

Slot Machines in Australia Blamed on U. S. Gamblers

Sydney, Australia (AP)—Truth, a Sydney Sunday newspaper, asked: "Why subsidize Kansas City thugs from Sydney?" in criticizing authorities for permitting slot machines in clubs.

The newspaper alleged that "American gang headquarters" get a substantial take-off from the machines.

Clamoring for immediate confiscation of the "one-armed bandits," Truth wants the authorities to dump them in the ocean.

"The plain fact is that the 'follower'—the man who sinks his hard-earned cash in the rapacious maw of these contrivances—has a better chance of showing a profit when he invests a modicum on the greatest 'no-hoper' that ever raced, or will race, on a horse or dog track," Truth declared.

Just Like America

It said that it was the slot machine which laid the foundations of the "colossal" fortune of the "fabulous arch-American mobster Frank Costello."

"In a word, a replica of the octopus which is filching millions of dollars in cents, dimes and nickels from the workers in America is squeezing sixpences and shillings from their brethren here."

Truth claimed it is an open secret that many clubs' books could not be balanced were it not for the huge profits they reap from the machines.

Clubs Exempted

Poker and fruit-symbol machines have been operated by non-proprietary clubs, such as race clubs, ex-servicemen's clubs, golf clubs and others, for many years.

The last occasion poker and fruit machines came up before the government was in 1939, when it was decided no action would be taken as long as they

Bureau Charting Trips to Moon

New York, March 16 (AP)—Sales rocketed today at the world's first travel bureau for trips to the moon and the planets.

Of course the first rocket ship for universe sightseers won't leave from the New York spaceport in Central Park until March 15, 1975.

The travel bureau opened for business yesterday. More than 200 atomic age pioneers promptly demanded seats on the rocketships Lunarlan, Martian, Saturnia, and Solar Queen.

But a few seats still are available for 25,000-mile-per-hour flights into space for jaunts into space ranging from 10 hours to 1,333 days.

The bureau was set up as a stunt by the Hayden planetarium at the American museum of natural history and those who signed up for tickets were visitors who came to see the current planetarium "show."

Seats Reserved

Most of the prospective universe trotters reserved their seats before viewing the planetarium's preview of flights to come when rocket ships operate on a commercial basis.

Even the possibility that a human might explode on the moon or melt on Mars didn't shake their confidence. Practically nobody read the timetable footnote which said:

"Cannot be responsible for delays en route caused by meteor showers or other phenomena."

Chloromysetin, one of the newest and brightest stars in the field of antibiotics, is a sort of cousin to penicillin.

Teen-Age Smokers Fewer Under Plan

Atlanta (AP)—Smoking at North Fulton high school was legalized and it cut smoking "drastically," Warren Jackson, principal, thought enforcing bans on smoking by students would just make the situation worse.

Students who smoked in the rest rooms would find secret places which would be more of a fire hazard, Jackson said.

So he told the students that it would be all right to smoke but only in the concrete athletic stadium. It would mean real trouble to be found smoking in the building or elsewhere on the grounds, he warned. Jackson followed that up with word to the teachers, to the same effect. He felt that the students would feel he was more than fair if the faculty had the same restrictions.

As a result, Jackson said, fewer students are smoking and the building is not littered with ashes and butts.

He believes that smoking lost a lot of its glamour when it was moved out into the open.

WALKING THE DOG

Boston (AP)—Wellington Sawyer, a freshman, is working his way through Boston university by walking a Welsh terrier around Boston Common for an hour each morning.



"FRANCIS" WINS "YAKADEMY AWARD"—"Francis," the movies' talking mule, got the business from the Harvard Lampon in ceremonies at Cambridge, Mass. The Lampon awarded "Francis" a "Roscoe" for being the only Jackass in Hollywood without a streak of ham in him.

Ashland Boosts Its Water Rates

Ashland, March 16 (AP)—A 25 per cent increase in water rates

for the majority of Ashland consumers has been given an unanimous vote by the city council as a step to place the water department on a paying basis.

At the same time, acreage rates

for farmers were increased from \$10 to \$12 an acre a year. The current commercial rates will remain in effect. It was estimated that the new schedule would bring revenue of about \$92,000 a year.

Health Unit Set For Cloverdale

Cloverdale, March 16 (Special)—The upper grades of the Cloverdale school are beginning a health unit in which will be included a Red Cross study. This will tie in with the Red Cross campaign now in progress.

The pie social held at the Cloverdale school last Tuesday evening was well attended. Sponsors voiced appreciation to all who participated.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cyr spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Remmick of Madras.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Paulson and son, Don, and Mrs. Ruth Volgare were Sunday dinner guests at the Triangle X ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bell and four children of Eugene, were week-end visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bell.

Sunday callers at the Lee Good-

rich ranch were Mr. and Mrs. O. Teater of Post.

The Cloverdale school children contributed \$3 to the March of Dimes campaign by way of a March of Dimes tree.

The Cloverdale school is planning a clean up campaign to improve the school grounds. A softball diamond and volleyball court are planned.

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