

By FRANK JENKINS

From Sacramento: A state official claims that visitors to California have spent more money in the last four years than the state produced IN GOLD from 1848 to 1960.

Charles DeTurk, chief of the California Division of Beaches and Parks, said at the California Association of Convention Bureaus conference this week that the average California visitor spent \$172 during 1959.

He said the total visitor spending in California in that year was \$39 million dollars—or about TEN TIMES the value of the gold mined in the best year of the California gold rush.

He said the gold rush years were GREAT YEARS in California. They were great years up here in Far Northern California and in Far Southern Oregon. They were glamorous years. We can't help a touch of nostalgia when we look back on them.

But— If what Mr. DeTurk says is true—and we have no reason to doubt it—we have here in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California a potential resource that can make the value of the gold mined in the gold rush years look like pocket change.

What is it? It's the tourist industry.

In Medford the other day, representatives of six Southern Oregon and Far Northern California counties (including county courts on the Oregon side and boards of supervisors on the California side) spent the better part of a day considering projects to increase our share of this tourist spending that in California year before last amounted to some \$39 million dollars.

Here are some of the possibilities that were considered:

According to the best figures available, 5,038,293 tourist visitors passed through our area in 1960. According to the records of Oregon's Tourist Information Division, minimum expenditure of each tourist visiting Oregon last year amounted to \$6.24.

Which is to say:

If we could have induced each of the 5,038,293 tourist visitors who passed through our area last year to spend ONE MORE DAY with us, we could have added \$31,563,748 to the economy of our Southern Oregon - Far Northern California region.

In one year!

Here in our imaginary State of Jefferson, we have a peculiarly favorable situation to get tourist money. We are on what d u c k hunters call a FLYWAY. Most of the Eastern tourists who come West are apt to want to see the whole Pacific Coast. To do so, they must pass through our area.

Oregon, Washington and British Columbia tourists tend to go south. That brings them through our area. California tourists tend to go north—especially in the summer, which is the big tourist season. That brings them across our area.

The problem is to stop them longer—at least ONE DAY longer—in our glamorous and beautiful region.

The problem is how to stop them. That is the project that was under discussion in Medford the other day.

Is the project worth while? Keep this in mind:

If we could stop each tourist one more day, we could add 30 MILLION DOLLARS to the economy of our region.

That seems worth going after.

Car Mishaps Kill Four In Oregon

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weekend automobile accidents killed four persons in Oregon. A collision east of Oregon City Sunday fatally injured Tony Wayne Rehbein, 3½-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rehbein of Sandy.

Three others were killed in separate crashes Saturday.

Edward W. Henson, 43, Grants Pass, was headed south on the Pacific Highway near Grants Pass, but somehow got into the northbound lanes. He was killed in a head-on crash with another car. Mrs. Thelma Montz, Grants Pass, driver of the other car, was injured critically.

Major W. Roney, Prineville, was killed near Prineville when he drove into a cable stretched across a logging road to serve as a gate.

At La Grande, Curtis G. Hiatt of La Grande was killed in the plunge of an automobile from US 30 at a curve on the western outskirts of the city.

The Associated Press list of automobile fatalities in Oregon now is up to 27 for the month, and 89 for the year.

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Monday's snow level of about 2,500 feet will rise to near 3,000 feet by Tuesday night. Clearing tonight; fair Tuesday with increasing high clouds in afternoon.

High Sunday	32
Low last night	25
Precip. past 24 hours	trace
Since Oct. 1	8.49
Same period last year	5.96

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Northern California — Two or three days with precipitation possible; temperatures near normal.

Mt. Shasta - Siskiyou area — Cloudy through Tuesday; snow flurries this morning; warmer Tuesday.

JET TRAINER CRASHES IN SUBURB

Crewman Killed, Pilot Survives

By FLOYD WYNNE

A T-33 jet, flying a target mission from Larson AFB, Washington, crashed into the Stewart-Lenox Addition about 3:58 p.m. Sunday, killing one of the two crewmen. It miraculously missed several homes, exploding and burning in a vacant lot.

