Treasury Department Keeps Close Watch on Cigarette Controversy

Washington —(UP)— The U. S. Treasury is watching closely to see how the public responds to the current hullabaloo about smoking and lung cancer.

The reason? Tobacco taxes enrich treasury coffers by more than a billion and a half dollars a year. More than 90 per cent of this comes from the sale of cigarettes, said by some to be tied—if only statistically — to lung cancer.

In the government year that ended June 30, 1956, federal tobacco taxes yielded $1,613,497,000. Cigarettes accounted for $1,549,045,000.

During the first eleven months of the government year that ended this year June 30, cigarette sales netted the government $1,474,465,000. The total for the year is not reported yet.

Threat To Tax Cut

With the 1958 budget based on esimated government receipts totaling 73 billion dollars, a slump in cigarette sales could cut down the small expected surplus that presumably woud be applied to reduction of the national debt—and possibly a tax cut.

The Treasury admits it is keeping an eye on cigarette and other tobacco sales. But an official told the United Press, "Whatever develops will be taken in stride."

He explained the Treasury has to revise its revenue estimates every year as business activity takes unexpected turns.

No such revisions on tobacco revenues are now being made, the official said.

Time Will Tell

Exactly what effect the latest swarm of reports and testimony on smoking and cancer will have is not yet clear. The best measure of tobacco sales, government revenue, will not be reported for July and August until autumn.

However, several dealers in Washington queried by the United Press reported recent cigarette sales were above those for last year.

One wholesaler said "The cancer scare hasn't done a thing." He said he is selling 2½ to 3 per cent more cigarettes than a year ago.

Two down-town pipe shops, however, claimed a recent rush of first-pipe buyers. One firm said business was brisk these days for what usually has been a slow season.

"Ninety per cent of people buying pipes lately are switching from cigarettes," the shop owner said.

He added the switch was not confined to men.

"One woman came in the other day and bought a pipe for her husband and another for herself," he said. "For that matter, we have a woman from one of the embassies who smokes a pipe constantly."

Thornton Refuses To Answer Questions

Salem—(UP)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said Saturday he had no intention of answering a series of eight questions about the Portland vice trials asked by Bill Way, president of the Portland Central Labor Council.

"I do not feel that it is legally proper for this office to enter into a public controversy with you or any one else concerning these pending cases," Thornton told Way.

Thornton said all the pending indictments were before the courts and would be tried as they arrived at issue.

"These are matters which, under our system of government, are to be tried in courts of law in the manner prescribed by statute."

Thornton also indicated that Arthur G. Higgs, attorney assigned to the state fish commission, would be named as coordinator of trials arising from the Portland probe.

Communist Huks Attack Patrol in Philippines

Manila—(UP) — Communist Huk rebels attacked a government patrol Friday in the first armed clash since a 24,000-man government force set out to crush the insurgents, it was announced Saturday.

Constabulary Chief Brig. Gen. Manuel F. Cabal, coordinator of the huge military operation in the mountains of northern Luzon, reported "several" Huks wounded. There was no mention of government losses.

Sex Offender Pleads Innocent to Murder

Brockton, Mass.— (UP) —A convicted sex offender pleaded innocent today to a double murder charge in the maniacal slaying of two young brothers on the same spot where he assaulted a boy six years ago.

Raymond F. Ohlson, 20, was ordered held without bail when arraigned this morning before Associate District Judge Maurice J. Murphy. His case was continued to Aug. 8.

Ohlson told Sunday night how he forced the brothers into a wooded glen where he butchered them and set their bodies on fire.

Ohlson was released only last month from Concord Reformatory where he served six years of a 10-year term for attacking and nearly strangling another youngster at the same spot.

Admits Torture

He admitted the torture slaying of John Logan, 12, and his brother Paul, 10, of Stoughton. Ohlson said he set the boys' bodies on fire to hide his crime.

Police found a key near the naked and mutilated bodies of the brothers which led to Ohlson's arrest when investigators learned the key fit his apartment door.

A heavy-bladed Mexican hunting knife found in his apartment was the weapon Ohlson used to butcher the boys, police said. Also found was a shirt and a pair of trousers. The knife was repeatedly plunged into the boys' abdomens "with maniacal force," a detective said.

Ohlson was one of a score of known sex deviates questioned by police after the boys' charred and mutilated bodies were discovered under a pile of smoldering branches in a secluded gully at Field park.

