Walter R. Neiley, Boise, treasurer; and Floyd C. Kinnear, Tacoma, secretary.

Outgoing president was W. Hal McDowell, Seattle. Delegates represented 14 Shrine temples from five Northwest states and two Canadian provinces.

'Quarantine' Of Guatemala Gains Favor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington diplomats said Saturday widespread Communist-fomented disorders throughout Latin America, plus a secret U.S. State Department report on Communist tactics in Guatemala, have helped line up hemisphere support for a U.S. move to quarantine the Central American Red stronghold.

American informants predicted this country would ask Monday, at a meeting of the council of the Organization of American States here, that united action against Guatemala be considered at the Montevideo, Uruguay, conference of foreign ministers scheduled to take place about July 1.

U.S.-proposed resolutions aimed at preventing the Soviets from shipping more arms to Guatemala and stopping Guatemala from stirring up trouble in other Central American countries were reported calling for:

1. Announcement that hereafter any ships carrying war weapons for Guatemala will be intercepted and the cargo seized.

2. Creation of a five-nation watchdog commission — of which the United States would be a member — to enforce the ship-interception resolution and keep an eye on Communist activities in Guatemala.

Informants among the Latin American diplomatic corps said a weakening of Red influence throughout the hemisphere, and a corresponding upsurge of support for the U.S. view, has stemmed from recent incidents in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua blamed in whole or in part on Communist agitators.

The diplomats expressed belief the Communists had done a bad job of timing by creating active opposition from some governments in countries where the Reds had been more or less ignored before.

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U.S. Seeks Means to Solve Indochina Crisis

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials, dismayed by spreading weakness among the allied powers, searched urgently Saturday for ways to check the drift and come to grips more firmly with the Indochina crisis.

The breakdown of French leadership was regarded here as especially unfortunate. It comes at a time when Indochina peace negotiations at Geneva are in a critical state and the Communist military bid for a new victory over French and native forces in the Hanoi area is mounting steadily toward a great battle.

Secretary of State Dulles has advised Undersecretary of State Walter Bedell Smith, chief U.S. delegate at Geneva, that he would like to see the Geneva negotiations brought to a quick conclusion.

Dulles thinks it is now completely clear that the Reds are using diplomacy at the conference table to delay and confuse allied efforts to meet the Indochina crisis.

Dulles conferred for several hours Saturday with his top advisors on the whole range of difficulties related to the French and Indochina problems.

These questions include both the possibilities of American and allied intervention in the Southeast Asian conflict and the chances of French measures to strengthen the defenses of the Free World in Western Europe by ratifying a proposed European army.

Officials indicated that Dulles is reaching the end of his patience on this long-frustrated project, about which he has repeatedly warned the French government and people.

There was no prospect that the United States government will intervene in the Indochina War prior to the battle for Hanoi, if it is joined by July 1 as officials now expect.

There is a belief, however, that if the allies could begin to take the political steps toward military intervention it would overcome some of the bad morale among native forces in Indochina and strengthen the French resolve.

Guided Missile Program Said Disorganized

WASHINGTON (AP) — Guided missile programs of the Army, Navy and Air Force were criticized as "disorganized" Saturday in a report to the Senate by its Appropriations Committee.

"Service witnesses in almost every instance while lauding the characteristics of the missiles under production for their particular services had a tendency to belittle the programs of their sister services," the report said.

Secretary of Defense Wilson was directed "to investigate the guided-missile program" and report his findings to the Senate purse string group "not later than January 15, 1955."

The sharply worded criticism of super-secret projects accompanied a \$2 billion dollar annual defense money bill due for Senate consideration next week.

The Senate committee suggested "some attempt to standardize at least those missiles which are being produced for approximately the same missions."

Much of the closed-door testimony about guided missiles was edited out as classified military secrets from the 1,000 page printed hearings sent to the Senate along with the money bill.

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Demo Woman Leader Plans Visit to Oregon

PORTLAND (AP) — Mrs. Katie Louchheim, director of women's activities for the Democratic National Committee, has scheduled two conferences in Oregon next week.

One is to be at Portland next Saturday and the other at Bend Monday.

Scientists think that the ancestors of modern Eskimos lived near Lake Superior about 2,000 years ago and moved north about that time.

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Maybe you've noticed other such borrowings from Buick.

The diagrammatic sketch shown here lists some of the Buick advances that are now reflected in the styling of other cars — or will be soon.

For you can be sure that the great panoramic windshield first shown by Buick this year will be copied. It's too good to pass up.

And you can be sure that the full rear-wheel cutout now on every 1954 Buick Riviera and Convertible will show up elsewhere in the future. It's a sports-car touch that hits a really popular note.

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So to you we say—why wait another day to see and drive a new Buick? It's the beauty of the year. It's the buy of the times. And it's a wonderful way to head up the parade.

Drop in this week for a demonstration, won't you?

KEY TO SOME STYLING "FIRSTS" BY BUICK

- 1 Riviera "hardtop" body type
- 2 Panoramic windshield
- 3 Visored headlamp grouping
- 4 Mottled tail light assembly on Skyhawk
- 5 Full rear-wheel cutout
- 6 Fender sweep-spears
- 7 Ventiports (Remember Buick's first ventiports on front fenders! Some folks even bought copies of those chrome rings to put on jalopies!)

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