

## Public Lethargy Blamed For Return Of Commercialized Vice In Smaller U. S. Towns

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NEW YORK, June 15.—(AP)—Commercialized prostitution is returning in many U. S. cities and towns, especially smaller ones, says the Journal of Social Hygiene.

Brought under fairly good control during the war, the record now is the worst in the last nine years, adds the report by the American Social Hygiene Association.

More than half of 213 communities in 42 states and Alaska studied last year were "unsatisfactory with relation to prostitution," it said. Most of them were close to military bases.

"Generally speaking, the larger cities have held the line against the prostitution racket. Better police and action groups, especially the social hygiene societies, have built strong bulwarks.

"Where unsatisfactory conditions are found, it is in the main in the smaller communities—from 5,000 to 100,000 population—where facilities and public backing are less available.

The report says "public lethargy is responsible, almost without exception, for the 'bad' and 'poor' prostitution conditions found in some cities today."

Forty-six states, the District of Columbia, and Hawaii "have laws adequate to protect family and community life against prostitution." There is also a federal law which military authorities can invoke to prohibit prostitution near military establishments.

Nationwide, it adds, "the situation does not present any difficulties that cannot be solved by prompt, vigorous community ac-

## Membership In Wheat Pact Voted By Senate

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—The Senate has voted for United States membership in an international wheat agreement that includes all big wheat exporters except Russia and Argentina.

Last year a similar pact got lost in the shuffle of the 80th Congress. The new agreement will become effective July 1 if enough other countries ratify it at that time. It was worked out by the United States and four other net exporters of wheat along with 36 wheat importers.

The five exporting nations are to ship 456,000,000 bushels annually to the importing countries. Sponsors said that would mean an export market of 168,000,000 bushels of American wheat each year for the next four years. Importing countries would pay a maximum price of \$1.80 a bushel; the minimum would scale down from \$1.50 this year to \$1.20 in 1952-53.

The Senate ratified the treaty without apparent dissent after a few hours of mostly routine debate yesterday.

There was evidence that some Republicans went along reluctantly with the treaty. Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) told his colleagues he wasn't too happy about the pact because he felt that it might lead down the path of trading by nations, instead of individuals.

"Even this much state trading," he said, "may call for the demand for an expansion of the system to other commodities."

Senator Lodge (R-Mass.) said he had some "misgivings." He added that it might be better to keep the wheat in this country in the form of an increased "ice box supply" of milk, chickens, eggs and other farm products produced with wheat as a feed.

## Ship Registering Plan To Be Probed

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—Chairman Magnuson (D-Wash.) said Tuesday a Senate commerce subcommittee will open hearings next Tuesday on "why the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey wants to register tankers under the Panamanian flag."

"We have received information" Magnuson told a reporter, "that the Standard Oil Company has told the Maritime Commission that unless it permits the company to register its old tankers under the Panamanian flag, it will not register its new tankers under the American flag. Our subcommittee wants to learn why the company takes that attitude—if its attitude has been reported correctly."

Magnuson said an American company registering its vessels under the Panamanian flag escapes income taxes on earnings of the vessels, can employ a cheaper crew, and is permitted lower safety standards.

"We are interested because there are 48,000 American seamen without jobs," Magnuson said. "There also are 100 Negro officers who cannot get jobs."

"We have invited the Standard Oil officials to be present at our first hearing and also have invited representatives of the Maritime Commission, shipping companies and labor organizations."

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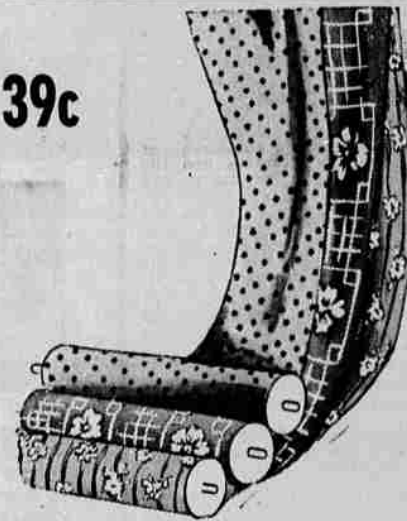
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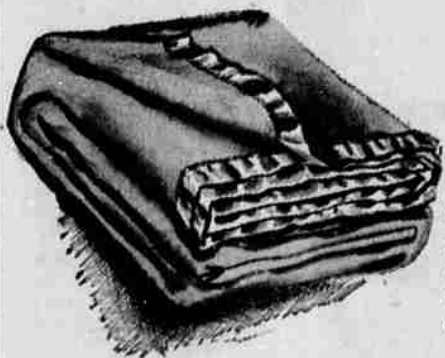
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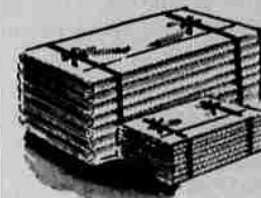
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