

'Gamblers Anonymous' in many big cities last refuge of the compulsive gambler

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—Telephone directories in many big American cities have a listing of "Gamblers Anonymous." This organization is the last refuge of the compulsive gambler, the man in whom the urge to gamble has become so strong that he is a psychiatric case.

The other day I looked up Gamblers Anonymous in the Washington telephone book and dialed Regent 7-6800. Ninety minutes later I was sitting in a parked car talking to a compulsive gambler who found his own salvation while poised on the dark brink of suicide.

The "anonymous" in gamblers anonymous means that it says. No member of the organization is allowed to reveal his identity or that of any other member in a newspaper story, a magazine article or a television broadcast. They are trying to make new lives for themselves, many of them hold good jobs and they don't want anybody to rake up the past and use it against them.

"Just call me Ed W.," said the man sitting next to me in the parked car. "I know I'm cured now and it wouldn't hurt me personally to be identified, but it's the rule of our organization."

"I'm retired now and have a small income. But I'm still paying off my gambling debts so I've taken a part-time selling job. I

might as well be frank about it. I was a compulsive gambler for 30 years. Any kind of gambling. Horses, craps, cards, roulette, but mostly at the horse tracks. I don't think I missed a track in the United States, and I figured out the other day that I must have lost between \$75,000 and \$100,000. "Anyway, a couple of years ago I owed about \$10,000. I had done everything. Sold my war bonds, borrowed from the banks, put my life insurance in hook.

Blaze claims lives of seven

VASHON, Wash. (UPI)—Cecil Landers, 40, and his six children died early today when a flash fire leveled a two-story dwelling in this island community near Seattle.

Landers' wife, Eleanor, 36, was hospitalized with burns over 90 per cent of her body. Her condition was described by attendants as "extremely grave."

The children were identified as Kathy, 12; Michael, 10; William, 9; Terry, 8; Patricia, 6, and Beverly, 3.

Volunteer firemen said Mrs. Landers apparently had managed to crawl from the house to the family automobile where she hooked the car's horn until she attracted the attention of neighbors who turned in the alarm.

The blaze, of unknown origin, broke out about 3 a.m. A volunteer fire department was alerted. However, Ray Campbell of the volunteer unit, said the home was leveled by the time firemen arrived.

Woman killed

SALEM (UPI)—Mrs. Pearl Yates, 66, Gervais, was killed when her car collided with a truck-trailer about 10 miles north of here Tuesday.

The accident occurred near the intersection of U.S. Highway 99E and Hopmer Road near Brooks. Lyle Fulgham of Portland, the driver of the truck, suffered minor injuries.

"Sometimes you win, but most of the time you lose. Once I had a big day at the Pimlico track and won \$6,000. I owed money all over the place, but it never occurred to me to settle up with my creditors. I was saving that \$6,000 to gamble some more and eventually my bookie got all of it. I lost it all in four days.

"That was my last stop. I began to develop suicidal tendencies. There wasn't much communication between me and my wife. I went to a clergyman and a doctor, but they didn't seem to help much. Then one day my wife was reading in a magazine, something about gambling called "A Tiger On His Back," and it told about Gamblers Anonymous.

Cured On The Spot

"She called them up and took me to a meeting. I listened to those men tell about their troubles. Don't ask me to explain how it happened but right there in that meeting I got cured. I haven't touched a card or been to a race track since. I'm still in debt for about \$5,000—this car isn't even fully paid for—but I'm cutting down the debt all the time. And, brother, do I feel like a new man. I'm really living now for the first time. As long as I live I'll never forget April 6, 1962. That's the day my wife took me to Gamblers Anonymous."

Psychiatrists know compulsive gamblers are sick men and they have all sorts of fancy names and explanations for the ailment. Ed W., doesn't know about those things, and his explanation is simple: "You just don't give a damn about anything except gambling. Day and night it's the only thing on your mind and nothing else matters."

