

Los Angeles Police Department Receives 2 Million Calls A Year

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Madison 45211 is dialed more than two million times a year to report a lost child, a car stolen or a murder. It's the telephone number of the Los Angeles Police Department — one of the most modern law enforcement agencies in the country.

Facts and figures usually add up to a rather dull story except when they are combined to present a staggering picture. Such is the role of LAPD.

Los Angeles has 457 square miles of territory. Its population ranks third in the United States behind New York and Chicago. It's area is second to none.

Its city limits encompass an area larger than Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco, Boston, Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Washington, D.C., combined. A big town with a big job to maintain order.

What makes it so tough to police? In addition to the obvious answers — a vast area, 2.25 million population and a tremendous variety of industry — there are unique features which include status as a port of entry, proximity to a foreign country, huge transient and tourist influx, and the greatest number of autos of any city.

Who does the job? Some 4,607 officers. It sounds impossible and looks so on paper. But Chief of Police William H.

Parker, veteran of 36 years in law enforcement, gets the work done.

"Parker is all cop," one of his officers said. "He's a cop 24 hours a day. He eats, sleeps and thinks law every minute of the day. He's the most dedicated man I ever saw."

Los Angeles is a tough place to commit a crime and get away with it. And the more serious the offense, the less chance you have of not being arrested.

There were 134 murders here in 1959 — more than one every three days. Facts tell the story — 96.3 per cent were solved.

The word spreads fast. Of all major crimes, only aggravated assault and rape — considered crimes of passion and regarded as less sensitive to police repression — increased by a small percentage over 1958. All others declined.

The police department is divided into 15 divisions — scattered from the harbor to Hollywood and maintained at a cost of just under \$4.5 million a year.

Parker is the first to admit the force is understaffed for the tremendous task it must perform. But getting new officers than can stand up under stiff LAPD requirements is difficult. Last year 4,332 men applied — 256 were accepted.

In addition to the vast every-day job to be performed, there were 575 special events last year that were so large they required larger than normal police protection.

What's the biggest problem? Traffic.

There were 353 persons killed in traffic accidents in 1959, with a grand total of 48,035 vehicle accidents. One-and-one-third-million motorists were cited for traffic violations.

Therein lies the problem — the only contact more than a million citizens have with the law is getting a traffic ticket.

Capt. O. K. Berger, chief of the Public Information Division, said traffic problems put the law enforcement shoe on the other foot.

Leader Training Workshop Slated At Local Library

The Great Books Foundation will hold a free leader training workshop at the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County April 7, 8 and 9.

There are many people who want to read and discuss the works of the great writers for the light they cast on the problems of today, but they need others who will assist them in establishing groups in their neighborhoods. Omar Bacon, librarian, noted.

"It has been said that what we lack in national affairs is ultimately not bigger and better missiles, but purpose. Citizens of the free world cannot look to their leaders to define their purpose for them. Ours is the responsibility for the decision of purpose," he noted.

Provide Concepts

The writings of the great thinkers provide concepts for thought that participants in a Great Books group discuss. Participants do not expect the leaders to "tell" them anything, but only to help keep their discussion relevant to the vital issues raised by their reading.

It was to form free discussion groups that the Great Books Foundation was incorporated as a non-profit organization in Chicago in 1947, and was given a matched grant of one-half million dollars last year by the Ford Foundation Fund for Adult Education, Bacon noted.

Nationally there are 2853 groups with more than 42,000 participants. Besides these, there are 153 groups in foreign countries, he said.

"In order to continue the growth of this liberal education program, at least two new groups should begin in Medford in 1961," Bacon added. Each of these groups will need leaders.

To train the leaders, the course is being offered to the public without fee or prerequisites. It will consist of three sessions and will be conducted by Robert Sheppard, area director for the foundation.

Friday the meeting will begin at 8 p.m., on Saturday between 10 a.m. and noon, and 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., and on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

During the course, trainees will participate and get leadership training with discussion of such works as Camus' "Myth of Sisyphus," Chekhov's "Gosseberries" and St. Paul's "Epistle to the Romans."

"A policeman is a great guy when he's chasing a murderer or a burglar down the street to protect the neighborhood. But when he pulls you over to the curb and cites you for driving improperly he becomes a regulator instead of a protector."

"All drivers consider themselves law abiding citizens and think the police department is there to stamp out crime — not bother with the average citizen."

Like Medicine

"No law, therefore, is better than the public that it governs. Law is like medicine — you can't have a good medical record in a town indifferent to personal hygiene."

Berger pointed out that only 10 per cent of the population comes in direct contact with a policeman during their lifetime — and traffic violators comprise 9 per cent of that total.

