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Revenue Man Favors Lottery

By WALLACE C. MITCHELL

United Press Staff Correspondent
SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—V. Y. Dallman, collector of internal revenue for downstate Illinois, has been sampling public opinion on a national lottery in his many appearances on the knife-and-fork circuit through the state.

The white-haired, sprightly Dallman is widely known in Illinois and the Midwest. A leading layman in the Episcopal church, editor of the Illinois State Register at Springfield and author of a column, "Lighter Vein," that is read widely in his newspaper, Dallman is in heavy demand as a speaker. He rides the banquet circuit an average of twice a week, either in his capacity as internal revenue collector, or as a cheerful, gag-loving toastmaster, or both.

One of the most startling revelations to most audiences, he says, is the fact that in the southern district of Illinois alone, slot machines contribute approximately \$7,000,000 annually to the federal treasury.

Pernicious Form of Gambling
And while on the subject, Dallman raises the topic of a national lottery, carefully pointing out that he is not advocating it, but merely offering it as food for thought.

He suggests that if citizens see no moral objection to helping run the government on taxes from slot machines, they should not object on moral grounds to a lottery.

"The slot machine, or one-armed bandit, is one of the most pernicious forms of public gambling that I know," Dallman said. "Not long ago, an absconder admitted that he stole large sums of money to satisfy his craving to play slot machines. And where they exist, as is the case with all forms of public gambling, there is inevitable private and official graft."

"This sounds like an argument in favor of the national lottery and if that be treason, make the most of it!"

U.S. Taxes Each Machine
Dallman points out that, in his district, there were 17,762 slot machines in operation in 4,254 taverns and night clubs during the past fiscal year. Each slot machine is taxed \$100 annually, for a total of \$1,776,200, which goes into the federal treasury.

"But that's only the beginning," he says. "Experts in estimating and collecting income taxes figure that those slot machines will show an average gross annual income of \$2,000 apiece. They also figure that after deductions are made for upkeep and other costs subject to ex-emption, the total taxable income from one-armed bandits in the district last year was approximately \$22,000,000."

"And the income tax on that amount—at the lowest rate—is \$5,500,000."

Increase of Hunters Result of Shortages

CHICAGO —(AP)—The meat shortage will bring out an estimated 1,000,000 new hunters this year, the Fish and Wildlife service predicts. The waterfowl season opens in northern states Saturday and swamps will be full of hungry hunters.

The service advised hunters to first obtain a state license, buy a federal "duck stamp," and to be careful what they shoot. It also said there is a little less game available this year.

The best bet, the service said, would be for most would-be hunters to start raising chickens.

Record Exhibition List Marks Livestock Show

PORTLAND —(AP)—The 36th annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition opened for an eight-day show Saturday, attracting crowds which had not seen a full-scale show since before the war.

Dairy cattle from 28 states—the largest number ever to enter the show—were on display along with 4-H entries and display booths by many government and private groups. A nightly rodeo and horse show is scheduled.

GI's To Be Released Directly from Camps

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The War Department authorized Saturday the discharge of GI's directly from Army camps in the United States, by-passing separation centers.

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Carroll Will Fight for Defense Of Uncharged Army Prisoners

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Carroll, who said he planned to leave for Frankfurt Sunday, disclosed receipt of a telegram from Gen. Thomas H. Green, judge advocate general, which promised the discharged Army officer hotel accommodations "if available."

Army Controls
"What does Gen. Green mean if available?" Carroll said. "There aren't any hotel accommodations in Frankfurt except those furnished by the Army."

Carroll, discharged last week at Camp Beale, Calif., charged that "the Army today in Europe is doing exactly what Hitler was doing and what we went over there to teach those people is wrong."

He said there were "13 civilians I know of in Frankfurt alone who were thrown into jail with no redress and no remedy." He said he was quickly sent home after filing writs of habeas corpus with the U. S. Supreme Court for eight of the men held.

Army Forces
"If the Army can throw a civilian into jail for seven or eight months without trial and refuse him permission to send word to friends or relatives, what is there to stop the Army from doing this for seven or eight years?" Carroll asked.

Builders Accuse OPA Of "Robbing Peter to . . ."
SEATTLE —(AP)—Local builders worked months to get the OPA to place an incentive price on wood lath. OPA did, but upped the price on broom handles.

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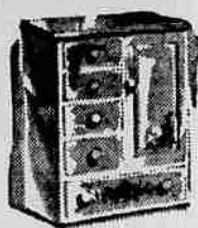
Former Parliament Member Served Nazis

SHANGHAI —(AP)—Hermann Erben, former U. S. citizen who acknowledged he was a German spy in the last war, has testified before a U. S. military commission that Trebitsch Lincoln, one-time member of the British Parliament, was a German spy until his death here last year.

Lincoln was accused of spying for Germany in the first world war. Afterwards he came to China, became a Buddhist and assumed the title, Abbot Chao Kung. Erben testified that Lincoln actually was a spy for the Nazis in the last war, although he issued virulent anti-Nazi statements.

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