Both members of the crew ejected from the plane at about 800 to 1,000 feet and Maj. Maris J. Mason, 38, Blandford, Mass., assigned to the 303rd Bomb Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona, was killed when his parachute failed to open.

The pilot, Lt. Col. John Mewha, 39, of 5907 Alexandria Street, Tucson, Arizona, suffered a broken arm, rib and other injuries and is reported in good condition in the Kingsley Field dispensary.

The craft was en route from Larson AFB to Beale AFB California, near Marysville. It was based at Davis-Monthan AFB in Arizona, and was flying the mission as a part of the current nationwide alert.



THE BURNED WRECKAGE of a T-33 jet is shown here in a vacant lot on Balsam Drive in the residential area of Stewart-Lenox where it fell Sunday afternoon about 4 p.m. In the background can be seen the smashed garage of H. H. McCann, 4522 Cleveland. The crippled plane miraculously missed the McCann residence, hit the garage and exploded and burned in a lot surrounded by occupied homes. One member of the two-man crew was killed when his parachute failed to open, the other man parachuted safely, suffering a broken arm and other injuries. In center of photo, wearing a fire helmet, is McCann, a member of the Stewart-Lenox Fire Department and an eyewitness to the crash.

CLIPS GARAGE

The plane clipped a garage, belonging to H. H. McCann, 4522 Cleveland, smashed through a play house and a storage shed at the rear of his lot, and exploded and burned in a vacant lot owned by W. R. McCann, Route 3, Box 335.

McCann, a volunteer for the Stewart-Lenox Fire Department, said he was standing in front of his home in the driveway with his 10-year-old son, Hadley Jr., and Jim Hope, 23, unloading a pickup.

"I heard an explosion," McCann said, "like you hear when a jet breaks the sound barrier, and I locked up and spotted the plane. I saw the canopy fly off, and two men came out."

"The plane appeared to climb, and then veered toward us, dropping sharply. I screamed at the family in the house to get out," McCann said. His wife, Edna, and a 20-year-old daughter, Peggy, were in the house.

"The plane missed the house by about 15 feet, passing just over the head of the three in the driveway. It sheared off the far end of a garage adjacent to the house, smashed a play house behind the garage, splintered the storage shed, then exploded and burst into flames.

The debris was lying within 25 feet of another home. McCann assessed the damage to his property at about \$2,000 and said he had insurance. The storage shed had a big tent, washing machine and other equipment stored in it, he said.

A garage on the vacant lot where the plane came to rest had been torn down only a few days ago.

Kenneth Brown, 12, 4611 Balsam Drive, also told of hearing an explosion and then watching the canopy fall off, and the two men eject from the crippled plane.

He said, "One parachute opened, but the other man fell straight down."

ENGINE DEAD

Lee Klinger, 4147 Douglas, a Navy Aviation Radioman Gunner in WWII, was chopping wood beside his house when he first saw the jet.

"Its engine was dead," Klinger said, "I saw it make a turn. It was coming from the south, heading northwest at about 800 to 1,000 feet."

"I saw the plane come apart," he continued. "First the canopy was ejected, then I saw two men

come out. One parachute opened at about 500 feet, the other man fell in an arc toward me. As soon as I saw the body hit, I hollered for my wife to call the base and run directly to the man."

Still shaken by the experience, Klinger told of finding Mason's body badly broken. "As the man hit, the parachute was blown open by the wind, and I cut the chute strings to prevent him from being dragged," Klinger said.

"I grabbed him in my arms and asked him 'are you alive?' but got no response. I thought I detected a slight pulse beat for a second or two, but it might have been my own," he continued.

"It wasn't more than 10 seconds from the time the body hit that I was there," he said, indicating that the body had struck only about 70 feet from where he stood.

HELICOPTER USED

"It was about 45 minutes before they came to get the body. Within about 10 minutes, the pilot came up to the house. He had a broken arm and said his ribs hurt. The other man was all smashed up and obviously dead. We covered him with a blanket. It may not have been 45 minutes," Klinger conceded, but added, "It seemed about that long."

A helicopter from Kingsley Field arrived within a few minutes and picked up the injured pilot and flew him directly to the Kingsley Field dispensary.