National headquarters for Gamblers Anonymous is in Los Angeles (Address: P.O. Box 17173), and it was founded in 1957 by Jim W., who previously had been a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. There are no dues and the organization exists entirely on voluntary donations. A financial statement for last February showed expenses of \$747.67, which left the headquarters \$300.42 in the red for the month.

(Tomorrow: The fixers and the odds against the player.)



TIME OUT—President Kennedy takes a moment to light a cigar during review of maneuvers from flight deck of the carrier USS Kitty Hawk, off the coast of southern California. At left, with binoculars: California's governor, Edmund G. Brown.

JFK asks support for racial Golden Rule to snuff 'fires of frustration, discord'

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy sought national support today for a racial Golden Rule to put out "fires of frustration and discord" among Negroes by guaranteeing them full equality from lunch counter to polling place.

Warning that there is "a rising tide of discontent that threatens the public safety," Kennedy declared in a radio-television address Tuesday night that "we face...a moral crisis as a country and as a people."

"It cannot be met by repressive police action," he said. "It cannot be left to increased demonstrations in the streets. It cannot be quieted by token moves or talk. It is a time to act in the Congress, in your state and local legislative body and, above all, in all of our daily lives."

Readies New Legislation

To carry out his aims, Kennedy said he will send to Congress next week legislation which for the first time in this century would commit this country to the idea that "race has no place in American life or American law."

In a near-paraphrase of the Biblical Golden Rule, the Chief Executive said: "Every American ought to have the right to be treated as he would wish to be treated, as one would wish his children to be treated."

Kennedy spoke from his White House office shortly after he had federalized the Alabama National Guard to enforce integration of the state university. There were these immediate results:

—Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield and other administration backers accepted Kennedy's legislative challenge. Southerners in Congress rejected it.

—Negro leader Martin Luther King Jr. called Kennedy's address "a landmark in the annals of American history...one of the most eloquent, profound and unequivocal pleas for justice and the freedom of all men ever made by a president."

—Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), said Kennedy should have gone further but had given "forthright support to and encouraged those Americans who want to eliminate racial discrimination."

Southern senators are expected to filibuster against Kennedy's civil rights legislation. Whether the legislation can overcome such an attack depends on how much support it gets from Republicans, most of whom were reluctant to commit themselves until they see the bills.

For Kennedy, it was a dramatic summation in public of the many pressures that have built up since race riots in Birmingham, Ala., kindled a burgeoning Negro drive for "freedom"—now, not later.

"My fellow Americans, this is a problem which faces us all—in every city of the North as well as the South," Kennedy said in an unwritten finale to his carefully prepared text.

Kennedy appealed to Americans "to move ahead and to provide the kind of equality of treat-

ment which we would want ourselves."

Cannot Be Ignored

"Now the time has come for this nation to fulfill its promises," Kennedy declared. "The events in Birmingham and elsewhere have so increased the cries for equality that no city or state or legislative body can prudently choose to ignore them."

"The fires of frustration and discord are burning in every city. North and South, where legal remedies are not at hand. Redress is sought in the streets, in demonstrations, parades and protests which create tensions and threaten violence and threaten lives..."

"The fact that we face a great change is at hand, and our task, our obligation, is to make that revolution, that change, peaceful and constructive for all."

Cotton carryover forecast at over 11 million bales

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department predicted the cotton carryover on Aug. 1 would total about 11.7 million bales.

This surplus to be carried into the 1963-64 marketing year is a half million bales more than the agency estimated barely two months ago. It is 3.3 million bales more than on Aug. 1, 1962, and the largest since the carryover of 11.3 million bales in 1957. The record-high carryover was 14.5 million bales on Aug. 1, 1956.

In a review of the cotton situation, the Department said the estimated sharp increase in carryover reflects a large crop in 1962 and a sharp decline in consumption. Domestic mills are expected to consume about 8.3 million bales in 1962-63, down 700,000 bales from 1961-62. Exports during the current season are expected to be about 3.5 million bales, down from the 4.9 million bales of 1961-62 and the smallest since the 2.8 million bales sold abroad in 1938-39.

