

period of time due to the excursion and tour basing and group inclusive air fares that the airlines use.

Mr. ULLMAN. You are talking about \$35 or \$40 a day then?

Mr. MEYER. Yes, sir.

Mr. ULLMAN. That is higher than any tour package you have. Do you set such a figure because that is higher?

Mr. MEYER. No, sir.

Mr. ULLMAN. How expensive are your tours?

Mr. MEYER. We have tours, my own company, for example, that run from \$70 for 3 weeks up to \$1,500 for 3 weeks. The members of our association would show a similar spread.

Mr. ULLMAN. What would a \$400 figure do? What percentage of your tours would that include?

Mr. MEYER. Approximately 50 percent.

Mr. ULLMAN. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Battin.

Mr. BATTIN. I was interested in the figures you used here on charter flights. You say, "We estimate the dollar outflow in 1967 on legally questionable charters was \$200 million." That is a lot of money. Those people have to take off from airports in the United States, I presume.

Mr. MEYER. Yes.

Mr. BATTIN. Which fields have some regulations by the Federal Aviation Agency.

Mr. MEYER. Yes. Would you like me to define the area that we feel is legally questionable?

Mr. BATTIN. Yes, please.

Mr. MEYER. First of all, this does not refer to what airports they might be or what airline company. We refer specifically to the type of charter which is known as the pro rata charter. Under the CAB regulations a pro rata charter is simply renting an airplane and using it to go from one point to another and back.

Under the regulations of the pro rata charter the full cost of this rental of the equipment is pro rated among the members who take the charter. This was set up years ago to permit groups with affinity to travel together for some overriding purpose, that the group should be together and take advantage of the reduced rate transportation. Unfortunately, as in many things, the ingenuity of the American people led to the creation of organizations, clubs, and societies strictly for the purpose of getting charters together which violate the spirit and intention of this regulation.

There are also specific rules about membership in the charters. For example, that the organization has to exist for at least 6 months prior to making application for a charter, that a person has to be a member of the organization for at least 6 months before he is eligible. And there is documented proof through advertisements in major newspapers throughout the country that there is widespread violation of these rules.

Mr. ULLMAN. The original intent, to set an example, was some church group that wished to visit a shrine?

Mr. MEYER. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Conable.

Mr. CONABLE. That was my question, also. But I would like to follow it up with one other.