

## RECREATION AND CULTURE

San Francisco is a city of supreme and exotic beauty, a city of many interesting aspects, and a cultural and vacation center for those who like to explore. The vacation experts, Californians, Inc., say—"There is the story-book 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 outdoor activities embrace many golf courses in and adjacent to the city, including three San Francisco municipal courses; a yacht harbor; and several boat and swimming clubs.

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. Beautiful 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 that the sun shines in San Francisco during 66 of every 100 possible hours.

## POPULATION AND CHARACTERISTICS

### San Francisco Residents

The population of San Francisco on April 1, 1950, was 775,357 according to the U. S. Census, or 140,821 above 1940, and ranking San Francisco among the leading cities in the U. S. in numerical population gain. On Jan. 1, 1955, the population was estimated at 805,000. It is the eleventh largest city in the nation, based on pop-

ulation, but ranks close to first in several economic and social developments.

On April 1, 1940, the resident population, reported at 634,536, included 630,785 civilians and only 3,751 military. At about the peak of the nation's war production, on April 1, 1944, the resident civilian population had risen to 683,340 and the resident military had soared to 103,250, bringing the total resident population to 786,590. Near the end of the war, on Aug. 1, 1945, the special U. S. Census reported that San Francisco had 827,400 residents, including 59,753 military, 20,416 seamen on ships registered to San Francisco, and about 30,000 hotel occupants, or nearly 110,000 persons other than those living in owner-occupied and tenant dwellings.

## EDUCATION

### Fine Facilities for Education and Research

The educational facilities available in San Francisco and the Bay Area cover all fields and are outstanding in the West and in their rank among national institutions. Few cities in the world offer finer or more diversified educational opportunities.

Enrollment in institutions of higher education in northern California is above the national average in relation to the population.

Higher education facilities include the public universities system, state colleges, public junior colleges, private four-year colleges and private junior colleges.

Besides the extensive research activities carried out by the larger universities of California and Stanford, a recent survey revealed numerous northern California organizations with research facilities which are expending many millions annually in research activities.

### Public Schools

There are 123 schools under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education of San Francisco, with a total average daily attendance of 84,720.

### Other Schools

There are also, in addition to the public school system, a number of private, parochial, non-sectarian and technical schools. There are several thousand children in the city attending these private schools.

There are numerous privately-established schools in San Francisco which offer courses of training in practically all phases of business, art, dramatics, and the various trades.

### Veterans' Training

Approved to offer training to war veterans under Public Law 346, as amended, and Public Law 550, published in January, 1954, were about 78 educational institutions in San Francisco, 237 in the Bay Region, and 285 in northern California. Included in this group are universities, colleges, junior colleges, high schools, medical schools, nursing schools, vocational schools and professional and semi-professional schools.

### Universities and Colleges

The University of San Francisco and the San Francisco State College are located in the city. The University of California, at Berkeley, and Stanford University, at Palo Alto, are both within easy commuting distances of San Francisco. In addition, the University of California maintains several branches in San Francisco, including colleges of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and law; and the California School of Fine Arts and Stanford University's colleges of dentistry and medicine also are located here. Other colleges in the more immediate area offering standard curricula include Dominican, Mills, San Francisco College for Women and St. Mary's.