

Half a Million Americans Will Swarm Over West Europe on Summer Vacations

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The greatest horde of overseas tourists in history—more than half a million Americans—will swarm over Western Europe from now until October. They are charter members of a revolution in vacationing. It is an uprising which is taking tens of thousands every summer from the jammed U.S. highways and sending them by plane and ship across the Atlantic.

place of a tip. They will find cafes slowly surrendering on serving ice water; hotelkeepers still resisting individual bath with room.

Half a million dollars they will spend altogether for fares, lodging, food, wines, guides, entertainment and purchases.

Great Expectations
They will find Capri crowded. Gasoline 88 cents a gallon in Italy. Famous Oxford University only a few blocks from a miniature Detroit. The same 490-day clocks for sale in Munich as in Chicago.

Some will go by guided tour and wish they weren't being herded. Others will strike out on their own and wind up paying twice as much as they should and seeing less.

They will discover that snob appeal, keeping not only up with but ahead of the Jones, is one of the main motivations for foreign travel and a big reason why Americans notoriously hurtle from country to country. Yet the great majority will come back tremendously pleased with having spent their vacation in Europe. They will con-

sider their money well used and look forward to going again. Their numbers go up every year.

In 1953 some 376,000 Americans vacationed in Europe. Last year it was around 450,000. This year's total is estimated at a record 560,000.

The Reasons
Why are Americans in such growing numbers going abroad? There are many answers but the biggest one unquestionably is the airplane. It has made it possible for a man with only two or three weeks' vacation to span the ocean swiftly enough to see something of the old world.

Last year some 290,826 persons went by plane from the United States to Europe and the Mediterranean countries. The total carried by the major steamship lines was 325,358. This year it should be closer to a toss-up.

Second big factor is continuing American prosperity and the discovery that Europe is a pretty good bargain as a vacation land. Except in fancier hotels and restaurants, prices are well below those in the United States—and the food usually better.

The American Express Company estimates that a person going to Europe for at least a month can get by on \$25 to \$35 a day. That includes the cost of transportation there and back. That, of course, is a minimum figure and allows for few frills.

Polio Foundation Short \$11,000,000

New York — (U.P.) — The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis announced today that it is \$11,000,000 short of its 1955 goal "to carry on the unfinished fight against polio."

"Polio is not yet defeated," President Basil O'Connor said. "The most optimistic estimates of vaccination prospects before the summer indicate there will be many polio cases this year."

"The National Foundation will offer aid to those who contract the disease, as it has in the past. Furthermore there are at least 70,000 patients still suffering the after-effects of polio for whom the National Foundation must provide."

Blimp Base Use Urged For Storage of Grain

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) has urged the Agriculture Department to carry out a proposed program of storing surplus grain at the blimp base near Tillamook, Ore.

Gold Hill PTA Hears Plans for School Buildings

Gold Hill — Gold Hill Parent-Teacher association met April 14 at 2 p. m. in the school gymnasium. The program was put on by the music department of the first, second and third grades under direction of Mrs. Marie Brannock, second grade teacher.

Following the program the business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Fred Lester. H. P. Jewett, superintendent of school district 6, gave a talk on the new school which is being planned. He announced that a special \$350,000 bond election will be called for April 28 at both Central Point junior high and in the gymnasium of the Gold Hill grade school from 2 to 8 p. m.

The \$350,000 bond will be for construction of two schools, a four-room primary unit at Gold Hill and a 12-room primary unit at Central Point.

Schools Crowded
Reason for the building of these schools is the over-crowded conditions which exist and to remove the first and second grades from the sub-standard rooms which they now occupy. It is hoped that the Gold Hill building will be completed by fall and that the two first and two second grades can both be moved into the new building.

Keeney and Edson, architects in Medford have done preliminary planning to determine and estimate the amount of money needed. The building will be so designed so that new rooms can be added when needed.

Mrs. Ralph Hixon, incoming president, will attend the state convention this month at Portland and will make her report at the May meeting. Mrs. Viola Tolman Blue presented the school an animal picture to be given to the room which has the highest room count for the month, therefore giving each room a chance to have the picture.

Robert Sage talked on legislative measures. Refreshments were served by the seventh grade room mothers, Mrs. Alva Williamson, Mrs. Robert Clement and Mrs. Ernest Cooper.

Now Second Longest Legislative Session

Salem — (U.P.) — The 1955 session of the Oregon Legislature yesterday became the second longest in history.

This is the 101st day. The 1953 session was an even 100 days. Longest on record was the 116-day session of 1951.



ACCUSED of giving military secrets to Russia, Pvt. William Marchuk, U. S. Army, is on trial in West Berlin. (International)

\$1,854 Given Heart Fund in This County

A total of \$1,854.99 was raised in Jackson county during the annual Heart Fund campaign, it was announced today by the staff of the Oregon Heart association in Portland.

