

1,500 Each Day

Great Stampede To 'Golden State' Just Won't Quit

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LOS ANGELES—Westward they come, following the Sun. They see the glowing billboards in Iowa. They listen in goggle-eyed rapture to expatriate easterners who claim that living in Southern California is like dying and going to heaven. They read with open-mouthed avidity about the delights of sin in San Francisco.

And they flock to California in planes, trains, buses and cars—some even on foot.

They come here at the rate of slightly more than one a minute, 1,500 a day, 10,000 a week, 40,000 a month and a half-million a year—nearly enough to populate a city the size of San Francisco.

They are part of a great mass migration—a movement that began midway in the 19th century when they discovered gold in northern California—and couldn't keep it quiet.

And despite earthquakes, wars, depressions, and confidence men, they stream into the Golden State.

Statisticians charting the population explosion estimate that California will surpass New York Dec. 21 as the most populous State in the union.

FABLED HOUSE OF PLENTY

On that date California's population will surge past 17 million, they predict, and will nearly double by 1980 to more than 30 million.

The newcomers know all about the Golden State, that fabled horn of plenty gleaming with unending treasures: 158,693 square miles of bustling cities, emerald-carpeted valleys, snow-laden mountains, sunbaked desert, sea-washed coastal towns, towering forests and movie stars, millionaires and missile bases.

They're aglow with tales about jobs, sunshine, a home of your own with a view and a pool ("No down to vels," say the ads), schools, welfare checks, romance and The Good Life.

They prefer to ignore certain other things: That California can be indifferent and cruel as well as beautiful;

That California, far from being an idyllic refuge for those who love salubrious climate and bountiful nature, also is wracked by occasional earthquakes, landslides, floods, forest fires and droughts;

That the polyglot tidal wave of newcomers has created grievous problems in the big cities, where urban dwellers gasp and gripe about polluted air, soaring taxes, dwindling water, rising unemployment and crime, congested roads and overcrowded schools and hospitals;

That much of California's 1,200 miles of coastline—nearly one-tenth of the nation's shoreline—is littered with broken bottles and beer cans, cluttered with hot-dog stands and billboards, menaced by heedless teen-agers and tarnished by helter-skelter planning;

That California gets nearly one out of every four federal dollars spent for defense—but when government contracts dwindle, aircraft-missile-electronics companies lay off as many as 2,000 workers a month.

When it comes to bragging or complaining, California, surfeited with boosters and knockers, takes a back seat to no one—New York or Texas, notwithstanding. Each side varnishes its claims with statistics and comparisons.

THE WORD FROM THE BOOSTERS

The boosters will tell you that: Orange County, adjacent to Los Angeles County, is the fastest growing county in the nation; Fresno County in central California leads the nation for the 11th straight year in agriculture; there are so many cars in Los Angeles County, about 3.5 million, that every man, woman and child can spring simultaneously into autos without anyone having to sit in a back seat;

That San Francisco, ignoring Los Angeles' freeway frenzy and clinging to its cable cars, is a sunshowered white diamond in a bejeweled necklace of cities clustered about San Francisco Bay and all the ships in the world could be harbored in the bay;

That Los Angeles' population has increased 400 per cent since 1919, its industrial work force by 700 per cent in the same period, employing more than 800,000 in 17,000 plants and closing in on Chicago as the No. 2 industrial area of the nation;

That San Jose, a missile-electronics boom city south of San Francisco where sleepy-eyed cows once grazed hard by prune orchards, someday will surpass San Francisco and Oakland as the biggest city in the bay area.

What is the price? Let the knockers tell you:

Once there were lovely orange and lemon groves throughout the Los Angeles basin, now they're cut up for freeways and row upon row of housing tracts;

Once Los Angeles had a lovely area known as Bunker Hill, and now they're tearing down crumbling, yet charming, gabled Victorian mansions to make room for concrete office buildings, cubicles that look like huge rabbit hutches;

Once you could see the lovely island of Catalina, 22 miles west of Los Angeles, and mountains on three sides; now a stinking, reddish-grey smog, that blights the soul as well as sears the eye and threatens the lungs, blankets the city;

Once you could walk down Fulton Street in Fresno and Alameda Street in San Jose and know just about everyone in town; now San Jose and Fresno are cities full of strangers;

Once that superbly sinful city of San Francisco abounded in views of hills, bridges and bayfront; now they're building 230 million worth of impersonal freeways.

