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Some in position to know put annual U.S. gambling turnover as high as \$50 billion

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The other day a woman stepped out of a telephone booth here and was arrested on charges of operating a numbers game netting about \$1,000 a day. This is a fairly common occurrence and is mentioned only because the arrest was made in the lobby of the Bureau of Internal Revenue where she had been employed for 20 years.

It is common knowledge that illegal gambling is rampant across the United States, and some persons in position to know put the annual turnover at \$50 billion. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, armed with new powers from Congress and using advanced techniques, is waging massive war against the gamblers. He believes that gambling—rather than narcotics or prostitution, for instance—is the chief source of revenue for the American underworld.

A small but vocal group of people think Bobby Kennedy is wasting his time. They argue that the urge to gamble, the desire to get

something for nothing is as basic in human nature as hunger and the sex drive. On the principle that if you can't lick 'em, join 'em, these people say the solution is for the federal government to legalize gambling and drive the racketeers out of business. Some of these proposals will be examined in detail later.

Fuel For Fire

Such incidents as the woman's arrest are fuel for the fire of advocates of legalized gambling. How, they argue, are you going to stamp out gambling when an alleged numbers ring is operating inside the citadel of the American tax structure? They follow up by telling two stories, both fictional and both so heavily embroidered with the moss of time that doubtless you have heard them:

—A man is losing steadily at roulette and a friend says to him: "Don't you know that roulette wheel is crooked?" The man replies: "Sure, but it's the only game in town."

—A man about to enter a horse race track falls to his knees and utters this prayer: "O, Lord, please let me break even today."

GOP civil rights statement says little and means less

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The weasel-worded Republican statement of civil rights principles achieved last week by G.O.P. senators says little and means less. The Senate Republicans committed themselves to a series of generalized statements and some applause for their party and for Abraham Lincoln.

The moment of truth for Senate Republicans will not come until they must stand up and be counted for or against the Kennedy Administration's civil rights proposals.

The Republican Party position on the issue of civil rights will not be fixed, however, until the Republicans have nominated a presidential candidate and the nominee says where he stands. But the nominee's stand won't mean anything, either, unless he is a man of courage.

There will be a Republican platform, of course, and a Democratic platform, too. But platforms are shady documents written more to appease pressure groups and to gull the voters than to commit the party to any course of action whatever.

Platforms A Sham

Party platforms have come to be both a shame and a sham, conceived in conspiracy to delude and defraud the voters. If this were not true the civil rights showdown now approaching in Congress would have taken place during the first weeks of the Kennedy Administration. Both parties wrote into their 1960 platforms noisy claims of undying love and understanding for the Negro and his problems.

The Democrats out-promised the Republicans on civil rights, words being cheap and the Northern Negro vote being necessary to the reborn Democratic Party if it hopes to elect a president of the United States. It did not occur to the Senate Republicans last week to refer to their own 1960 Republican platform for a statement of civil rights pledges.

There are three or four pages of civil rights pledges and principles in the Republican platform, the lot having proved to be worth somewhat less than the paper it is printed on. So long as the voters are willing to accept campaign promises but do not compel performance after the election, politicians of both parties will continue to defraud the citizens by making promises they have no intention of keeping.

Campaign Pledges Ignored

A lot of presidential campaign oratory is the same kind of political guff. But a presidential candidate is available to be challenged after a political campaign. He can be cornered and his campaign baloney can be repeated to him. This happened once to the late Wendell L. Willkie after he was defeated in 1940 for the presidency. In a Senate committee hearing, Willkie was confronted with some choice passages of his campaign speeches and asked for comment.

"That was just campaign oratory," Willkie replied, and no one in the room or in the nation was either surprised or outraged.

So it is with civil rights. Senate Republicans came up with a lot of double talk in the form of a statement of civil rights principles. But they ignored wholly their own party's civil rights pledges in the 1960 platform.

Brings Bitterness

The Democrats under President Kennedy suddenly have discovered a civil rights crisis in the United States. So, they decide that the emergency required them to make good on some of the 1960 platform promises they so happily made to win Negro votes in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and elsewhere.

Playing politics with civil rights has become a Republican and Democratic way of life. The shameful way in which the game is played probably contributes more than any other factor to the bitterness and anger on both sides, North and South.

MINES SHOW PROFIT

LONDON (UPI) — The government-owned British coal mines made a profit last year for the first time in six years, it was announced Sunday.

Lord Roberts, chairman of the National Coal Board, said the mines earned \$4.2 million.

Kuldip Singh has returned to movietown

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HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Kuldip Singh is back in movietown.

If this news is something less than startling, it is well to remember that he flared to brief fame four years ago after an appearance on Groucho Marx' old show, "You Bet Your Life."

Kuldip (pronounced cool-dip) is a native of India and a practicing Hindu.

Neither of these facts prevented him from becoming a singer. However, his parents figured singing in American night clubs was somehow beneath a well-bred Indian boy, so he returned home.

Thereafter, according to Kuldip, he studied medicine at the University of Bombay and is a licensed physician in India—at the startling age of 23.

"We have a different educational system in India," he explained.

"We go straight from what you call high school here into four years of medical school and skip the four year pre-med courses."

That may satisfy the county medical people in Bombay and points south, but it doesn't cut the mustard in Los Angeles.

Kuldip, for all his medical skill, can't practice here.

In order to do so he would have to become a bronze-skinned version of Drs. Kildare and Casey, first undergoing an internship and a residency before practicing brain surgery, or whatever, in this country. But Kuldip does not thirst for the scalpel.

He still wants to be a pop singer.

"There never has been a Hindu singer recognized throughout the world," he pointed out. "There have been African, European, American and Japanese singers, but no Indians of renown."

"I would like to be the first to represent my country in this field."

As a starter Kuldip (whose real name is considerably longer and terrifyingly complicated) will play the male lead in "Flower Drum Song" when it opens in San Diego this July.

"It is a beginning," said the Indian youth. "After that I hope to make some guest shots on television."

Kuldip's desire to become a singer isn't altogether altruistic. He wants to build up a nest-egg against the time when he may decide to become an intern in the United States.

"The pay is only \$90 a month," he explained. "I hope to build up enough money in reserve to take care of myself."

"I am confident that I could be as good a doctor as I am a singer. I have a 3½ octave range in singing, which is unusual these days."

Unusual is hardly the word. Very few doctors, including Kildare and Casey can lay claim to a 3½-octave range. In fact, they're lucky to have put out albums at all.

10 hospitalized in explosion

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla.

(UPI)—Ten persons were hospitalized and 26 others received minor injuries Sunday night when several hot water pipes in a crowded restaurant exploded.

A hospital spokesman said one of the injured, Mrs. Wade Hopkins, was in critical condition suffering from nine broken ribs and a crushed shoulder bone.

Police said the explosion ripped a gaping hole in the wall of the Bradford House restaurant and spewed hot water and debris on the 100 customers in the main dining room.

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