"Most people that come in contact with the department find themselves being regulated, they think, instead of being protected. When you stop to think about it the two terms mean almost the same thing," Berger concluded. "One of our biggest jobs is to convince the people of that fact."



CRITICISM — Gov. Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, above, has criticized the National Civil War Centennial Commission for scheduling its conference in Charleston, S.C., because the city bars Negroes from public facilities. The commission has refused to move its meeting April 11-12 despite demands from several state commissions and a letter from President John F. Kennedy.

(UPI Telephoto)

Kennedy To Spend Easter in Florida

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy flew to Florida today for the Easter week end, but was ready to return to the capital on a moment's notice if required by the Laos crisis.

The President left by jet transport from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., at 6:15 a.m. (PST), for Palm Beach, where he joined Mrs. Kennedy and their two children at his father's home.

Kennedy expected to return to Washington Monday.

Mechanical Gambling Devices Outlawed

Beirut, Lebanon — (UPI) — Parents and parliamentarians have joined forces here against pinball parlors.

A new law has ordered the impounding of all mechanical gambling devices. Parliament acted after parents complained that Nafeh (pinball) and one-arm-bandits were claiming too much of their children's pocket money.

There is no law against betting on horses.

TAKES TOO LONG

Pittsburgh, Pa. — (UPI) — Cab driver David Shevlin took so long to study the law that he broke it. Issued a summons for holding long-overdue library books, Shevlin returned three volumes to the Carnegie Library Wednesday — two books on the Pennsylvania penal code and a manual on how to pass a patrolman's examination.



POSES WITH VISITOR — President Kennedy is shown as he posed at the White House with Swedish Prime Minister Tage Erlander and his wife prior to a luncheon given in their honor.

(UPI Telephoto)

N.Y. Gem Dealer Loses Over Million In Jewels To Thief

New York — (UPI) — Police and the FBI today sought the rush hour "Raffles" who stole more than \$1 million in diamonds from a midtown gem dealer in what was described as probably New York's biggest jewel robbery.

It was the second diamond district holdup in two days. Police said the general build of the gunman in each robbery was similar, but Wednesday's jewel thief wore a grotesque full-face Halloween

mask, and they could not say whether it was the same man.

The well-dressed gun man tricked diamond dealer David Amstel, 37, into letting him into the locked, 10th floor office about 4:40 p.m. He forced Amstel to open the safe, grabbed four white envelopes containing cut and uncut diamonds, and ran.

Then the jewel thief apparently shed his mask and mingled with homebound office workers.

A criminal operating even more like the fictional society thief "Raffles" entered singer Eartha Kitt's room at the Hotel Plaza and stole \$20,000 worth of furs and jewels, police reported early today. It was the latest in a string of burglaries of Miss Kitt's property.

Worth Over Million

In the diamond robbery, Amstel said the stolen gems were worth at least \$900,000 wholesale. This would be well over \$1 million retail.

"It was probably the biggest jewel holdup in the history of the city," said Lt. John C. Cavanaugh Jr., in charge of detectives in the case.

The FBI entered the investigation on the possibility the stones had been taken across a state line. Police searched the 16-story building floor by floor.

Another Theft

Amstel, a partner with two brothers in the Ambros Diamond Co., hoped to finish counting the diamonds left in the safe today to determine exactly which ones are gone. In Monday's theft, an unmasked gunman stole about \$47,000 in gems from jewel dealer Emanuel Hirschberg just as Hirschberg was closing his office in the same area.

Wall Street Chatter

New York — (UPI) — Hemphill, Noyes & Co. says the next month will be "critical" for the stock market, not only because of the crisis in Laos, but also because the market will be subject to pressure of selling to raise tax money and will have to weather some unsatisfactory first quarter earnings.

The brokerage house says its technical studies are less encouraging on short term basis than they have been in some time, although as yet there is no evidence of a reversal of the long-term trend.

Therefore, it advises long-term investors to retain current holdings or add to them selectively and short-term traders to build up at least some purchasing reserves for going short in the event of a reaction.

The Dow Theory Trader says another day or two should see the end of the current minor market reaction. Then, the Trader says, "I look for an upsurge shortly thereafter that will approach and surpass the 685.47 high for the industrial average."

A study by Laidlaw & Co. finds that all is secure at Colgate-Palmolive and modest rewards can be expected as earnings improve, although buyers should not look for any exciting gains.

Bache & Co. says orders for power lawn mowers have been impressive in the first two months of 1961 and that's sure to boost earnings for Briggs & Stratton whose stock seems undervalued for a company of its high caliber.

HEALTH NEEDS — New Delhi — India has about 6,000 public hospitals and about 92,000 registered doctors, according to late figures.