Klinger said it was obvious as he watched the plane that the pilot was trying to head it toward the open area away from the homes, but that just after the two men ejected, the plane veered and dipped sharply into the residential area.

Klinger was emphatic in his observation that the parachute did not open. "It was draped over a telephone line," he said, "and it was obvious it had not opened. The ejection seat went about 30 feet away from the body, and I don't know whether he was still in it when he came down and was thrown clear, or if he fell separately," he said.

Klinger is employed at Kingsley Field where he works for the Carroll Construction Company. No one was yet permitted to talk to Lt. Col. Mewha at the Kingsley Field dispensary. He was under sedation and the attending doctor would not permit him to be disturbed.

A board of qualified officers has been appointed to investigate the accident.

Price Study Ready

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy has disclosed the Justice Department is investigating widespread price fixing in an attempt to "lower prices" of bread, meat, milk, drugs and other consumer products.

Kennedy said Sunday that price-fixing cases were being checked in "almost every major metropolitan area . . . including the city of New York and the state of New York, where rather important cases appear to be developing."

He pointed out that an indictment had been returned recently in Florida in connection with the bread industry and said that price fixing "is far more widespread than people realize . . . almost across the board in certain sections."

"It has a tremendous effect on the community when prices are fixed," Kennedy said. "As we've seen in the case of the electrical companies, when the conspiracy broke down, the price to the consumer and to the government fell about 30 to 40 per cent."

"I think the same thing happens where there is price fixing in these other areas. If we can have a vigorous program in this field, we're going to be able to lower prices in some of these important areas."

Besides the electrical equipment and bread cases, he said, "We have a price-fixing conspiracy under investigation dealing with meat . . . one dealing with milk . . . one dealing with other electrical equipment — also with drugs."

Business Picture Improves

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The improved business outlook was seen today as ruling out any anti-recession tax cut for individuals but President Kennedy still was reported in favor of new tax incentives to stimulate investment.

High administrative sources have confirmed this view of White House thinking on tax reduction proposals but they pointed out that the President was not expected to make a final decision until April.

Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon has said the administration looks for an upturn in the economy next month. Thus far, Dillon is the only administration spokesman to express this specific and optimistic forecast. But White House economic advisers have predicted a new advance could begin in the spring and was likely by midyear.

Congress would not pass a general tax relief measure without an urgent request from Kennedy. The idea behind the lower taxes would be to put more take-home pay in the pockets of tens of millions of working Americans. Presumably they would buy more goods and services.

Joint Congress Committee Schedules Jobless Hearing

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A House-Senate conference committee scheduled its first session today in an effort to work out compromise legislation on a key part of President Kennedy's program — extended compensation benefits for jobless workers.

The jobless pay measure was only one of several on which one house or the other faced some possible action this week. Both houses were scheduled to meet at noon after weekend recesses.

Besides the unemployment compensation bill, both houses were expected to act early this week on compromise legislation to carry out Kennedy's emergency feed grain program with more limited enforcement authority than he originally asked.

The House program today included possible action on extending the Sugar Act; authorizing special dividends from the GI life insurance fund; and a measure

to encourage foreign bankers to invest in U. S. securities rather than gold.

The Senate's pending business is a bill to give federal aid to states for development of educational television systems.

Other congressional news: Transportation: Sen. John J. Sparkman, D-Ala., said his housing subcommittee would start three days of public hearings on legislation designed to improve mass transportation for the nation's cities and towns.

Homes: Rep. Seymour Halpern, R-N.Y., planned to introduce a bill to give homeowners a tax break for expenses incurred for ordinary and necessary home repairs. The bill calls for up to \$750 annually in deductions from taxable income.

Aid: President Kennedy planned to send Congress Tuesday a new foreign aid program including a five-year, \$7 billion development

fund and bonuses for nations making social reforms. Administration officials said the President's message would propose total spending on economic and military aid of about \$3 billion a year—the amount provided in the final Eisenhower budget last January.

Civil Rights: Sen. Joseph S. Clark, D-Pa., predicted a strong civil rights bill endorsed by the administration would be introduced in the Senate within the next 10 days. Clark said he and other Democratic liberals had drafted the measure and sent it to the Justice Department for study.

