

## Americans Are Dining Out More, Eating In Home Less

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New York—UPI—Americans with their well-filled purses are dining out more and more and eating home less and less.

Figures just made available in the current issue of Food Topics show that sales of eating and drinking places rose in 1959 by 10 times the rate of increase for food stores.

The publication found that while food sales in food stores failed to keep up with the 1.8 per cent increase in civilian population in 1959, food sales in dining-out establishments far outstripped the population increase.

**Rising Food Costs**

"In a rising economy and with increasing family income," says Food Topics, "expenditures for food are known to increase."

Whether this increase will come to a greater extent in goods purchased in food stores for home consumption or in foods for consumption away from home is very much the question.

"It is also open to speculation whether, in the years ahead, those consumers moving up in income will adapt their tastes to include higher-priced quality foods, or whether their grown income, coupled with an increase in leisure time, will induce them to eat out more frequently."

"In the latter instance, retail food stores could very definitely lose a certain sales volume to eating and drinking establishments."

The food stores didn't do badly in 1959. They maintained an unbroken record for the decade of the 50's in setting new sales records each year.

In 1959 they sold \$53,660,000,000 of food. This was a 10-year jump from \$33,264,000,000 in 1950. Grocery store sales made up 86.7 per cent of this total and the remainder went to specialty food retailers.

Back in 1950, sales of eating and drinking places totaled \$11,158,000,000. There was a rise in 1951 and 1952 but a substantial decline came in 1953. Then came a series of gains each year to 1959 when the sales amounted to \$15,546,000,000, against \$14,792,000,000 in 1958.

**Restaurant Sales Up**

Sales of the eating and drinking places were up 39.3 per cent over 1950 while all food stores showed an even greater gain—52.9 per cent for the period.

Grocery stores increased their percentage of business in non-food items. Their sales of food rose only half of one per cent in 1959 but their

sales of other products gained more than 11 per cent.

Chain store sales of groceries have shown a steady increase. Their share of the 1959 business amounted to 45.3 per cent, according to Food Topics. In 1958 their share was 44.5 per cent and in 1950 it was 38.4 per cent.

It was noted that Americans have stepped up their buying of so-called luxury items—exotic foods which not long ago were beyond their reach.

"It is precisely such a qualitative change that is to be expected as incomes rise and one that is to be desired in the face of increasing expenditures for foods purchased and consumed at eating and drinking establishments," says Food Topics.

"Retailers during the golden sixties are expected to

help this qualitative change along through special promotions."

The \$53,660,000 sales of food at retail in 1959 showed a gain of 1.5 per cent over the \$52,870,000,000 sales of 1958.

Grocery stores alone had sales of \$46,540,000,000, a rise of 2.1 per cent over the \$45,580,000,000 total for 1958.

Chain stores increased their sales of groceries to \$21,090,000,000, a rise of 4 per cent over the \$20,290,000,000 in 1958. Independents had sales of \$25,450,000,000, a rise of only 0.6 per cent over the 1958 figure of \$25,290,000,000.

Specialty food retailers in 1959 had sales of \$7,120,000,000, a decline of 2.3 per cent from the \$7,290,000,000 of 1958.

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## Hoffa's Attorney Says He'll Quit

Washington—UPI—Teamsters President James R. Hoffa will go to trial on conflict of interest charges next month without ace attorney Edward Bennett Williams at his side.

Reliable sources said Thursday that Williams, general counsel of the teamsters, has advised Hoffa he would not represent him at the federal court hearing scheduled to begin Feb. 23.

Hoffa has picked a Detroit lawyer, James Haggerty, to defend him at the trial before Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts.

Williams, who successfully defended Hoffa against a bribe-conspiracy indictment in 1957, was reported to be feuding with the tough-talking union leader.

But that was not the reason he decided against appearing in Hoffa's behalf, close associates said. They said Williams compared himself to the counsel for a bank who would not think of representing a bank president charged with embezzling the bank's funds.

Court-appointed monitors have accused Hoffa of transferring \$65,000 of funds belonging to his home local in Detroit, into bank accounts bearing no interest.

Most of the money was switched into an Orlando, Fla., bank as security for a loan to a Florida real estate venture in which Hoffa had an interest, the monitors contended.

## Flu Epidemic Said Sweeping Europe

London—UPI—An influenza epidemic sweeping across Europe kept millions of Europeans away from jobs and schools today. Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland were hardest hit.

