

# WASHINGTON REPORT from Sen. Cannon

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Nevada leads the nation in expenditure of federal research and development funds per industrial employee according to Nevada Sen. Howard W. Cannon.

Sen. Cannon said a special congressional study disclosed that \$21,081 is spent in the

state for each employee of a profit-making industrial organization. The figure was more than double the amount spent per worker in New Mexico, which is second in national standing.

The Nevada senator, a member of the Senate Space committee, said most of the expenditure could be traced to the state's commanding position in the space effort, including nuclear rocket propulsion and engine testing projects.

Research and development contracts average \$473 per employe in the 50 states and scales down to as little as \$1.53 per worker in the state of Maine.

LAS VEGAS will be visited in the next eight weeks by thousands of travel agents who are inspecting top tourist attractions as part of President Johnson's "See the USA" program. Sen. Cannon said Las Vegas is one of four United States tourist areas singled out for inspection by the travel agents.

The Nevada senator commended the Civil Aeronautics Board for encouraging more domestic travel by authorizing the travel agents to be flown free to study popular tourist attractions. He also praised five airlines who have applied for authorization to fly groups of agents on free, four-day inspection trips.

Other attractions selected for inspection include Yellowstone National Park, the New York World's Fair, and the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Tampa area.

Sen. Cannon said the domestic travel plan "is gaining momentum every day." He said it will aid not only the Nevada tourist industry, but help offset the mounting balance of payments problem faced by the United States.

The senator was a co-sponsor of successful legislation several years ago to create the U. S. Travel Service to attract foreign tourists to the United States. He said the number of foreign visitors has increased 86.3 per cent since the legislation was enacted.

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