Police Cruisers Give Smugglers Hard Time

Oslo—(U.P.)—Three new police cruisers have been stationed in the mouth of the Oslo fjord to give alcohol smugglers a hard time.

The number of smugglers—profiteering highly on the sky-rocketing prices on all kinds of wine and brandy in Norway—has increased heavily during recent months, police claim.

Only a small percentage of the smugglers have been caught, owing to the modern methods they are using and the old-fashioned methods employed by customs and police officials.

Now, this is being changed. The water police force is slowly but surely catching up with the law breakers, even if the improvement does not come with the speed they could wish. Lack of funds is still a handicap.

Sources here, who do not want to be identified, claim that an increasing number of Dutch and West German freight vessels engage in the smuggling in Scandinavian waters.

From these vessels, watertight containers filled with alcohol are dropped in the Norwegian fjords it is claimed. They are fished out later by the Norwegian contacts of the foreigners.

The alcohol is believed to come mostly from Baltic ports behind the Iron Curtain.

The smuggling of alcohol into Norway has taken such proportions, recent statistics show, that court of justice actions against smugglers this year show the highest number since 1927, the last year of the prohibition period in Norway.

Traverse City, Mich.— (U.P.)—William Grant was drinking coffee with friends before leaving a friend's house to go deer hunting. Glancing out of the window, Grant saw a large buck grazing in the backyard. He bagged it.

Shot at Pheasant Fells Two Others

Hillsdale, Mich. — (U.P.) — Charles Rosetti tip-toed back into his kitchen and grabbed his shotgun after he walked out on his back porch and spotted a plump pheasant perched atop a trash pile.

He stepped quietly back onto the porch and fired a blast at the bird.

The pheasant, hit by a charge, fell off the trash pile and lay dead. When Rosetti approached, a second pheasant that had been hit by the pellets tried to fly away but fell to the ground.

While walking back to the porch with the two birds, Rosetti saw a third pheasant, also wounded, scamper through the brush and disappear.

"I hated to leave a wounded bird," Rosetti said. 'But I had my two anyhow.' "

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SCIENCE AT WORK

United Press Science Editor By DELOS SMITH

New York—(U.P.)—Americans are concerned with family life—the United States is "an extremely family-minded nation." Yet Americans have lost a "native or cultural wisdom" in their family affairs; they now find it hard to decide what is right and what is wrong in family relations.

This is the opinion of Dr. John P. Spiegel, social relations scientist of Harvard, who added that the "scientific specialist" isn't being of much help when people turn to him for help, which they do naturally, since this is "a nation impressed with the benefits of science."

"For example," he said, "mothers are likely to be warned by one group of experts to avoid rejecting their children, to be warm, loving and permissive toward their needs. But they are frequently warned by another group, representing the love-is-not-enough school of thought, that they must be firm and consistent in setting limits for the child. The distracted mother is then hard-pressed to determine the dividing line between rejecting her child and setting limits for him, and is apt to feel guilty no matter what she does."

German Comparison

Not that there is anything wrong with the conceptions represented by such phrases as "emotional maturity" and "inter-personal security;" indeed, they're most scientific, he continued. The trouble is that the basis for judging between maturity and immaturity and security and insecurity is a matter for each individual to decide for himself. "Even the most impartial observer therefore can invade the judgment of appropriateness.

"It is well known that the role of the German hausfrau is unlike that of the modern American career wife and is judged by different standards," he said. "But this general insight can be transformed into a scientific proposition if the values governing the various roles in the family are singled out and then compared for compatibility or incompatibility."

This would not decide "that the German hausfrau is 'right' and therefore 'emotionally mature' in her behavior, whereas the American career wife is over-competitive and therefore 'insecure.' On the contrary, it merely asks whether the value emphasis on competition prestige and achievement in the role of the American wife is harmonious with the other roles she is asked to play, particularly in relation to her husband and children."

Equality Stressed

He complained that such analyses "of the compatibility in values" has not been carried out in America —"there have been only the most tentative starts in this direction." But the work should be done because "it seems fairly evident the mature science of healthy, well-adjusted behavior will require a full investigation of the entire range of transactions involved in domestic and family relations.

Another of his examples of America's troubles in the family was this: "The model middle-class family stresses the autonomy, independence and individuality of every member. The wife is on equal terms with the husband . . . The children have as much right to be heard as anyone else . . . These values may throw a mother into much conflict with a mother-in-law whose understanding is that children should be seen but not heard and a wife subservient to her husband's wishes. Furthermore, being older, wiser and more experienced in life, the mother-in-law may believe, quite logically, that her advice and opinion on these matters should prevail . . . If the husband is then called upon to referee this dispute, he is thrown into an emotional conflict" from which there is no escape—unless he sides either with wife or mother.

Dr. Spiegel stated his views in a lecture at a recent meeting of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

15-Year-Old Building Private Observatory

Bucyrus, O.—(U.P.)—A private observatory costing an estimated $100,000 is under construction here in the backyard of a 15-year-old boy who follows astronomy "merely as a hobby."

The observatory is being built for Charles Reid Michael, high school sophomore and honor student, by his father, Walter J. Michael, president of the Ohio Locomotive Crane Co. It is expected to be finished in January.

The round-domed building itself will be about the same size as Ohio Wesleyan University's Perkins Observatory, one of the largest east of the Mississippi River.

However, the custom-built telescope will be only a 12-inch one compared to Ohio Weslayan's 69-inch reflector. A German firm will supply the lens. In the building will be an extensive library on astronomical subjects.

According to Mrs. Michael Charles has never had any formal instruction in astronomy but has conducted a thorough study on his own.

His parents have encouraged him in his interest. During the July 4 eclipse, they drove him more than a thousand miles to a point on Lake Superior so he could use his present three-inch telescope to best advantage.

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The town has a citizen's committee governing body which has set up a traffic laws and other ordinances, a fire engine, and streets with names. But the town still is nameless.

Most of the early residents call their community Partridge Lakes, but there is talk of making the official name Hoyt Lakes. The official name may not be decided until the new community incorporates as a village or city.

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