

Motel Industry Waits Record Tourist Flow In Vacation Season

Chicago — (U.P.) — The nation's motel industry, one of the top success stories of the past decade, is preparing for its record stream of tourists during the coming vacation season.

Motels have become a billion dollar yearly business since World War II and now play host to an estimated 700,000,000 guests annually, according to Mrs. A. L. Patterson of the American Motel magazine.

About 60,000 motels now dot the highways and are making their appearance in the cities. Although they vary widely in size, that averages out at about 11,000 customers for each motel each year.

Hotels aren't too worried about the growth of the motels because, as one spokesman put it, "there's plenty of business to go around" in travel-conscious America.

Paid Vacations

The causes for the rapid growth of motels are many but the main impetus was the widespread acceptance of paid vacations. It loomed onto the highways a flood of travelers. Accommodations were needed fast and motels sprang up to fill the need.

Hotel building lagged during the post-war period, probably

because of the cost factor. It requires an outlay of \$18,000 to \$20,000 per room for a hotel, while motels can be built for about \$5,000 to \$7,000 per unit.

"Many motels are now just as good as good hotels, with the chief difference being that instead of being built vertically, they're built horizontally," the hotel spokesman said.

Hotels in bigger cities are holding their own, he said, but in smaller towns where the hotel is old and rundown, the motels are bound to hurt. The traffic and parking problems, of course, figure in.

Hotel operators claim that dollar for dollar, they still provide better services. Nearly all serve food, have 24-hour telephone and watchman service, a physician on call and other extra services.

But motels are improving their accommodations with many installing television in the rooms, adding restaurants and even providing swimming pools. Motels are free of the tipping problem which is a big factor.

The latest trend in motels, Mrs. Patterson said, is in the in-city model. It offers the advantages of motel accommodations along with the convenience of their new down-town locations.



UPRIGHT GAL — Nevada's choice for National Correct Posture Week is Marilyn Spellman, 17-year-old Henderson high school, who wants to be a model. She was selected in statewide finals at the New Frontier in Las Vegas.

Pilot Receives \$150 An Hour To Study Hurricane Effects

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — Pilot Jim Cook gets \$150 an hour for flying. It's your money, but you wouldn't do what he does for 10 times the price.

Cook flirts with thunderstorms and their violent offspring, the tornado. His is the only job of its kind, a research chore conceived by the U. S. Weather Bureau's severe storm warning center in Kansas City.

"It is not dangerous," Cook said. "But it is a real challenge to move in close enough to violent storm centers and find out what makes a tornado click."

Cook is 34. He began flying when he was 13 at Jacksboro, Tex. He got his first license two years later.

"I have been flying too long to do a fool thing like flying directly into a tornado," Cook said. "My job is to learn what conditions go together to make up a violent storm. We already know what a tornado can do."

Cook flies his own P51, better known as a Mustang fighter. It dates back to 1943, but it is "just like new" and rugged enough for the job. It has been modified throughout to make room for special gear and instruments, the latter from the Weather Bureau's engineering section in Washington.

While Cook pokes the nose of his fighter into squalls, he records what he sees by means of a microphone and tape recorder. Complicated instruments record temperature, altitude, humidity, and the electric field. A 16mm camera, mounted where gun cameras once operated, further records the elements.

"It took five months of hard work at Dallas to get my plane ready for this work," Cook said.

The Weather Bureau contracted to pay him \$45,000 for 300 hours during the tornado season, roughly from Feb. 1 to Aug. 1. His main concern will be with storms in the "tornado belt" — Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Arkansas. But he may be sent anywhere in the continental limits of the United States.

Cook has never studied meteorology. He flew for the Air Transport Command during World War II, mostly over the North Atlantic.

"Flying is my business," Cook said. "This is a new field for me—studying violent weather. There's really no risk as long as I know what I can do and what my airplane can do."

Kerby Man Killed In Auto Collision

Grants Pass — (U.P.) — A two-car head-on collision about 33 miles south of here on the Redwood highway Saturday night claimed the life of James Reynolds, 56, of Kerby.

Reynolds was a passenger in a car driven by his son-in-law, James Alfred Bridges, also of Kerby.

Police identified the driver of the other car as Dale Call, 37, of Cave Junction. He was taken to a local hospital where his condition was described as satisfactory.

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Defense Spending To Remain High In View of Disarmament Failure

Washington — (CQ) — Collapse of the London disarmament talks last week helped to confirm a basic and widely-shared assumption among Washington officials — that U.S. defense spending will continue at the \$35,000,000,000 rate for as long as anyone cares to look ahead.

That is, short of a still elusive East-West agreement on a comprehensive arms reduction plan, no cut will be made in U.S. defense outlays. But an increase may not be out of the question.

Currently, a Senate subcommittee headed by ex-Air Force Secretary Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) is attempting, with some success, to document the narrowing gap between U.S. and Soviet air power. The Symington probe may wind up in an attempt to hike Air Force appropriations above the Administration request.

But any such move will run into strong resistance. At his press conference last week, President Eisenhower defended his defense policies as meeting long-term requirements for balanced forces. And in military affairs,

the President's voice is persuasive.