Throughout California's booming cities, you hear about new industry and new jobs, but consider:

Five-thousand new jobs mean new classrooms for perhaps 15,000 kids, more roads, more sewers, beefed-up police and fire protection; more special assessment districts, more property taxes.

But still they pile pell-mell into California's crowded cities. And then there are tourists, nearly five million a year, most of them in Southern California. And many, alas, are writers. Straying no farther than the Bel-Air hotel or the Mark Hopkins, with Ivy League suits and buttoned-down minds, they complain, martini in hand, of California's anti-intellectualism, materialism and hedonism. Many zero in on Los Angeles.

SMOGGY MELANGE OF SUBURBS

They contend the City of The Angels is a smog-laden melange of suburbs, its 455 square miles bounded by Disneyland, Marineland, Hollywood, TV studios, and the Rose Bowl. They characterize LA as a fool's paradise brimming with crackpots, cultists, kooks, quacks, neurotic actors, phonies, arsonists, morose motorists and little old ladies in tennis shoes.

What is LA like? It's a combination of Levittown, Pittsburgh, Flatbush, Ottumwa, Iowa, Scarsdale, Black and Spanish Harlem and, for tired tourists and fringe members of the entertainment industry, a touch of those two delightful suburban communities in biblical Mesopotamia—Sodom and Gomorrah.

But for the most part—and this distresses sin-seekers tired of the Sunset Strip and outlying coffee houses—LA really is a dull town, particularly at night.

San Francisco has problems, too. The city—just call it that and everyone in California will know you mean San Francisco—leads the nation in its rate of suicide and alcoholism.

"People come here to escape their troubles but they bring their problems with them," says Dr. Robert Kimmich, chief of the city's mental health services.

LA suffers from lack of a central core, SF is all core: Sun-washed houses only two inches apart, lonely people crowding against each other, more unmarried people living alone, per capita, than in any other urban area.

Now the progress craze is infecting the central California valley, fertile trough between the Sierra Nevada and the lower coastal range, about 450 miles long and 80 miles wide, about the size of Denmark.

In the central valley—its cities include the state capital, Sacramento; Stockton, Bakersfield, Modesto, Merced and Fresno—you can grow anything from avocados to zucchinis.

And now they're looking enviously at Los Angeles and San Francisco, wondering about attractive industry and conven-

Commission Urges Major Expansion of Park Facilities

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SALEM—The Oregon Highway Commission called Tuesday for a big expansion of park and recreational facilities in Oregon.

In a comprehensive, 128-page illustrated report to Gov. Mark Hatfield, the commission said at least 15 new parks should be created by 1975, and 4,000 acres of land should be bought to expand 22 existing parks.

The commission took the federal government to task, saying it has been negligent in developing its lands for recreational purposes.

Pointing out that the federal government controls almost all of the mountain areas, the commission said:

"The conclusion is inescapable. The course of Oregon's recreational development during the next 13 years will depend in large measure on the

action of the federal government."

The commission said that the government spent only \$2.6 million for recreational development in 1961, while the state and counties spent \$3.3 million.

The state must, he went on, adopt immediately "a program of orderly acquisition of land before the price of desirable land becomes prohibitive."

It said top priority should be given to shoreland and other desirable lands which are likely to become unavailable.

The report said that Oregon leads all states in per capita use of state parks. The users prefer picnicking, swimming and fishing, in that order.

The commission said a program to preserve and develop the state's major historical sites should be established.

It called for grouping the state park system under these headings: state parks, state monuments, state wayside and state recreation areas.

The report urged a larger state park staff, and asked universities and colleges to set up courses in park management, planning and administration.

It noted there is a shortage of facilities for winter sports, but said the federal government controls virtually all of these sites.

It asked for more recreational work by the counties.

It said the newly created

Scenic Area Commission "should be urged to act vigorously in designating and protecting scenic areas along public highways."

The hunting and fishing programs, the report went on, need expansion.