Criminal Libel Suit Opens Today

Hollywood—(UP)—The criminal libel trial of two representatives of Confidential magazine opened today following the issuing of subpoenas to a host of film celebrities to appear as defense witnesses at the proceedings.

The attorney for defendants Fred and Marjorie Meade said among the more than 100 celebrities subpoenaed were Walter Pidgeon, Gary Cooper, Corinne Calvet and Lana Turner. The defense reportedly planned to use the many witnesses in an attempt "to establish the truth of the various articles" published in Confidential and Whisper magazines.

Assistant Attorney General Clarence Linn labeled the defense action in serving the subpoenaes as "a reign of terror." Many subpoenaed personalities met over the week end with their attorneys to determine if they would have to undergo cross examination in connection with articles printed about them in Confidential and Whisper magazines.

Defense attorney Arthur J. Crowley maintained the defense had the right to subpoena the film stars for the trial.

The Meades were employed as West Coast representatives for the two publications. The couple voluntarily surrendered to the Grand Jury indictments on the charge while the editors and publishers of the magazines have fought extradition from the East.

The first operation for removal of an appendix was performed in 1885 by Dr. Wiliam W. Grant of Davenport, Ia.

Andrea Doria Salvage Offer Made To Firm

Trenton, N. J.—(UP)—The president of the AAA Sales Co. said Saturday he hopes to make a sea-going vessel again of the sunken liner Andrea Doria in a $3,500,000 salvaging operation beginning about March 1.

Armondo Conti said that his company expects the Genoa Insurance firm that now owns the wreck to accept a purchase offer which he reached after consulting his engineering staff. He refused to disclose the amount of the offer.

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On The Side

By E. V. Durling
(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

What is the best of all exercises? What exercise is a heart disease preventive? The answer both these queries is walking. Who says so? Why, sir, none other than Dr. Paul Dudley White, the heart specialist whose prescribed treatment enabled President Eisenhower, suffering from a heart attack, to get out of bed and be back on the golf course. Dr. White, himself a very lively and healthy fellow of 73 years of age, is an enthusiastic follower of his own advice. For example, when wishing to go from Grand Central Terminal to Pennsylvania Station in New York City, Dr. White doesn't call a taxi. He walks. Not only that, he carries a couple of bags at the same time. The distance between Grand Central and Pennsylvania station is over two miles.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. You said divorced persons are admitted to the Royal Enclosure and The Queen's Enclosure at the Ascot Racecourse in England. Before me is a London newspaper in which a columnist says that "divorced persons are not admitted under any circumstances to the Royal Enclosure or the Queen's Enclosure at Ascot." How about this? A. The British journalist you refer to is in error. Douglas Fairbanks Jr., was, at Her Majesty's invitation, in the Queen's Enclosure at the recent running of the Ascot Cup race.

Millionaires

Surprise has been expressed that Fred Allen, the truly brilliant comedian was, as indicated in his will, a millionaire. Why the surprise? Bing Crosby and Bob Hope are both millionaires each having about $20 million. Jack Benny is also a millionaire. George and Gracie Allen are in the same class. Even Hal March, the intensely amiable airwave interlocutor is a millionaire, or very close to it.

It has been revealed the real name of Dirk Bogarde, heartthrob type film star is Derek Gontron Jules Gaspard Ulric Niven van dem Bogaerde. This brings to mind that the real name of Rudolph Valentino was Rudolph Alonzo Raffaele Piere Filibert Guglielmi di Valentina d' Antonguolla.

Homes

Do you own your home? What did you pay for it? Don't tell me, it is none of my business. It is said too many people have paid too much for their homes and, therefore, burdened themselves seriously from a financial angle. According to deep students of the situation, a man with a $5,000 a year income should not pay more than $9,000 for a house. A $7,000 a year man should not pay more for a home than $13,500. A $10,000 a year man should limit the purchase price of his home to $18,000.

Horses and Women

Among the innumerable things I don't understand about women is why some brunettes feature a streak of blonde hair in the front and apparently think it is attractive. Looks ridiculous to me. Also why do some women think those "fish net" stockings are an aid to leg appearance and increase their power of male attraction. I think that type of hosiery is a major handicap to appearance. Another angle that puzzles me is how some females can gaze into a rear view mirror and still think they look "cute" in that curious article of feminine attire known as "toreador pants."