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Fisher Agrees With Harvard Magazine

Hollywood — (UPI) — Eddie Fisher says he agrees with the Harvard humor magazine Lampoon that his supporting role in the movie "Butterfield 8" was the "worst performance of the year."

The singer Wednesday added, however: "I am a little disappointed that I did not do a few more pictures as I then would have taken the 'Roscoe' away from Robert Mitchum. I would have been happy to get it because a dark-haired girl whom I know intimately, Elizabeth Taylor, won it when she was 19 and she treasures her 'Roscoe'."

Mitchum was given the Lampoon's "Roscoe" for what the magazine called his unflinching maintenance of the lowest level of performances.

UPI's Hollywood Writer Marries

Hollywood — (UPI) — Vernon Scott, United Press International Hollywood correspondent, Wednesday married Jane Wooster, a newspaper correspondent and former magazine publisher.

Dr. Richard Painter performed the service at the Westwood Community church. Comedian Jerry Lewis was best man while Columnist Cobina Wright was matron of honor.

A reception was held at Miss Wright's home. Those attending included actors Nick Adams, Robert Stack and Lewis and his wife, Patty.

Quotes From the News

BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Menlo Park, N.J. — Robert Logan, 70, incurably ill, who was refused passage on the Cunard Liner Queen Elizabeth to return to his native Scotland to die: "I never did care for those damn English, anyway."

Hollywood — Singer Fabian, commenting on his nomination as the least promising actor by the Harvard humor magazine Lampoon: "So we've heard from the Harvard precinct, now let's wait for the Vassar returns."

Washington — Jack Kaufman, president of the local musician's union, on musicians still waiting to be paid for playing at the inaugural gala for President Kennedy: "I didn't get my money on time from either Harry Truman or Ike."

New York — Former middleweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson, disagreeing with a congressional proposal to set up a boxing commissioner to clean up the sport: "It's a much bigger job than that. I've been boxing 22 years now and would be happy to show Mr. Kefauver (Sen. Kefauver, D-Tenn.) how to rectify the situation if he asks me."

Americans Spent Record Sum For Amusement Activity in '60

By HENRY J. BECHTOLD

UPI Financial Editor

New York — (UPI) — The slowdown in the nation's business activity this past year did not keep Americans from enjoying themselves.

They continued to visit amusement parks, kiddie-lands, miniature golf courses, golf ranges, drive-in theaters, skating rinks, commercial swimming areas and other tourist attractions.

They spent more money than ever before, some \$2.1 billion, according to the publication Amusement Business.

The magazine's fourth annual market analysis showed that attendance at these permanently located funspots increased by 25 million last year to 2,077 billion. This attendance rise accounted for half of the \$75 million increase in gross receipts. The rest came from a two-cent rise in average per patron spending to \$1.20.

Near Three Billion

When other elements of the total amusement market — fairs, circuses, carnivals, arenas, auditoriums and stadiums — are included, the total amusement industry receipts last year were \$2.8 billion.

Highlights of the study point up a developing trend which saw larger facilities gaining an increasing share of business. Karting tracks and trampoline centers all showed up strongly as types of facilities for the first time.

About 45 per cent of all the facilities have a paid gate, and receipts from such admissions account for nearly 16 per cent of total industry revenue.

More Vending Machines

And while the facilities were the main attraction to these centers, the magazine's statistics revealed that food and drink continued as the largest single source of income for the centers.

Refreshment stands were the most common type of food facilities at all of the funspots,

but there was a noteworthy increase in the number of vending machines. These machines now are in more than 50 per cent of the centers.

Soft drinks again were the most popular refreshment item, with confections, ice cream, cigarettes and hot dogs also ranking high. Principal gains on the popularity list were made by pizza, doughnuts, and specialty foods such as shrimp, lobster and clam rolls.

Looking ahead, the magazine said that as the economy begins to show signs of an upturn, with the resultant increase in jobs and income, the outlook for a good year for business catering to the leisure market will be excellent.

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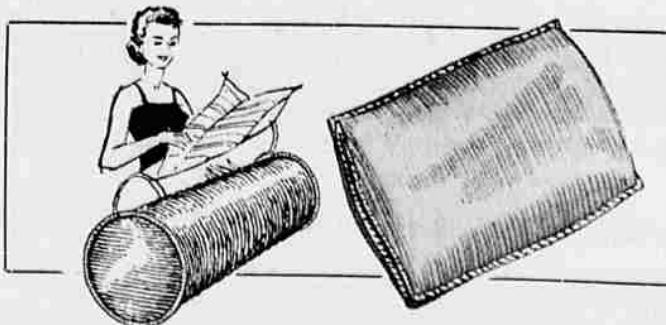
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