Increases Voted Down

For three years running, Senate Democrats have tried to give the President more money for defense than he wanted. In 1953, a move to add \$400,000,000 to buy 200 B-48 bombers was defeated, 38-55, when nine Democrats joined 40 Republicans in voting "nay." In 1954, 10 Democrats sided with 40 Republicans to vote down, 38-50, an increase of \$350,000,000 to buy two extra Army divisions. Last year, Symington led a drive to add \$46,000,000 to Marine Corps funds—a move that succeeded by one vote, 40-39.

This year, the Administration's goal of a balanced budget is shared by many election-minded Congressmen on both sides of the aisle. Moreover, the U.S. may shortly find itself faced with a unilateral Soviet announcement of a voluntary cut in Soviet armed forces. Propaganda-wise, a simultaneous increase in U.S. defense spending would tend to confirm foreign

suspicion of U. S. motives.

A year ago, the shoe was on the other foot. The U. S. had announced a cutback in military manpower to 2,900,000 men, while the Soviet Union, in the words of a Senate resolution sponsored by Symington and 44 of his colleagues, "has recently announced an increase in its armaments budget and has proclaimed as policy the expansion of arms production and war-supporting industry at the sacrifice of civilian production."

The Symington resolution, adopted July 28, endorsed an arms-control plan based on a nation's use of its key resources, and sought "to gain recognition for the principle that the way any government divides its resources can be taken as a measure of its peaceful or aggressive intent."

Currently, U.S. defense spending of about \$35,000,000,000 a year is less than 9 per cent of the nation's gross national product. This contrasts with a high of \$80,000,000,000 in 1945 (or 36 per cent of GNP) and a low of \$11,000,000,000 in 1948 (or 4.5 per cent of GNP).

Barring East-West agreement on arms reduction on the one hand, and open hostilities on the other, the long-run outlook suggests a gradual increase in U. S. defense outlays, reflecting the rising costs of missiles, electronic gear and the other paraphernalia of modern armies. But the ratio of defense costs to gross national product might remain stable if GNP continues to rise in an expanding economy.

Interest Remains Alive

Meanwhile, Congressional interest in the disarmament issue remains alive — if limited—despite failure of the London talks. A Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee, charged with making "a complete study of any and all matters pertaining to the international control and reduction of armaments," has held hearings in Washington and Boston, and moves to Minneapolis June 16.

Chairman Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) has until July 1 to file a report, but probably will ask for an extension. And Presidential Assistant Harold E. Stassen, who was U. S. spokesman at the unsuccessful London negotiations, says the administration will undertake a broad review of the U. S. position on disarmament in the near future. But the key to agreement, everyone agrees, is held in Moscow. (Copyright 1956, Congressional Quarterly)

Southern California Feels Earth Tremor

Pasadena, Calif. — (U.P.) — A fairly strong earthquake jarred a section of Southern California at 6:53 a.m. (PST) today. The tremor probably originated at about 100 miles below the border in Mexico, the California Institute of Technology reported.

The quake, which was felt in San Diego, was of about 4.5 magnitude, according to the institute's Seismological laboratory. Dr. Charles Richter said it probably was an aftershock from a series of quakes which began last February in Lower California, Mex.

Eight Oregon Contractors Prepare Hospital Job Bids

Bids will be received in Community hospital offices in Medford until 10 a.m. June 12, for the 78-bed Rogue Valley Memorial hospital. Eight Oregon contractors have been selected to prepare bids for the project.

Plans call for a three-story and basement structure built in the shape of a modified "T." Each floor will cover an area of approximately 17,000 square feet. The building will be located on a 20-acre site near the intersection of Barnett rd. and Murphy lane.

The structure will be of reinforced concrete with a steel frame. Gate City Steel company of Boise has been awarded a \$99,200 contract for providing and erecting the structural steel framework. The steel is to be delivered in September, and 49 days are allowed to complete the framework after steel has been delivered.

Exterior of the building will be finished with corrugated asbestos and glass. Aluminum sash will be used. There will be a steam heating system with oil-fired boilers. Two elevators and two dumb waiters are included. There will be a complete communications system, and a wide variety of materials for interior finish. All work except steel er-

rection will be under the general contract.

Firms holding plans are: Smith Phillips Co., Portland; Donald M. Drake Co., Portland; Henry M. Mason Co., Portland; A. V. Peterson Co., Portland; J. H. Wise and Son, Boise; J. G. Watts Construction Co., Salem; W. H. Shields Co., Eugene; and D. W. Knight, Albany.

Architects for the project are Rogers and Butler of New York city. A. D. Harvey of Medford is consulting engineer. Copies of plans and specifications have been placed on file at the Builders Exchange Cooperative in been placed on file at the Builders Cooperative.

Brookings Azalea Fete Slated for June 9-10

Brookings — Date for the annual Azalea festival at Brookings in Curry county has been set for June 9 and 10 in Azalea state park. Virgil Clark is general chairman and the festival is under sponsorship of the Brookings Chamber of Commerce.

A program is being planned in addition to flower, art, gem and mineral shows and a barbecue, the chamber of commerce reported. A queen and her court will reign over all events.

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