

alphabetically by country with salient information on arrival, stay, business connection, purpose of visit, address where may be reached while here.

### Congressman Lea

With a wealth of experience in national transportation problems gained from 28 years in the House of Representatives, 10 as chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Clarence F. Lea joins the Transportation Association of America as director of governmental relations.

## DEVELOPMENT

### Immigrants Assisted

Practical assistance to immigrant travelers is offered by Pan American World Airways. Known as the prepaid clipper passenger plan, the assistance consists of selling in this country prepaid transportation from any point on Pan American routes, establishing a fund up to \$500 for travel and incidental expenses, helping to get necessary papers, and advising the immigrant in his home town that his tickets and fund are available.

### New Convention Halls

Milwaukee and Omaha have voted money for new convention and exhibit halls, and the San Francisco Convention and Exhibit News reports also that a Los Angeles engineer has been comparing SF's proposed convention center with one proposed in Los Angeles. Milwaukee's will cost \$4 million, Omaha's \$5 million.

### Puerto Rico Tourist Boom?

Simmons Tours predicts that the new 300-room Caribe-Hilton now being built in San Juan will not be able to take care of visitors expected on the island. A. L. Simmons plans to make San Juan a stop on all future West Indies cruises.

### Fishing for College Credits

Trout fishing is on Farragut College's curriculum in north Idaho. Handily, the State's largest lake, Pend Oreille, is on the school's 1,400-acre campus.

The University of Miami also gives credits (2) for a fishing course at a cost of \$35 including boat.

### New Natural Arch in Utah

A new natural arch of white sandstone 152 feet high with a 12-foot thick bridge has been found in eastern Kane County, Utah, 40 miles east of the southern tip of Bryce Canyon National Park.

### Bluebeard's Castle Hotel

Contracting to expand accommodations, modernize equipment, and increase recreational facilities, Barnett and Associates of New York have leased Bluebeard's Castle Hotel at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, from the Interior Department for 20 years at an annual rental of \$18,000.

## CARRIERS

### Mexico City Side-trip by Air

American Airlines is offering a side-trip of any duration to Mexico City for \$59 to rail travelers (Dallas and El Paso, points of flight) as well as to coast-to-coast plane passengers.

### Gift of a Trip

Union Pacific has a "gift-wrapped" order for a railroad trip by newlyweds, school graduates, etc., that is cashed in by the recipient for railroad transportation.

### Gustavus, Alaska

Pacific Northern Airlines has added Gustavus, Alaska, in southeastern Alaska to its routes.

### New Broadway Limited

Pennsylvania R. R. has issued material on its new Broadway Limited, including interesting historical information (first "through" service initiated in 1902 with the "Pennsylvania Special," later called the "Broadway Limited" in 1912) with photographs.

### Trailways 1949 Tour Program

A complete set of tour folders and new agent's manual is expected off the press this month by Trailways Bus Lines, 185 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 2.

### Air Transport Progress

Aviation Week in its Little Known Facts points out that more progress was made in 1948 in scheduled air-line operations than any previous year in history. Final figures may show less than \$5 million loss compared with nearly \$22 million the preceding year, a safety record best in 13 years, airmail and parcel post setting new marks, and air freight skyrocketing.

### Family Flying

One of every 12 passengers on United Air Lines now travels reduced rate "family plan" the first three days of the week, and the company is flying as many revenue passenger miles per family fare day as on other days.

### Clipper America in Service

Pan American's first giant clipper America plane goes in service this month on the San Francisco-Los Angeles-Hawaii passenger miles per family fare day as on cargo.

## FOR THE RECORD

### Minnesota Vacation Survey

A 48-page printed booklet summarizes results obtained from a survey of the State's vacation business. Entitled Steps

to Better Vacations in Minnesota. Department of Business Research and Development, State Capitol, St. Paul 1.

### Texas Tourist Trade

The Texas Highway Department (Austin) has released the Traffic Services Division's 1948 report on out-of-State visitor business showing graphically that it is the third largest revenue producer, amounting to \$114,528,000.

### Mexico Travel Up

Travel into Mexico by Laredo is higher this year than last, reports the AAA's Travel News.

### New England Vacation Literature

Available from the New England Council, Statler Building, Boston, a directory of New England vacation literature is free on request, covering all individual States as well as the area as a whole.

### More Geese and Ducks

The Fish and Wildlife Service of the Interior Department has announced that the continent's geese and ducks have increased, respectively, 32 and 12 percent over last year's inventory, but that coots have dropped off 56 percent.

Last month, Ducks Unlimited's trustee board met at Reno, Nev., with representatives from all 48 States to devise means of improving Canadian breeding grounds.

### Traffic Volume 8 Percent Higher

January motor traffic in the United States, totaling 27,740 million vehicle-miles, was up 8 percent over last year and 33½ percent over January 1941, according to the Public Roads Administration. Traffic in the East was 20 and 34 percent higher than in January 1948 and January 1941, respectively, and in the central United States 7 and 35 percent higher, but in the West the volume fell off 9 percent from last year, although still 28 percent above January 1941.

## BOOKS

The first three volumes in *The World in Color* series have been announced by Whittlesey House, New York 18.

*France*, by Robert Roumagnac (\$5) has already reached booksellers. May is publication date for *Switzerland* (\$4.50) and June for *Great Britain* (\$6). Biggest news is the announcement of *The United States* for fall release.

A new volume, *Sierra Nevada Lakes* (\$4), joined Bobbs-Merrill's American Lake Series, April 15.

Another fine series, Duell, Sloan and Pearce's American Folkways Books, will add an especially interesting title in June: *Niagara County*, by Lloyd Graham (\$3.50).

University of Pennsylvania Press announces May publication of *Pennsylvania Songs and Legends* (\$5) edited by George Korson, which is a comprehensive collection of folklore from one of the most interesting States.