These are the new parks that would be created by the commission:

- Bridal Veil Falls in the Columbia Gorge.
- Clackamas River in its upper stretches.
- Nestucca sandspit in Tillamook County.
- Sauvie Island in the Columbia River near Portland.
- Bullard's beach at the mouth of the Coquille River.

- Eel and Triangle Lakes near the coast.
 - Washburne Park on the coast.
 - Deschutes River at the mouth.
 - Mosier battlements on the Columbia River.
 - Fort Rock in Lake County.
 - Hell's Canyon Reservoir on the Snake River.
 - Mill Creek Falls, to protect the scenic waterfalls on the Crater Lake highway.
 - Pistol River on the coast.
 - Upper Rogue River.
- Of these proposed new park areas which are named, the commission already has acquired much of the land for their development.

'Round the State

Identical Bidding Probe Completed

SALEM (UPI)—Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton reports that his preliminary investigation into identical bidding on public contracts in Oregon is completed, and his file has been turned over to "a district attorney" for action.

Thornton recommended that the matter be taken to a county grand jury. He declined to name the county.

Thornton said he found more than 75 instances of identical bidding in public contracts involving state, county, city and other political subdivision contracts.

"The question is whether there was collusion," he said. Asked whether his information indicated there was, he said he couldn't comment.

The investigation was authorized by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

SALEM (UPI)—Jody Bourne, who has just finished her year's reign as Miss Oregon, will become a state Capitol guide on Aug. 20, the Highway Commission said Tuesday.

She will work the rest of the summer.

Miss Bourne, a Salem girl, will be a senior at Lewis and Clark College this fall.

She replaces Linda Clark, a Willamette University student from Kansas, who is leaving to prepare for a special study program in Washington, D.C.

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Recreation Center Urged

PORTLAND (UPI)—A report envisioning a 1,070-acre park and recreational development including a stadium, golf course, gardens and an auto race course north of Portland was revealed Tuesday by a citizens' committee.

The \$48 million project would be developed over a period of ten years with public and private funds.

The report was prepared by Ebasco Services, a national consulting firm, for a non-profit citizens' committee headed by Milo K. McIver, former chairman of the State Highway commission.

The complex would be developed in the Delta Park area at the north edge of Portland, adjoining the Portland Meadows and Portland Speedway race tracks.

It also would include facilities for the Multnomah County Fair and the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, a clubhouse, a natatorium, sports facilities, picnic areas, boating facilities, bridle paths, and parking.

McIver said the project would "provide a great multi-purpose recreation center that will serve millions of people annually and provide Portland with a superb sports, tourist and convention attraction."

The committee report said the proposed park would rival the Golden Gate Park of San Francisco, Central Park of New York, the Old Square of New Orleans, and the World's Fair center in Seattle.

Lumberman Offers Plan

VANCOUVER, B.C. (UPI)—Elimination of all tariffs in the forest products trade between the U.S. and Canada has been called for by the Canadian lumber executive.

President C. R. Widman of Cooper-Widman Ltd. said a "custom union" covering all forest products might end U.S. requests for tariffs against Canadian lumber.

Widman said such a program might mean some sacrifices, but "the long-term benefits of expanding markets and efficient utilization of resources might solve many of the problems of lumbermen on both sides of the border."

He said the recent furor concerning lumber imports into the U.S. were a result of "a handful of American senators" seeking re-election. Canada supplies about 12 per cent of the annual U.S. consumption of softwood, Widman said. He said Canada must take bold, aggressive moves to secure more export markets.

Farm Product Prices Advance

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department said Wednesday that farm product prices advanced four-tenths of 1 per cent during the month ended July 15.

Higher prices were reported for most livestock and livestock products, notably milk and hogs. Crop prices were generally lower, especially for commercial vegetables and fruits.

Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services held unchanged from a month earlier.

Workers Get Cards

HAVANA, Cuba (UPI)—Cuba's Labor Ministry has announced all workers will be issued identification cards in what it called a move to help them in matters affecting their jobs, pensions and social security.

Workman Killed

PORTLAND (UPI)—Edward J. Albi, 55, of Portland died Monday in a sewer cave-in. A second cave-in almost buried three other workmen who tried to dig him out. Albi left a widow and three children.

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