

1954 Seen As Big Tourist Year Despite Economy Dip

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(For Sam Dawson)

NEW YORK (AP)—All signs point to a banner summer season in travel by Americans, despite the dip in the nation's economy in recent months.

The American Automobile Assn. says a record of 60 million persons will take to vacation trails by all means of transportation during the summer months, an increase of 10 per cent over last summer. The AAA estimates these pleasure travelers will spend in excess of six billion dollars.

Some private surveys find that Americans will spend up to 7 per cent more on travel, foreign and

domestic, this summer and fall than a year ago.

Once again foreign travel is headed for a new high. Most of the major shipping lines, booked to the limit last year during the summer months, are filled up again. Airlines report heavy business in foreign flights.

The size of the overseas segment of the travel industry is illustrated by the fact that in 1953 Americans spent \$1,291,000,000 on foreign travel alone, according to the Department of Commerce. Ralph T. Reed, president of American Express Co., predicts this year's total will be at least 6 per cent higher.

But the overwhelming proportion of vacation trips are taken in the family automobile on home ground. The passenger car accounted for more than 80 per cent of transportation in vacation travel last year.

Importance of travel to the domestic economy is shown by figures which list tourist attractions and accommodations among the top three industries of 26 states. Every state, however, shares vacation travel dollars, including the home states of the travelers, where vacation needs are purchased.

Cost consciousness is a major feature of the current travel pattern. Experts of the AAA note many motorists are taking a wait-and-see attitude on rates and are attempting to escape the peak in costs.

Many railroads are making an appeal to the cost-conscious by offering special summer rate cuts to family groups. Some airlines are stepping up the number of coach-fare flights for the summer season.

DAV Request Fishing Boats

More boats are needed for the fishing derby which will highlight the Disabled American Veterans State Convention to be held here June 9, 10, 11 and 12.

E. E. (Jack) Bemer, judge advocate and general chairman of the convention, has asked that anyone who will loan his boat to take disabled veterans on fishing excursions, contact Al Bellotti, 8561; Richard Hanson, 2-6795 or Terry Tennant, 7948.

Since most of the convention guests are unable to climb banks, concentration will be on trolling. The derby will start at 7 a.m., with headquarters at Rocky Point resort. Lloyd Timmons, operator of the resort, has offered the facilities there for use of the veterans. Local sporting goods stores will

donate prizes for the biggest catch of the day.

Saturday evening, convention delegates will be honored at an outdoor barbecue, under the chairmanship of Sheriff Murray Britton. Business sessions of the convention will get underway Wednesday, June 9, with a conference of state commanders of the Western states. Men will convene at the Elks Temple; women at the American Legion Hall.

PRINTING LAW
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate has passed and sent to the House a bill to compel organizations on the attorney general's subversive list to register all printing and publishing equipment with the government.

Secret Paper Predicts World Revolution In 1973

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress has been shown a document—purportedly submitted to Moscow by the Chinese Communists—predicting that by 1973 "world revolution will be an accomplished fact."

The memorandum, according to Senate Majority Leader Knowland, (R-Calif.), purports to outline Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-tung's program for revolution.

Knowland inserted the document in the Congressional Record recently without disclosure where he obtained it.

Supposedly taken to Moscow in March, 1953 by Chinese Foreign Minister Chou En-Lai, before the Korean War ended, the document says that "until we are certain of victory" a course leading to war should be avoided.

It says the United States should be "isolated by all possible means."

The paper predicts:
Communist victory in Indonesia in two years, with Burma and Thailand joining the Red orbit soon after.

A "peaceful revolution" in Japan by 1960 with a "mere show of force" by the Soviet Union and China.

By 1965, possibly, Communist control over India by "peaceful means," then alliances with the Arab countries and the Philippines, followed by revolution "over the whole continent of Africa."

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French Arms Dump Explodes

SAIGON, Indochina (AP)— Huge stores of explosives blew up today in a French munitions dump near Saigon's main residential section. One person was killed and several injured.

Authorities feared the explosions might go on for two days.

It was not immediately determined whether the explosions resulted from an accident or sabotage by the Communist-led Viet-minh, many of whom are known to be in Saigon. The French command put the Saigon garrison on an immediate alert and troops were ordered to return to their billets at once.

Exploding mortar and artillery shells sent thick columns of smoke apewing from the depot. Tracer shells lit the predawn sky.

One artillery shell—boosted by the blast—killed a Vietnamese woman a mile and a half away. Several other Vietnamese sleeping in a thatched hut village near the arsenal were seriously hurt.

The initial blast dumped sleeping French depot troops from their bunks 250 yards away. Two were seriously hurt and three others sustained cuts and bruises.

Seven hours after the first explosion, the blasts still continued at the rate of one a second.

DISAPPEARANCE
BONN, Germany (AP)—The wife left behind by Soviet secret police Capt. Nikolai Khokhlov when he deserted to the West last February has disappeared in Moscow, Western officials said here Wednesday.

Diplomatic reports just received from the Soviet capital said Mrs. Yarina Khokhlov vanished several weeks ago and apparently is in secret police custody.

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