

'Fair Trade' Law Repeal Is Urged

Washington—(U.P.)—A special Justice Department committee has recommended repeal of the federal "fair trade" law which permits manufacturers and retailers to make price-fixing arrangements in most states.

The committee reported to Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. after an 18-month study that flit with federal anti-trust pol-such pricing arrangements con-ly.

The federal "fair trade" law of 1952 gives immunity from anti-trust prosecution to agree-ments between manufacturers and retailers to fix the retail price of products. This immunity is effective only in states which have enacted their own "fair trade" laws. When the act was passed in 1952, 45 states had such laws.

These state laws permitting pricing arrangements are at odds with "the most elementary prin-ciples of a dynamic free enter-prise system," the committee said.

A majority recommended that Congress repeal the 1952 McQuire federal law and its 1937 predecessor, the Miller-Tydings act, so that "resale-price maintenance, as other price-fix-ing practices," will again be-come subject to federal anti-trust controls.



AW SHUCKS!—Six-year-old LeRoy Curtis of Denver turns bashful after presenting the symbol of the American Cancer Society, the Sword of Hope, to President Eisenhower in the White House. He had just been introduced to the President by Wisconsin's Governor Walter J. Kohler (right), chairman of the Society's board of directors.

Boy, Symbol of Cancer Society Drive, Is Grandson Of Couple at Central Point

LeRoy Curtis, six-year-old Denver boy who helped President Eisenhower open the annual Cancer society drive for funds this year, is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Curtis, Rt. 2, Box 658, Central Point. LeRoy, who underwent surgery for cancer when he was only two months old, handed Mr. Eisenhower a sword, symbolic of the annual cancer drive.

A United Press dispatch from Washington said that the president gave the lad a smiling, enthusiastic welcome, and helped him adjust the massive sword handle.

LeRoy was presented to the president by Gov. Walter J. Kohler, Wisconsin, chairman of the board of the American Cancer society.

LeRoy and his younger brother, Steve, are the stars of a movie short made by the American Cancer society which will be used throughout the nation this month to call attention to the annual fund drive. The film points up the fact that cancer, if found in time, can be cured.

The two boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Curtis of Denver, and the film was made in Denver City park under the auspices of the Colorado division of ACS.

CAR DAMAGED

Talent—No personal injuries resulted from a one-car accident about 9 p.m., Thursday when the car driven by Mrs. H. Bailey left Highway 99 north of Talent and knocked over a pear tree in the Nye orchard, according to a

state police report. The car, reg-istered to Edgar Harrison Bailey, Klamath Falls Star route, Box 80, was damaged extensively. Mrs. Bailey told the officers that she struck a curb in the middle of the highway and lost control of the car.

Scandinavian Logging Methods Now Modern as Any, Anywhere

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles written for the Mail Tribune by Portland Newspaperman Walter Mattila, now on a tour of the Scandinavian countries.)

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Stockholm—(By Air Mail)—A trip through Swedish woods reveals even to the casual ob-servation of the American tour-ist that the Industrial Revolu-tion is running far on its sec-ond wind in this most industri-ally advanced country in the North.

In a few years logging has been mechanized to a startling extent. Previously it had not changed for hundreds of years from the pattern of dumping horse-drawn logs in streams dur-ing the spring freshet and then fishing them out at mill and collecting sites.

Trucks Now Used

Now the Swedish truck is working its way into timber with only minor road work, for the underbrush and rough terrain of Oregon timberland is un-known in these regions. Logged-over several times, Scandinavian forests in general appear as well kept parks in American eyes.

Trucks usually are equipped with self-loading gear which two men can handle. Thirteen-foot loads are not rare. Horses still are used to snake out logs except in the heaviest timber where tractors have replaced them entirely. But the long haul of the log sleds to rivers is gone.

Tractors drag to streams when they are near. Trucks make the long hauls, sometimes delivering directly to the purchasing mill or pulp and paper plant.

Compact Power-Saws

And the logger's hand saw — in Scandinavia one logger is enough for one tree — has been replaced by a light and compact power saw. One Norwegian model weighs 19½ pounds and a Swedish one 36 pounds.

From one winter camp (be-cause there is much marshland in forests logging is done when the ground is frozen solid) the trac-tors haul pre-fabricated huts, kitchens, lunchrooms and even Finnish steam baths to the next logging site.

This revolution in logging will result in construction of im-proved roads. At present, load

limits are imposed because of inadequate road beds for mod-ern traffic. Eventually the state-owned railroads will feel the pressure of modern truck transportation, owned and di-rected by private enterprise.

Plants Modernized

The processing plant of the forest industries has been mod-ernized for some time. Many plants have been rebuilt sev-eral times. Scandinavian engi-neers claim that in general their plants are as technically up to date as anywhere.

In Sweden and Norway, and

to a lesser extent in Finland, the existence of hydroelectric ener-gy in considerable abundance has contributed to industrializa-tion that is apparent far and wide. In old villages the most modern appearing plants arise. Old parts of Stockholm, Oslo,

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Oil Companies Score Victory

Seattle—(U.P.)—Eight major oil companies being sued for \$300,000 by a former Seattle service station operator scored a minor victory in U.S. District Court here this week.

Judge John C. Bowen ruled answers to questions put to the oil companies in a similar case in California could not be admitted as evidence.

George Moore, former Seattle station operator, seeks \$300,000 damages and an injunction prohibiting the oil firms from operating retail service stations. He alleges none of the firms would sell him gasoline because he cut prices.

George W. Jansen, attorney for the Texas Co., said the an-swers in the California case con-tained confidential information about the oil companies' busi-ness and that neither the answers nor the questions had been used in the California case so far.

Bowen held that when such answers are forced under the law they are not admissible as evidence.

Defendants are Standard Oil Co., of California, General Pet-roleum Corp., Union Oil Co., Richfield Oil Corp., The Texas Co., Tidewater Associated Oil Co., Shell Oil Inc., and its suc-cessor, Shell Oil Co.

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