Asides

Note: "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die" referred to as a "Biblical quotation." That's wrong. It is not in the Bible. . . . The two sons of Mrs. Shirley Young of Shamokin, Pa., have four living grandparents and eight living great grandparents. I don't think California, Texas or even Brooklyn can top that record for living ancestors.

Short Seller Must Be Extremely Nimble, Market Expert Claims

By ELMER C. WALZER
United Press Financial Editor

New York—(UP)—Go ahead and be a bear for a short time if you can sniff a poor earnings report coming up, suggests a broker. But he puts the novice on a spot when he add this to his advice: "Of course a short seller must be extremely nimble, and do any short selling with a professional flair, not in an amateur manner."

Elmer Walzer

This line of reasoning comes from Eldon A. Grimm, analyst for Walston & Co., in a dissertation on earning reports.

He notes the report coming to light for the first half are proving very much mixed. Here and there are some good ones. Others are poor.

Several Opportunities

In cases where profits reports are much better than expected, traders can find several opportunities on the upside, he notes.

"On the other hand," he adds, "if the trader can anticipate a poor report, or one where the earnings are quite a bit less than generally expected, he can try for a turn on the short side of the market—sell short and buy back a few days later."

He didn't say so but it's a mighty good thing to do the short selling some time before the actual report appears.

When a poor report comes as a surprise it's practically impossible to sell the issue short, because a short sale can be made only on an uptick, and there are very few upticks in a declining stock.

There's one more little thing to know about a short sale. There's no limit to one's losses. When one buys a stock for say $25 a share, the most he can lose is the $25 plus the commission if the stock evaporates. When one sells short there is no limit to the heights it can reach, and each point of rise is a dollar lost per share for the short seller if he guesses the market wrong.

Experts Get Drubbing

The general feeling among small traders is to let the professionals do the short selling. Even the experts get a severe drubbing at times. The stock of Lukens Steel is a classic example of that.

If you must sell short it's a good idea to find out how much stock is outstanding in the company and avoid selling the ones that are closely held and not likely to be perturbed too much by bad news. Guess the surprise bad news and you can't lose.

No Known Drugs To Combat Oriental Flu

Washington —(UP)—A public health spokesman said Saturday that no known drugs are effective in curing oriental flu which is spreading in this country.

He said the recommended treatment is the same as for other types of flu and the common cold—"go to bed, drink a lot of liquids, take aspirin."

"Of course, a doctor should be called if necessary," he said.

The public health service said reports of outbreaks of oriental flu are continuing to come in. Most of them, however, refer to only an "influenza-like" illness.

Despite the advance of mechanization, more than 80 per cent of the world's food supply is still produced chiefly by human or animal labor.

Eagle Constellation Now Visible in Southeast Sky

By FAY BENTLEY

According to legend, Ganymede, son of Tros, king of Troy, while helping to care for his father's sheep on Mount Ida had been seized by a large Eagle and carried to the home of the gods of cloud-piercing Mt. Olympus.

During this period when peace reigned on earth and all men lived in prosperity the gods experienced continual happiness. Each evening in the hall of father Jupiter they met to enjoy the divine food, ambrosia, and drink nectar served by Jupiter's lovely young daughter, Hebe.

One evening, to the great disgust of Jupiter who could not endure clumsiness, Hebe stumbled and fell, spilling the delicious liquid.

Seats at Table

"You shall never again serve the nectar," thundered the king of the gods in great wrath, as the unhappy Hebe seated herself at the table.

Kindly, lame Vulcan saved the situation by joking about his infirmity as he limped from place to place filling the delicate goblets.

Assuming mortal form, Jupiter, the next day descended to earth in search of someone among the mortals on whom he might bestow the honor of flagon bearer for the gods. All morning he traveled from place to place but found no one to please him, until he reached Mount Ida and saw the handsome Ganymede, son of the king of Troy.

Returning to Mt. Olympus, Jupiter sent a large eagle to seize the lad and bring him to the home of the gods. Because of Ganymede's excellence as a cupbearer, the king of the gods honored the eagle by placing it in the sky. And there it may be seen during the weeks of summer and autumn, flying from east to west.

