

Gambling in All Forms Receives Active Support From Italian Government

Rome—(U.P.)—Gambling in all its multiple forms is actively sponsored by the Italian government.

The most popular form of gambling in Italy today is the weekly lottery called "Gooco del Lotto," a system that originated in Genoa in 1579 when residents of that port city started betting on election returns.

The betting continued after the elections with numbers, and the lottery spread throughout the peninsula. After the unification of Italy in 1863, the state took the lottery into its hands.

Official figures issued by the finance ministry for 1954 revealed that during that year alone millions of Italians played a total of \$45,700,000 on the "Lotto."

Although the exact profit of the government was not given, it was reliably estimated that at least 80% of the money played was raked in by the state. The state also has an income of billions of lire every year from other means of gambling, but none can compare to this popular lottery.

Every Saturday five numbers—from one to 90—are drawn in the major cities of Italy. The first five numbers taken from the urns are the winners.

One winning number entitles the player of the ticket 52 times the amount played. But there are combinations. Two winning numbers pay 250 times the stake. Three winning numbers 4,250, four numbers 80,000 and a "cinquina," or all five winners, 1,000,000,000 times the stake.

Millions of Italians, poor and rich play the "Lotto." The poor pawn wedding rings and furniture in order to play.

All of them have a so-called "dream book" for guidance in choosing the numbers. This book is similar to a dictionary with numbers corresponding to persons and things dreamed by the players who believe in the book implicitly.

When a person dreams of

something or somebody, he looks it up in his dream book and plays the corresponding number.

The number of Pope Pius XII is 58. Nobody knows why. A dead man who appears in a dream and talks about anything is 47. Blood corresponds to 17 and fear is 90.

Casinos, Too
Perhaps the second biggest form of gambling is the "Toto-calcio," the football lottery. Every week millions bet a total of about \$720,000 in an attempt to pick the 13 winning teams. Prizes vary according to upsets, but sums as high as \$224,000 have been paid to individuals.

About half of the football take goes to the state for taxes. The other half is divided between the Italian National Olympic committee, to be spent on new sports grounds, and the rest to the special personnel which collects the bets and checks the tickets.

Three cities, favorite tourist spots, possess roulette tables in Italy. They are Venice, San Remo and Campione, a small island on the Lake of Lugano, belonging to Italy although completely encircled by Swiss soil.

Rich Swiss industrialists, who have no casinos in their country, bet enormous stakes at Campione which is said to be the only casino in the world with sky-limit stakes.

The state, of course, gets a fat slice on all betting. The income is so satisfactory that it is rumored that new casinos will be opened at Riccione and the fabulous isle of Capri, favorite hunting grounds of pleasure-seeking millionaires.

Crash Kills Woman; Dad Faints at Scene

Newport, Ore. — (U.P.) — A young Newport housewife, who was expecting a baby, was killed instantly early yesterday when her automobile collided headon with a truck on highway 20 about 3 1/2 miles from here.

The victim was Kathryn Kay Oakes, 22. Her automobile was struck by a truck driven by Bernard E. Mafof of Toledo. Mafof's son, James 15, a passenger in the truck, was slightly injured.

In an unusual sidelight to the accident, Lundy Woodson of Newport, Mrs. Oakes father, was recovering from severe shock in a Toledo hospital after he unwittingly came upon the scene of the crash.

Woodson stopped to inquire what had happened, and when sheriff's officers told him the name of the victim he moaned, "Oh My God," it's my daughter," and fainted. His condition was listed as improving.

Indonesia Cabinet Submits Resignation

Djakarta, Indonesia — (U.P.) — Prime Minister Ali Sartomidojo formally handed his cabinet's resignation to Vice-President Mohammed Hatta Sunday night.

Hatta said he would start consulting today with the 20 parties represented in parliament in an attempt to form a new government.

Sartomidojo resigned because he lost control over the army. He will continue as government head until a new cabinet is chosen.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Return Trip on Ketch From Tahiti Ends Near LA Harbor

West Covina, Calif. — (U.P.) — A gaunt bachelor, whose "dream voyage" to Tahiti in a small sailboat became a nightmare, today turned his attention to the

delights of home-cooking.

Rolf Per Thorvaldson, 31, given up for dead weeks ago by his family, was discovered Saturday by a fishing boat as he lay becalmed in a fog bank only seven miles off Los Angeles harbor.

He had sailed his 28-foot ketch, Tahia, across 6,000 miles of stormy sea during a 130-day ordeal of adversity but didn't know where he was.

"I hope I'm not fool enough to do that again," he said. "But I'm afraid I might. Now all I want to do is rest—and eat."

Lost Weight
Thorvaldson said he lost "a lot of weight. . . I don't know how much." But over a meal of hotcakes, syrup, bacon, bananas and apples he said he thought he soon would gain it back.

His voyage to Tahiti lasted 83 days and was uneventful. When he decided to return home he put aboard 60 gallons of water and only enough canned food to last to Hawaii.

"I had moments of despondency," Thorvaldson recalled. "But most of the time I just had to sit there and wait. It was pretty rough between Tahiti and Hawaii."

He said the caulking in a bow seam broke loose during a storm and he had to bail water. The turnbuckles on the stays kept parting and made more work.

Imposed Strict Diet
The young accountant, who spent three years in the Navy as a quartermaster, said he worried about food and water "most of the way from the Hawaii area."

He said he imposed a strict diet on himself as the days wore on. He saved rainwater to drink and developed a taste for the fish he caught.

"I ate a little soup and some powdered eggs each day," he said, "and I had some lime juice and tomato juice."

After he was reunited with his joyful family, Mr. and Mrs. Toger Thorvaldson, and sat down to a big meal, Thorvaldson summed up his feeling:

"These are things I dreamed of while I was out there."

Portland — (U.P.) — The State Board of Higher Education has approved final plans for Portland State College's new laboratory-classroom building and said bids would be received August 20.

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Government Drops Haymes Deportation

Washington — (U.P.) — The government has abandoned its long legal fight to deport crooner Dick Haymes from the United States.

A Justice Department spokesman said the department, reversing previous plans, had decided not to appeal to higher courts in the controversial deportation case.

That means the government will accept as final a ruling handed down here May 31 by Federal District Judge Burnita S. Matthews. She held that Haymes, husband of film star Rita Hayworth, is "not deportable."

Judge Matthews threw out the government's contention that Haymes had left the United States when he pursued Rita to Hawaii in 1953 during their whirlwind courtship. She held that Hawaii is a geographic part of the United States.

Moose Convention Elects Medford Man

Astoria — (U.P.) — Leonard Earls of Astoria was named new state president of the Loyal Order of Moose at the group's annual convention which closed here Sunday.

Bend was named site of the 1956 convention.

Vice presidents included Chester Skow, Corvallis; John Keener, Medford; George Williams, Merrill and C. W. Altig, Portland.

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