

Labor Day Visitors Total 12,000 Is Official Government Estimate

"Skip-It" Takes First in Outboard Motor Race Sunday

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Approximately 12,000 persons visited the Boulder dam project during the Labor day holiday, bureau of reclamation officials estimated this morning.

No accurate count is available, it was stated, but the above figure is based on the number of persons actually taken into the power houses by elevator.

THIS FIGURE reached the surprising total of 7,872 during the four day week-end period, and is estimated to be approximately two thirds of the total number to visit the project.

The total figure shattered all Labor day records previously recorded by the bureau officials, giving a new high mark for tourists to shoot at on future occasions.

Crowds thronged the streets of Las Vegas throughout the week-end, with cafes, hotels, and tourist camps doing capacity business, the managers reported today.

THE LAS VEGAS chamber of commerce office was crowded with tourists who were unable to find accommodations Sunday, and were placed in private homes through Secretary Oliver Goerman. Many travelers were reported to have slept in their automobiles, for lack of accommodations in rooms here.

The office of County Clerk Lloyd S. Payne did a record breaking week-end business, with 50 marriage licenses being issued to couples during the three-day period, Payne reported today.

THE HIGHEST total for the four days was reached on Sunday, September 6, when 3,741 persons were taken to the visitor's gallery in the powerhouse structure via the elevator systems. Total for Labor day itself was 1,736. On Friday, September 4, 937 persons visited the powerhouse interior; on Saturday the total was 1,456 persons.

For the four-day period of 1935 the total was 6,115 visitors, that being the number of persons who were admitted to the Boulder Canyon project reservation. The total for Labor day of 1935 was 1,370 persons. For the four-day holiday period of 1934 the total was 5,253 visitors; on Labor day of 1934 the number of visitors to Boulder City and the reservation was 903.

ALL RECORDS for travel to Boulder dam are expected to be smashed on Friday of this week when a vast number of visitors from the entire nation journey to this area to witness the opening of all 12 valves of the canyon wall outlet works.