Southeastern Sky

By 9 p.m. Aquila the Eagle is in the southeastern sky about half way between the horizon and the overhead point. To locate Aquila, find the first magnitude, yellow star Altair, twinkling between two much dimmer stars.

This short line of three stars with the bright Altair in the middle can be easily recognized and is a positive identification for Aquila the Eagle, a constellation shaped like a narrow, sharp pointed diamond, standing upright in the southeast.

The dim star above Altair forms the left or eastern side of the diamond while another dim star about six degrees (distance between Pointers in the Big Dipper is roughly five degrees) to the right or west of the first one mentioned, points out the western side of this figure.

Two Faint Stars

Two more faint stars represent the "top" and "bottom" of this diamand which is just about twice as high as it is wide. A star to the west or right of the two sides is also included in this sky picture.

Some people see in this star group, which does not resemble a bird, the form of an airplane or an arrow as well as a diamond but this requires a great deal of imagination.

Altair, the only bright star in this constellation and estimated to be 16 light years, or approximately 96 trillion miles, distant from the earth is traveling towards our planet at the rate of about 1,000 miles per minute.

THE LIVING END

Dallas, Tex. — (UP) — Sarah Henry, of Dallas, an airline stewardess who was in the Del Prada Hotel in Mexico City when the earthquake struck Sunday, said a man ran through the hotel corridor singing "I'm all shook up."

DRIVE IN SERVICE

Elkhart, Ind. — (UP) —David Anglemeyer, 14, blamed throttle trouble Saturday when his motor boat crashed through a lake front store window. The youth escaped unhurt.

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Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood — (UP) — "The Old Man and the Sea" is making an older man out of the producer who's filming the movie version of Ernest Hemingway's best-selling book.

Aline Mosby

Spencer Tracy, who stars in this unique story supported only by a little boy and a big fish, today is rowing his boat in the comfortable seclusion of a 750,000-gallon artificial ocean on Stage 5 at Warner Bros.

But originally the plan was to film the entire picture at sea, and the storms behind the camera on Leland Hayward's production for Warner Bros. were mightier than any in Hemingway's book about an old man trying to conquer a marlin.

Two years ago Hayward began work on the project, and 1½ years ago the company went to Cuba.

"It was the toughest picture in the world to shoot," said the frank-talking Hayward. "There were 125 people in the company, just waiting. In the morning the sea would be too rough. In the afternoon, no sun or no clouds. It was agony.

"It sounds easy to film sharks, but we couldn't find any," he continued. "Fred Zinneman, the director, Tracy and I fought like cats and dogs. Fred wanted to make the film completely at sea. Spence always felt the location was wrong. We tried to shoot Spence in his rowboat, but the tides, the wind, everything went wrong."

Finally Zinneman quit. As Hayward says, "Fred just gave up."

Situation Frustrating

"I didn't know what to do. Jack Warner had the guts to say go ahead and finish it. Otherwise will be throwing away all the money we'd spent. Tracy promised to come back and finish the picture any time we asked him to. He's stubborn, as I am."

At this point Warner Bros. had dropped nearly two million dollars—and had only a few minutes of usable film.

But a new director, John Sturges was hired. Camera crews finally found photogenic shark and marlin in Mexican waters and near Hawaii where, producer Hayward sighs, the company should have gone in the first place.

Fortunately the little Cuban boy who acted with Tracy in the first disastrous attempt grew only one-eighth of an inch in 1½ years.

Collyer Named Head Of TV, Radio Group

San Francisco —(UP)— Clayton (Bud) Collyer, New York television quizmaster "To Tell the Truth" on CBS, was named president of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists yesterday.

Collyer was chosen in a marathon session that began Saturday and ended yesterday at 6 a.m. Delegates wanted it that way so they could spend most of Sunday sightseeing.

Other officers named at AFTRA's 20th anniversary convention included:

Ken Carpenter, Lost Angeles, first vice president; Eleanor Engle of Chicago, second vice president; Virginia Payne of New York, third vice president; and Wanda Ramey, San Francisco, fourth vice president.

Other vice presidents elected were Jane Todd, San Francisco; Evelyn Freyman, Washington; Don Courtney, Seattle; and Gay Batson, New Orelans.

In addition, delegates elected Stan Farrar of Los Angeles as recording secretary and Travis Johnson of New York as treasurer.

The elections followed adoption of a resolution calling for a Congressional investigation of pay-TV and wired-TV.

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