

take place daily. The citizen or visitor may find many educational things of interest, such as lectures, concerts, readings, recitals, special exhibits of drawing, painting, sculpture, and other works of art.

*Art Galleries*—Three public art galleries and several semi-public galleries offer exhibits and collections of national and international fame. The M. H. de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco Museum of Art, and the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, attract hundreds of thousands of visitors annually.

*Library*—The main public library is located in the Civic Center. There are twenty-one branches and six depositories. This system has more than 581,930 volumes. About 2,500,000 books are circulated for home reading. In addition to the public libraries there are nearly one hundred private and special libraries, including technical and institutional. There are also numerous circulating libraries.

*Public Buildings*—The Municipal Auditorium, with a seating capacity of 9,136, contains a magnificent organ and is in use for a variety of events daily throughout the year. The Civic Opera House and the War Memorial Building provide a home for opera, the symphony orchestra, and a permanent war relics museum. San Francisco is the first city in the nation to have a civic opera house. It has a seating capacity of 3,285. The Civic Opera House and the War Memorial Buildings were chosen for the meeting places of the United Nations delegates who assembled there from April 25 to June 26, 1945, to construct the Charter of the United Nations.

*Clubs*—There are numerous societies, clubs, lodges and fraternal groups beside the civic, historical, military, religious, and sporting groups. San Francisco contains many foreign colonies where the daily life and social events familiar to their native countries have been re-established here.

*Churches*—San Francisco has about 353 churches, representing many denominations. The congregations of the churches include people of many nationalities, such as English, German, Italian, French, Spanish, Scandinavian, Russian, and Chinese.

## PUBLIC HEALTH

San Francisco public health facilities are efficient and modern in every detail, including a bacteriological laboratory, a chemical laboratory, consolidated inspection services, the San Francisco Hospital, the Laguna Honda Home for aged indigents, the Hassler Health Farm for convalescent tuberculosis cases, six emergency hospitals, child welfare centers, well-baby clinics and other health control facilities scattered throughout the city.

## RECREATION AND CULTURE

San Francisco is a city of supreme and exotic beauty a city of many interesting parts, and a cultural and vacation center for those who like to explore. The vacation experts, Californians Incorporated, say—There is the storybook part that is not on the map—the things of the city that guidebooks only hint at—small in area as great cities go, it is America's most cosmopolitan city. Almost surrounded by the sea, it's like being on shipboard all the time—there's salt in the ocean breeze, filling you with buoyant energy.

## Some Outstanding Points of Interest and Their Characteristics

*The Waterfront*—"Threshold to all the World."

*San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge*—"World's largest—with foundations of greatest depth."

*Golden Gate Bridge*—"Longest single span in the World."

*Latin Quarter*—"Spreads up the slopes of Telegraph Hill and on to Fisherman's Wharf."

*Educational Institutions*—"Few cities in the world offer finer or more diversified facilities."

*Chinatown*—"Largest Chinese settlement in America."

*Hotels, Restaurants*—"Distinguished and distinctive."

*Theatres*—"Bid you to come forth for entertainment."

*Downtown San Francisco*—"Atmosphere all its own."

*Civic Center, Auditorium, Opera*—"First city to have a Civic Opera House and Symphony Concerts."

*Parks, Museums, Sports*—"Enough for days and days for spectators and participants alike."

*Scenic Drives, Evenings*—"Stunning vistas framed in the afterglow of sunset and then, the lights."

*Other*—Facilities for other outdoor activities include many golf courses in and adjacent to the city, including three San Francisco municipal courses; a yacht harbor; and several boat- and swimming clubs.

There are approximately 95 theatres, ranging from several "Little Theatres" and a French Theatre to the theatre with the largest seating capacity in the West. San Francisco has 8 standard radio broadcasting stations, several frequency modulation stations, 1 coastal telegraph radio station for off-shore boats, and 1 coastal harbor radio station for boats in harbor.

A tour of San Francisco is refreshing and filled with many pleasant surprises. The city's delightful setting amidst sparkling waters and high hills is inspiring. Stunning vistas, lovely homes, a happy climate, comfortable living, all combine to spread a romantic aura over the whole community and lend to its distinction.

## CLIMATE

San Francisco is a clean city with a cool, bracing equable open-all-year-around climate. The daily mean maximum temperature is 62.6 degrees. The daily mean minimum temperature is 50.4 degrees. The average daily temperature range is 12.2 degrees.

The hours of fog over San Francisco Bay recorded by the Lighthouse Service averaged only 153 per year.

San Francisco is one of a few of nature's air-conditioned cities—relatively warm in winter and cool in summer. The long-time record of the Weather Bureau reveals the sun shines in San Francisco sixty-six of every one hundred possible hours.

## POPULATION AND CHARACTERISTICS

### San Francisco—Residents

The population of San Francisco on January 1, 1949, was estimated at 814,500, which includes 800,000 resident civilians and 14,500 resident military. It is the eleventh largest city in the nation, based on population, but ranks close to first in several economic and social developments.