The 1962 cotton crop of 14,862,180 bales was the largest since 1953. And more than a half mil-

lion bales larger than the 1961 crop. The 1962 crop was harvested on 65,000 acres fewer than the 1961 crop. The yield of the 1962 crop was 457 pounds of lint per acre. Compared with 438 pounds in 1961. The record-high yield was 466 pounds in 1958.

Stocks of cotton held by the Commodity Credit Corp. totaled slightly more than 9 million bales on May 17. This compares with 5.2 million bales held a year earlier.

The government's investment in price-supported commodities totaled \$7,859,606,501 as of April 30, according to the Agriculture Department.

The investment was \$205.7 million below that of a month earlier, but \$776 million greater than that of a year earlier.

The April 30 investment was made up of \$5,204,243,439 in commodities owned outright by the Commodity Credit Corp., and \$2,655,363,062 in outstanding loans on farm products still held by producers.

One GI killed in truck crash

DARMSTADT, Germany (UPI)—A U.S. Army truck loaded with GI's crashed into a bridge near here early today and burst into flames, killing one American and injuring five, West German police reported.

An Army spokesman said the truck hit the bridge abutment when the driver lost control. The vehicle's gas tank burst into flames on impact.

The dead man was identified as S-Sgt. Chester Reszka, 37, who was born in Europe and had no home in the United States.

The injured men were identified as Pfc. John H. Large, 20, of Portsmouth, Va., the driver, who was severely burned; Pfc. Lothar Heinlein, 18, Worth, Ill.; Pfc. William Bagley, 20, Rockville, Conn.; Spec. 4 James A. McGirt, 30, Maxton, N. C.; and Spec. 4 William Menden, 30, Springfield, Mo. The latter four were injured when they were thrown from the truck by the impact.

CANDIDATES NAMED

SALEM (UPI)—Candidates for mythical constitutional officers were selected today by the 260 delegates attending the annual Girls State assembly here.

Candidates for governor are Cynthia Jean Harless, Klamath Falls, and Sandra Irving, Medford.

The girls were to elect legislators this afternoon, and vote for top state officers Thursday.

Maugham case heard in secret

NICE, France (UPI)—A three-judge French court heard arguments in secret for four hours without decision today on whether British socialite Lady John Hope is the legal daughter of millionaire author W. Somerset Maugham.

The judges then took the case under advisement without announcing any date for a decision. Court sources said the judges might take at least a month before rendering their verdict.

Because of the complicated legal nature of the various issues put before them, the judges decided to consider all aspects of the case.

The court sources said their reply probably simply will be a decision on Lady Hope's claim to be Maugham's legal daughter, from which consideration of other issues in the legal wrangle would stem.

Attorneys for Lady Hope, 49, opened today's proceedings by asking the court to declare illegal the author's adoption of his late secretary, Alan Searle, 58, last year. Maugham is 89.

After the first few minutes, the judges ordered the room cleared of spectators. The action came before Maugham's lawyers had a chance to argue that gifts he had showered on Lady Hope should be returned.

Lady Hope showed up in the courtroom this morning for the

first act of the legal drama. Maugham, who lives in a villa in nearby St. Jean Cap Ferrat, did not.

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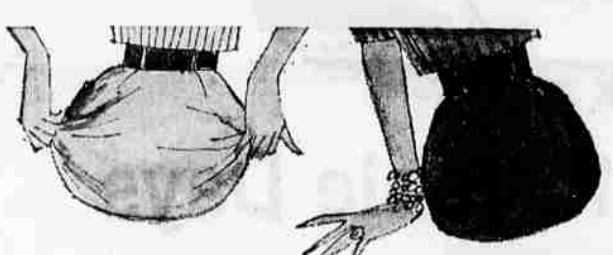
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