The funds will go for research into heart disease, to provide for professional and public education, and to aid communities services in Oregon.

Raymond Reter was chairman of the campaign here.

Measures in Oregon Legislature

Salem — (U.P.) — The House has passed a bill clarifying the state's criminal code, giving approval to a bill repealing the statute that now makes persons sentenced to life imprisonment "civilly dead." The proposed law would deprive felons of their civil rights while imprisoned, but would provide for their restoration after their release. Persons sentenced to life imprisonment have no legal existence even after they are paroled.

Another bill corrected an error in a 1947 law recently declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. The faulty law had provided greater penalties for assaulting with intent to commit a crime than for commission of the crime itself. The bill would, for example, provide the same penalty for smashing a nose as for attempting to smash it.

Six bills went to committees after suspension of house rules to speed the session. Instead of the usual one-day delay between first and second readings of the measures, they were passed immediately to committees for action.

Salem — (U.P.) — The Senate has passed a resolution calling for continuation of the study and negotiation of a Columbia river compact.

A compact between Columbia basin states was approved by delegates from those states just

before the Oregon legislature convened in January, but neither the Washington nor the Oregon legislature has found itself ready yet to ratify the compact.

Salem — (U.P.) — A bill designed to protect a city's right to levy franchise taxes on utilities has been introduced by the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

A principal contention against bill 266 which prohibits cities from levying business income taxes was that it might curtail the franchise tax right.

The new measure, Senate bill 494, specifies that nothing in Senate bill 266 shall be interpreted as restricting cities or other political subdivisions from using gross or net income for measures, taxes or fees imposed upon utilities, such as electric and gas, telephone and telegraph and bus, streetcar and taxicab companies.

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon legislators in the House have approved a measure that would give them an advance on their second year salaries and ease the financial burdens of 100-day-plus sessions.

The state pays its lawmakers \$600 per year, with the full first year salary paid shortly after the legislative session begins in the odd-numbered year. Under present law, they do not get their second year's pay until the following year.

The bill introduced by Rep. F. H. Dammach (R-Portland) would provide for payment of a \$300 advance on the second year's pay within a week after the close of the session. The balance would be paid in July of the even-numbered year.

The bill now goes to the Senate. Salem — (U.P.) — A bill restoring the milk labeling requirements of the old milk marketing administration and putting a minimum butterfat content of 3.8 per cent on fluid milk sold in Oregon has been passed by the House with three dissenting votes.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill — Marvin Throne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Throne, navy electrician 2nd class with VF 194, arrived back in the states aboard the carrier Wasp from the Orient and is now on a 20-day leave. Marvin will be dismissed from the service in July when his four years of enlistment is finished.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Jore and family from Los Angeles are their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jore, also their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith. Mr. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, Gold Hill.



JOINS CRUSADE — Glamorous Ava Gardner says, "Your money is urgently needed by the American Cancer Society. Send your contribution to CANCER, care of your post office, and help wipe out man's cruellest enemy."

Ex-Mayor Flynn Tells Klamath Folk Of Manager Plan

Diamond L. Flynn, former mayor of Medford and now president of the League of Oregon Cities, spoke in favor of the city manager plan of government recently at a meeting of some 50 interested people in Klamath Falls, according to the Klamath Falls Herald and News.

Flynn was mayor of Medford at the time the plan was adopted by a vote of the people here. He pointed out that there are now 1,273 cities in the United States which are under city managers, and that of Oregon cities with more than 10,000 population, only Portland and Klamath Falls do not have city managers.

Flynn emphasized the great savings in unified city purchasing which have resulted from the plan, and he said its greatest asset is the increased efficiency of city government.

He cautioned that the manager should be kept completely out of politics, and that the position should be appointive rather than elective. In this way there is no danger of the manager becoming "a dictator," since he must answer to the mayor and council, Flynn pointed out.

Flynn's appearance at Klamath was sponsored by the Klamath County Republican club, which held a reorganizational meeting following the talk.

Military Construction Requested for Oregon

Washington — (U.P.) — The Defense Department yesterday asked Congress to authorize more than \$2,500,000 for military construction in Oregon for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Most of the money is for Air Force installations at Klamath Falls and Portland.

A sum of \$1,991,000 was asked for the Klamath Falls municipal airport, including \$999,000 for housing. A total of \$554,000 was asked for Portland International airport.

The department also asked \$92,000 for the Tongue Point Naval station in Astoria.

Missing OSC Book Located in Maine

Corvallis — (U.P.) — A book missing for 32 years from the Oregon State College library showed up this month in Maine as part of a collection given to the University of Maine.

Librarians there returned the book when they noted the OSC stamp.

Librarians at OSC, who had long given the book up for lost, were willing to forget the fine. At the usual rate of two cents a day, it would amount to \$168.

Name of the book is "Essais Sur la Vegetation," published in France in 1809.

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