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Plea to Curtail Foreign Trips Falls on Deaf Ears

Not too many years ago, only very few wealthy Americans could look forward to the prospect of a trip to Europe.

Today, with the development of jet air travel and the growth of organized tours, travel costs have plummeted to the point where ordinary Americans—students wishing to enrich their educational experiences, school teachers seeking to broaden their horizons, retired folk with time on their hands and even middle aged couples who have been saving up for a second honeymoon—

are able to take the grand tour by the hundreds of thousands.

In fact, travel agencies predict that more than 1,300,000 Americans will tour the old world countries of Europe during 1965.

It's somewhat disconcerting, now that this happy state of affairs has arrived, to learn that foreign travel is suddenly unpatriotic.

It all has to do with the balance of payments problem, which seems to mean that it's all right to pour out dollars extracted from all American taxpayers to for-

ign governments which delight in burning our overseas libraries, but that it's all wrong for individual taxpayers to spend their own money getting a once-in-a-lifetime glimpse of Rome, Paris, and London.

Senator William Fulbright of Arkansas, a former Rhodes scholar who once unpatriotically spent a good deal of money living in England, has warned his fellow Americans against the fleshpots of left-bank Paris, holding up the wholesome, simple joys of Las Vegas as a patriotic alternative.

Interior Secretary Stewart Udall of Arizona, who not

long ago enjoyed a highly publicized climb to the top of Japan's Mt. Fuji, now recommends patriotic, made-in-America mountains like Pike's Peak.

Recently, the Administration proposed a \$100 head tax on all Americans temporarily leaving their native shores. Last month, the President asked Congress to cut to \$50 the present \$100 exemption from duties on foreign goods brought home by tourists. In a mildly ridiculous venture into censorship, the State Department has ordered passport offices to remove foreign

travel posters and to cease displaying pamphlets on foreign travel.

These discouraging tactics are not likely to bother the big spenders. They may have some effect on the great mass of present day travelers whose average expenditures abroad in 1963 were less than \$700.

But maybe not. Travel agencies report that bookings for escorted package tours are running 30 to 50 per cent ahead of last year. Would-be tourists apparently are figuring that patriotism is the last refuge not only of scoundrels, but of bureaucrats as well.

First Lutheran Church Plans Easter Services

Special Maundy Thursday communion services will usher in the Easter Season at

At Green Hills

Sunrise Services Planned

An Easter Sunrise service will be presented at Green Hills Memorial Park at 5:19 a.m. by the Cooperating Churches of San Pedro.

The Easter message "In My Father's House," will be delivered by the Rev. William J. Diehm, pastor of the Ocean View Baptist Church.

The service will include the invocation by Mr. Thurmon A. Crosswhite, president, San Pedro Council of Churches; "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," Job's Daughters, Lomita Bethel 137; and scripture, Matthew 28: 1-10, the Rev. Ronald J. Fleming, pastor of La Rambla Presbyterian Church.

THE REV. Edward S. Hunter, pastor of Grandview Methodist Church will deliver the Easter prayer, and the Rev. James Bush, assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church will lead the benediction.

Congregational hymns will be "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" and "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"

Gail Thomas will serve as organist.

First Lutheran Church. The events of the original Lord's Supper will be re-enacted as each worshiper occupies a place at the communion table designated for one of the disciples of Jesus.

The services will be held at the church, Carson and Flower streets, tomorrow evening.

A 13-hour prayer vigil will be observed Friday. Beginning at 6 a.m., the vigil will continue until 7 p.m. Services will be held Friday evening at 7 with the choir performing John Stainer's "Crucifixion."

Four services will be held Easter Sunday. Worship services are scheduled for 8:30, 9:15, and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School sessions will meet at all worship services except the 6:30 a.m. service.

Both pastors will speak at the services and all the choirs will perform special Easter music. Nursery care for small children will be provided at the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. services.

ATTENDS CONFERENCE
R. E. Lambert attended the Western Regional Conference of the National Association of Accountants held in Palm Springs. Theme of the conference was "Increased Profits Through Cost Control."

GI INSURANCE
Service-connected disabled veterans should apply for the new GI insurance available May 1 from the office having their claim file. Those with non service-connected disabilities should apply either to 5000 Wissahickon Ave., Philadelphia, or to Fort Snelling, St. Paul, Minn. 55111.

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