

European Countries Report Few Scandals Invading Lotteries

By United Press International
 London — (UPI) — Americans who fear a legalized lottery, such as recently enacted in New Hampshire, will become infested with corruption, under the table dealing and other fast shuffles to the detriment of the bettors get no sympathy from lottery-happy Europe.

True, many Europeans frown on lotteries, national pools or gambling of any nationally sanctioned form. Many churchmen, for example, would agree with Senate Republican Leader Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.), who said he thought lotteries had "a corrosive effect on the morals of people."

Europe seems to have found the answer to keeping cheating and graft out of the lottery systems themselves. And there is not a country in western Europe that doesn't have some kind of legal gambling and a number of the national lotteries have been in existence in varying forms for centuries.

Yet scandal is rare. Both countries keep control of the lotteries in the hands of their finance ministries, which also are the beneficiaries of the taxes that derive from them.

In France, the "Loterie Nationale" is run by a special department of the finance ministry and the government claims its safeguards are foolproof. "There is no more the likelihood of graft or corruption on political levels," a spokesman for the "Loterie" said, "than there would be, say, in the issuance of postage stamps. The draw is foolproof, made by machine in front of a large public audience."



LONDON BETTORS—Americans who fear a legalized lottery would open the way for graft, corruption and cheating, would find few supporters in lottery-happy Europe, according to Londoners. This photo shows exterior view of London suburban betting shop, one of many found throughout the country. (UPI)

Two of the biggest national and Italy, countries which have had their shares of political scandals in the past—but none touching on their lotteries.

In Italy there is an enterprising sideline to the lotteries—the sale of "dream books." These books list and interpret dreams for the lottery player. One example: "If you dream of a dead man who speaks to you—play Number 47."

The official government "take" in Italy is not reported but last year the state lottery was estimated to have grossed \$80 million of which the government took 43-45 per cent or roughly \$35 million.

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