

BRAZIL GETS BLAME

Housewives Likely to Wait Long Time for Lower Coffee Prices

By OLIVER DeWOLF

Washington, Dec. 12 (AP)—American housewives are likely to wait a long time for any general return of coffee prices to September levels.

The reason for this was outlined for congress yesterday by an American diplomatic official: Brazilian reserves here virtually disappeared and unfavorable growing conditions have wrecked any chances for a bumper crop next year.

"I don't think Brazil ever again will be as big a coffee producer as she was," Robert B. Elwood second secretary of the U. S. Embassy at Rio de Janeiro, told a senate agriculture subcommittee investigating high coffee prices. Elwood was ordered home to testify before the committee. He took a somewhat different approach to the coffee problem from that of Chairman Gillette (D-Iowa). Gillette declared: "It is just as apparent to this committee as daylight that somewhere along the line in October and November there were speculative interests that had such an effect on the coffee market as to practically double the price of coffee to the American consumer."

He added there has been "a rigging of the market and we are trying to find out where it is."

Elwood told the committee there has been an "unexpectedly heavy rate" of coffee exports from Brazil since July 1, 1949.

"Continuation of this rate of exports," he continued, "would have resulted in the complete exhaustion of coffee supplies in Brazil before the 1950 crop would begin to become available for export in July of that year."

Also, he said, a drought in south-central Brazil "destroyed all hopes of a bumper harvest in 1950."

Finally, Elwood testified, Brazilian government-owned coffee supplies were liquidated last August, with a "strong psychological effect on the market."

In Dio de Janeiro, President Ruy Almedia of the Brazilian coffee exchange denied that speculation was involved in the coffee price rise, at least as far as Brazil is concerned.

"The advance came about naturally from lower production and higher consumption at the same time," Almedia said.

Rio dispatches told of retail coffee prices there of 89 to 92 cents a pound, as compared with a little over 22 cents two months ago.

Like Elwood, Albert M. Prosterman, a commerce department

Warren Aims At Lobbyists

Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 12 (AP)—Governor Earl Warren today said he would ask the state legislature for a law outlawing the "use of money" by lobbyists to influence legislation.

The lobbyists—formally known as legislative advocates—now only have to register with the clerks of the state assembly and state senate.

California's legislature, meeting in special session Monday, will be asked, the governor said, for a law that would require lobbyists to:

Register with the secretary of state.

File financial statements on money they spend lobbying.

Name his employers, salary and legislation he is interested in.

The governor also wants each employer of a lobbyist to file a financial statement on what he paid out.

Violators under the governor's plan would be subject to banishment as lobbyists and to criminal prosecution.

Past legislatures, including the 1949 session earlier this year, have considered lobby control measures. None has passed.

commodity specialist, said the main factor in rising prices is the ebb of Brazilian reserve coffee stocks.

"The day of huge coffee surpluses is over, at least for the present," he told a reporter. "Now the demand is just about equivalent to the supply."

In Boca Raton, Fla., the National Coffee association heard that the United States is becoming a greater tea-drinking nation than ever before.

And the little nation of Salvador reported that its coffee crop this year was cut to 12 per cent below last year's supply by heavy October rains and November winds which stripped the trees of coffee berries.



Thomas Sentenced—Flanked by Deputy U. S. marshals, Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (center) leaves the U. S. marshal's office in Washington for removal to the federal prison at Danbury, Conn., after being sentenced to six to 18 months in jail and fined \$10,000 for accepting salary kick-backs from his office force. (Acme Telephoto)

Salem Heights School Notes

By JOHN HARVEY

Mrs. Boyer's fourth grade gave the assembly program Friday about Christmas in other lands. The same room had charge of the bulletin board this week, displaying pictures of Christmas in other lands.

Salem Heights beat Liberty 6 to 2 in a practice basketball game at Liberty last Monday.

In the magazine subscription contest, the sixth grade is ahead by selling \$246.65 worth. The fifth grade has sold \$177.25. The total goal is \$400, and the drive lasts until next Thursday.

Paul Paris has been absent from the fourth grade with illness all week. The school Mothers club will meet Tuesday at the Community hall. The fourth grade will give its assembly program.

Schoodic Point, Me., juts farther into the Atlantic than any other point of rock on the eastern coast.

Mrs. Green's first grade has their Christmas tree up and has decorated their room. They made Christmas wrapping paper and are block printing.

Julia Rich, sixth grade, won first prize for sixth graders last week on KOAC's "Land of Make Believe." Donna Whitacre won honorable mention. In the fourth grade competition, Sally Jo Riewald won honorable mention. Jeanette Harrison won first and Mickey Keuscher got honorable mention in the fifth grade contest.

The school is selling Santa Claus pins for the tuberculosis drive.

The fifth grade is working on Christmas gifts. Mrs. Denhem, the teacher, brought to school two 1899 newspapers from Salem and McMinnville.

Air Fare to Europe Cheaper

Round-trip flights from Salem to Europe will cost as little as \$876.60 between January 1 and March 15, according to officials of United Air Lines, whose schedules interlock with those of international air carriers.

Beginning January 1, subject to approval of the civil aeronautics board, all trans-Atlantic airlines will sell round-trip tickets from major east coast cities to the gateway cities of Europe for only 110 per cent of the one-way fare, providing the return flight is started within 15 days of departure from North America. For those who wish to stay in Europe longer, there still are reduced 60-day excursion fares.

Interline ticketing agreements which United has with each of the trans-Atlantic airlines will enable travelers here to take advantage of the new reduced fares, the lowest ever offered abroad, the officials said.

Approximate 15-day round-trip rates from Salem to Europe will be: to London, \$676.60; to Paris, \$698.60; to Rome \$777.

Cops End Boy's Spending Spree

Sacramento, Dec. 12 (AP)—A 10-year-old boy was having the time of his life here last Friday until the long arm of the law reached out and said "stop."

The youth was on a pre-Christmas shopping spree in a local department store and was paying for his purchases with \$100 bills. Clerks became suspicious and called the cops.

Patrolmen Martin Relles and Otis McAlexander said they found a total of \$427 in the boy's pocket. They also found a wallet carrying papers of J. A. Morris, Carleton, Ore.

They believed his story, however, that he found the wallet in a bus depot where he had gone to meet his father. The wallet and the \$427 is being held at the police station.

Cop Punches Editor And Pays \$10 Fine

Macomb, Ill., Dec. 12 (AP)—Police Chief Eddie Setser is back in uniform after punching an editor, charging himself with assault and battery, pleading guilty, and paying a \$10 fine.

Chief Setser hung one on Carl Crabb, Sr., editor of the McDonough County Times, late Saturday afternoon. They had met on the street. The chief was in mufti.

Before Justice of the Peace Floyd Keough a few minutes later Setser charged himself, pleaded guilty, paid the fine, plus the costs and said that he "blew his top."

Setser said he was aggravated because of recent articles in the Times about the police department. The chief described the articles as false.

Crabb said yesterday he would save any comment he had on the affair for an extra he planned.

Gore Given Sweater

Sheridan—Floyd Gore, Sheridan high school Spartan full-back, was awarded a white letter sweater at a special assembly.

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