



WORK PROGRESSES—The Unisphere, center foreground, global symbol of next year's New York World's Fair, seems to have all of its continents now as work progresses at the Flushing Meadows site. (UPI)

Gold Fever Hits Workers on Dam

Oroville, Calif. — UPI — Construction crews on northern California's Oroville dam project can't wait to get their eight hours of dam building in these days so they can really go to work.

The workers are spending lunch hours, evenings and week ends digging through the area with everything from picks and knives to tweezers, spoons and stones.

Gold fever has returned to the Sierra, which in the mid-1800s had one of the greatest epidemics of all time.

The latest strike occurred when the Oroville river was turned from its old channel into a man-made one several weeks ago, and crews started clearing gravel from the natural river bed in order to pour concrete onto the bedrock beneath.

Bits of gold were discovered in the river bed, and off-duty workers now are coming away with as much as a few ounces a man (at \$35 an ounce) in gold dust, chips and tiny nuggets.

The construction company, Oro Dam Constructors, and the state of California, which owns the mineral rights, frown on the mining activity.

But, a spokesman for the company said, "You can't stop 'em."

Death Takes Grandson Of Meier-Frank Founder

Portland — UPI — Frank E. Meier, 52, a grandson of the founder of Meier and Frank store here died Wednesday in Ireland, according to word received here.

He was a son of the late Abe Meier.

Las Vegas Lumber Yard Destroyed

Las Vegas, Nev. — UPI — Flames swept one of Las Vegas' largest lumber yards today, leveling five warehouses and gutting a half-block long office building.

Six firemen were hospitalized with burns or for treatment of smoke inhalation.

The fire broke out at 3:25 a.m. in a small shed where power saws and other equipment were stored. Cause of the fire was undetermined.

An adjacent soft drink bottling plant was singed.

Five city fire units responded to the alarm and later two Clark county pumps were summoned. It took about two hours to control the blaze.

Lumber stacked in a nearby open yard was destroyed, but 3.5 million board feet of lumber, stored across nearby railroad tracks, was not damaged.

Traffic was blocked off for a radius of about 10 city blocks. The Bonanza st. underpass was filled with water.

W. P. LaGrange, manager of Home Lumber Co., said the safe and all records were saved. It was about the only item firemen were able to pull from the office building before it was gutted.

Three firemen suffered smoke inhalation and three others were burned on the feet or hands.

Graham Retained as Officer in Group

Robert Finton, Klamath Falls, was retained as golden rooster, or commander, and Pat Graham, Medford, as red eyed gnawer, or adjutant, until the next meeting of the Southern Oregon dugout, National Order of Trench Rats, when elections will be held.

The next meeting of the dugout will be Sunday, Sept. 8, in Klamath Falls.

A donation to the rehabilitation fund of Disabled American Veterans was approved at a recent meeting of the local unit.

The Trench Rats are the honor degree of Disabled American Veterans.

Civil Service Lists Exams for Positions

The U.S. civil service commission has announced examinations for recreation resource specialists and public health educators for work in Washington, D.C., and throughout the United States.

Applications for both positions should be filed with the board of U.S. civil service examiners, U.S. public health service, department of health, education and welfare in Washington, D.C. Application forms can be obtained from L. B. Nelson of the Medford civil service commission in the post office.

Most public booth telephone calls as early as 1900 cost a dime.

Japan To Invade Aircraft Market

New York — UPI — Japan is about to invade the U.S. civil aircraft market with the light twin-engine Mitsubishi monoplane.

It is to be handled in this country by Mooney Aircraft company of Kerrville, Tex., and to be offered with a choice of Canadian Pratt and Whitney PT-6 engines or French Turbomeca Astazous engines.

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COMBINED BUSINESS-PLEASURE TRIPS—IV

(This is the fourth in a series of nine articles.)
For all of you who combine a vacation with your business trips, the Treasury expense account regulations bring good news, for they undercut a tough law change that would have reduced your deductions for such trips. Here's why:

Before the 1962 Tax Law, a businessman who made a trip, say to London, primarily for business, and then tossed in a pleasure visit to Paris before coming home, could nevertheless deduct his full New York-London round trip fare as a business expense.

Beginning in 1963, though, the law was changed. If the total trip lasts more than one week and 25 per cent or more of the total trip time is for personal activities, then the traveler's expense deduction for his travel costs is limited in proportion to the time spent on business. For instance, suppose you flew to London, spend half of your trip time on business there and half in Paris relaxing. Under the new law if the trip lasted more than a week, you could theoretically deduct only half your round trip plane fare instead of the full amount as before.

But the Treasury has adopted such liberal rules for applying the law change that most of the business travelers described above will still get a deduction for the full fare instead of only half.

This is because the Treasury says it will let you, a business traveler, deduct your entire transportation expense even if your trip lasts more than a week and 25 per cent or more is for personal reasons if either (1) you didn't have substantial control over arranging the business trip or (2) getting a chance at a personal vacation wasn't a major consideration in your decision to make the trip. Either one is enough to get the full deduction.

To make this rule even more liberal, the Treasury will automatically consider you to lack substantial control over your business trip if you travel for your employer under a reimbursement or other expense allowance arrangement.

There's just one limit on this very favorable automatic consideration. It doesn't apply to employees owning over 10 per cent of their employer corporation's stock, or who are otherwise related to the employer or who are "managing executives" of their employer firms. For this purpose a "managing executive" is an employee who can decide whether he needs to make a business trip without anyone else in the firm really able to say "no" to him.

If you are a managing executive or an over 10 per cent stockholder or an employee otherwise related to your employer, you don't necessarily have to shave down your travel deduction under the one week-25 per cent rule. The Treasury simply says that you aren't automatically entitled to the full deductions when your employer reimburses you for a business trip, as other employees would be. But if you can prove that you either didn't have the substantial control or that enjoying a vacation wasn't a major consideration in deciding on the trip, you too can deduct your entire round-trip transportation costs, even if you are away more than one week and spend 25 per cent or more of the time on vacation.

For those of you who are stuck under the new rule because you have both substantial control over your business trip and a major consideration is taking a vacation, here's an example of how you would have to chop down your transportation costs.

Suppose John Smith flew from New York to San Francisco for two days of business. He then flew to Seattle for a nine-day vacation, after which he flew back to New York. The entire trip, including two days spent traveling en route, took 13 days. Smith wouldn't have made the trip at all had it not been for his San Francisco business. The total trip exceeded a week and wasn't limited to less than 25 per cent of personal activities.

Smith can't show either lack of substantial control over the trip or that a vacation wasn't a major consideration in deciding on the trip. Since he devoted nine days of the total 13-day trip to personal activities, 9/13 of the cost of transportation and food in traveling to and from San Francisco to New York is non-deductible and he can deduct only 4/13 of the cost.

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