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Budget Hike Asked

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy today proposed increases totalling nearly half a billion dollars in the federal budget for the 1962 fiscal year starting July 1.

The largest increase which he recommended to Congress was \$442,429,000 in the Agriculture Department budget, primarily to strengthen research, watershed, forestry, conservation and school lunch programs, and to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for 1961-62 losses on farm price support operations.

Other budget increases asked by the President:

Interior Department—\$40,669,000 to construct transmission lines for the Bonneville Power Administration, provide school buildings for Indian and Eskimo children and expand operations of the National Park Service.

United States Information Agency—\$11 million to expand programs in Africa and Latin America with additional personnel and increased broadcast facilities. Information activities in Africa would be doubled and those in Latin America stepped up by 60 per cent.

Americans Freed By 'Leopard Men'

By WILBUR G. LANDREY

LEOPOLDVILLE. The Congo (UPI) — Six members of American missionary families have been released to United Nations forces sent to the chaotic Kivu Province to drive out fanatic "leopard men" who have threatened to kill all whites, the U. N. Command announced today.

The Americans leaving are members of the World Grace Testimony of Chicago. They had been prevented by the Kivu government from leaving the area plagued by terrorist attacks.

The U. N. said that in addition to the Americans, six Belgians and a Dutchman also are being flown out. Other American and European white residents in Kivu have decided to stay, the U. N. added.

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an U. N. patrol which moved from Kindu 200 miles away to the town of Kasongo Sunday to drive away the "leopard men" tribesmen.

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UN Debate Set Today

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was expected to open a new debate on the Congo today in the U. N. General Assembly with charges that Belgium, Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold and Congolese President Joseph Kasavubu are conspiring to dismember the chaotic central African territory.

Gromyko's newest target was the decision by Kasavubu and all other Congo political leaders except Soviet-backed Antoine Gizenga to junk the unworkable federal government plan left by Belgium and replace it with a confederation of semi-independent states.

Asked just who the men were, Houghton said: "I did not know who they were but I had every suspicion that they were the Eastern bloc—Czechs, Poles, Russians."

Houghton and Miss Gee are accused of giving documents on anti-submarine warfare as well as a plan of Britain's first atomic submarine, the Dreadnought, to Lonsdale who in turn gave them to the Krogers. Police found a radio transmitter in the Kroger home and said it was beamed on Moscow.

PHOTOGRAPHS SECRET SUB . . .

Navy Clerk On Trial

LONDON (AP) — A royal navy clerk told a jury today he photographed secret plans of a nuclear submarine after Communist hoodlums beat him and threatened his mistress.

Henry F. Houghton, 35, one of five defendants charged with leaking secrets to the Russians, claimed he deliberately took the photographs out of focus so they would be useless to his tormentors.

The submarine is the Dreadnought, built by the British with American knowhow. Its reactor is of the type installed in the American Skipjack class.

Houghton testified his troubles started in February 1958 when a contact man he knew only as "Nikki" demanded details of submarine warfare research from the

Fortland base where Houghton worked.

When he failed to show up for a meeting, Houghton said, two men came to his house and beat him savagely. They threatened next time to get his mistress and codefendant, Ethel Elizabeth Gee, 46, also an employe at the Portland base.

The others accused are Gordon A. Lonsdale, 37; Peter Kroger, 50, and his wife, Helen, 47. The FBI has identified the Krogers as Morris and Lola Cohen, American citizens who formerly lived in New York.

Houghton said he stalled off the ring from time to time by giving them pamphlets and papers they could have obtained in ordinary publications. But when they threatened Miss Gee, he said, "I regarded that as most serious."

Public To See Missile Base

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) —The public will get its first close look at this missile and space center on Armed Forces Day weekend, May 20-21. The Air Force announced Sunday that Cape Canaveral gates will be opened those days for a nonstop drive-through by private cars.

Loot Is Problem

WASHINGTON (AP)—The thief who robbed George Triouspoulos is going to have trouble spending the loot.

The wallet, stolen Saturday, contained five bills. They were 100 ruble notes in Russian revolutionary money of 1917 which Triouspoulos had carried as souvenirs since he came to the United States 40 years ago.