

**ANNUAL REPORT
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK
FISCAL YEAR 1937**

GENERAL

Yosemite definitely benefitted from its heaviest snowpack since 1932. Increased water produced a more spectacular and prolonged display of waterfalls. More beautiful and lush vegetation grew. Due probably to the vigorous growth of plant life, blooms were fewer than usual although still very attractive and in good numbers.

The park experienced its heaviest use by people. This increased use accentuated many problems, especially during periods of peak concentration. In Yosemite Valley, camp grounds and the units of the park operator were not sufficient on some occasions to accommodate visitors adequately; pressure in the Valley water system became dangerously low during the summer; improvement and enlargement of the Valley sewage disposal system is becoming a vital necessity.

The winter season, key-acted by popular winter sports activities, was successful from many standpoints, although the facilities at Badger Pass proved inadequate in the handling of large numbers of automobiles and people.

At the close of June, 1937, a total of 228,665 visitors had come into Yosemite during the travel year, 14.5 per cent more than had arrived during the same period the previous year. A pronounced increase in out-of-state travel was recorded during the year.

HETCH The project for adding to the height of Hetch Hetchy Dam was in full
HETCHY swing throughout the year with the exception of a forced shutdown during
a period of several weeks because of adverse winter conditions. Although
a large community of workers and officials are confined rather closely in
the compact Hetch Hetchy area, a relatively small amount of trouble of any
kind has been experienced. Two rangers were on duty in a public order
capacity, paid out of funds donated by the City of San Francisco for the
purpose.

NATIONAL The Devil Post Pile National Monument continued under the jurisdic-
MONU- tion of Yosemite National Park. As usual, a ranger was assigned to the
MENT area during the relatively brief summer open season. There have been no
ADMIN- extensive improvements at the monument due to insufficiency of funds.

ISTRA- In the autumn of 1936 the newly created Joshua Tree National Monument
TION in Southern California was placed temporarily in charge of the Superintendent
of Yosemite, and under his direction the outlining of a development plan for
the area was initiated. This spring the Director advised that beginning
with the 1936 fiscal year the Service would assign a ranger to the monument
as custodian. Since that time no administrative or technical matters per-
taining to the monument have been handled by Yosemite.

MISCELLANEOUS The most notable and important group to gather in Yosemite for the
past few years was the Institute of Pacific Relations. Some 300 members
of the Institute spent two weeks in August holding group discussions at
the Yosemite Lodge. By arrangement with the National Broadcasting Company,
broadcasts were made of a portion of the proceedings. Members who