Six deaths were recorded in Switzerland during the week ending Jan. 23. In Britain, where the flu has not reached epidemic proportions, four nuns in a Roman Catholic convent in Liverpool died two weeks ago in what was described as an isolated outbreak.

Thus far, the epidemic has not reached the severity of the 1957-58 outbreak. A Belgian health official said the epidemic appeared to be caused by an Asian-type virus but of a milder variety than in 1957-58.

Newspapers reported 300,000 persons in Paris stricken with the flu and hospitals overflowing with patients. It was estimated that 4 of 100 Frenchmen were ill.

In West Germany, many cities reported up to 40 per cent of workers flu-ridden.

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## The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

**Stephen L.**—She must compromise.

**Audrey L.**—How far can I compromise?

**Stephen L.**—I am a married man of 30 trying to help my sister Audrey, who is 29 and unmarried. My folks can't do a thing with her and have begged me to try to find a man for her.

Audrey isn't bad looking and has a nice personality—when she wants to be nice. But most of the time she doesn't put herself out to be attractive to men. They think she is on the cold side.

We all know the reason for this. Audrey is in love with or thinks she is in love with one of the top men in her office. This man took her to lunch a few times, but they were really more business dates than anything else. This thing has been going on for four years and nothing will come of it. At her age, Audrey must start compromising or it'll be too late.

**Audrey L.**—It's probably too late already, and nobody knows it better than I do. Every one of my old friends—both girls and boys—has gotten married. As you get older, your chances grow slimmer.

Steve thinks he does a lot for me when he tries to steer every unmarried man he knows my way. Big deal! What does Steve care if they happen to be about a foot shorter than I am, if they look like a cross between Frankenstein's monster and something horrible from outer space? Compromise, says Steve, but how far is a girl supposed to compromise?

I have just about given up hope of ever getting the man I am in love with. But I can't help comparing the others to him. He is handsome, intelligent, a real gentleman. Do I want too much?

**The Council:** There is a widespread misconception that marriageable women outnum-

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## Diana Barrymore's Life Full of Episodes, Questing Vainly for Love, Theater Status

(Editor's note: Unlucky with men, participant in scandalous episodes, questing vainly for love and theater status as a member of America's "royal family" of the stage, the late Diana Barrymore was a tragic figure. This dispatch tells of her loves, career, and downfall.)

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United Press International

New York—UPI—The headlines were sensational. "So, 10 drinks or so later, Diana shows her husband the door." That was in 1953.

"Diana and the cops do that bit again." That was 1954. Hubby returned home and knocked Diana's admirer John McNeill, 27, unconscious. And she later charged a date named Tommy Farrell got drunk and beat her up in her apartment.

"Diana felled by sleeping pills—despondent, emotionally upset." That was dateline Boston, 1955. And all this was John Barrymore's daughter, being a Barrymore offspring.

Onstage was a different matter—very un-Barrymore. She ripped scenery, disregarded cues, flubbed lines. Cursed fellow actors, found

herself by 1955 practically blacklisted among producers and unable to get even a walk-on part.

Diana Barrymore, who at 38 was found dead in her apartment last Monday, was an only child, the product of two "fiery strains" of family blood. Her mother was the brilliant and erratic poetess, novelist, and actress Michael Strange. Her father was the renowned— and brilliant and erratic—"Great Profile" of the stage.

**Mother Had Money**

A friend once described the violent home-and-public spats of these two as "a tennis game in hell in which no one missed the ball." Diana was born in 1921. Her mother had money. "Michael Strange" was the pen name of the divorcee Blanche Oelrichs, of Newport and New York, whom Barrymore married in 1920. After Barrymore divorced her, she married attorney Harrison Tweed.

Diana wrote in her autobiography that she had been a girl "who had everything—name, breeding, talent, opportunity after opportunity—and seems to have done her best to throw it away." She remembered seeing her father

comparatively few times in life.

But she followed his escapades, and gradually she seemed to copy his fast way with liquor. She was sent to schools for rich girls. Undisciplined, given to tantrums, she had been expelled from 16 private schools by the time she was 16.

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## Education Leader Gives College Funds

Salem PUI—Bequests in the will of the late Charles Leonard Starr, state education leader, include \$5,000 to Willamette university and \$2,000 to the children's farm home at Corvallis.

He was a trustee of both institutions. Starr died last week at the age of 82.

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