

Lush Vacations, Lucky Wagers for Tax Takers

WASHINGTON, (AP)—To allegations of corruption and collusion among the nation's tax gatherers has been added some colorful information on lush vacations, big race track winnings and multiple bank accounts.

This data was part of the testimony heard yesterday by a house ways and means subcommittee investigating the operations of the bureau of internal revenue.

Reaction to the testimony—given by four of the bureau's New York agents—was swift.

One internal revenue agent, Mordecai Miller, who claimed inability to remember exactly how many bank accounts he had, was summarily suspended by Internal Revenue Commissioner John B. Dunlap.

Another agent—whose financial worth, by his own estimate, rose from \$2400 to \$25,000 between 1946 and 1951 on a \$5000-\$6000 annual salary—was instructed to come back before the committee next Tuesday and try again to explain.

A third, to the open-mouthed reaction of lawmakers, volunteered the information he did not report some \$2000 of race track winnings in his own income tax return for 1948-49 because he was afraid it would "jeopardize my pension."

The same agent explained a \$3000 discrepancy in his salary and his financial outgo for 1950 by a \$3400 winning wager in the daily double at Belmont Park racetrack.

He hit it again this year for \$2216, he testified with considerable satisfaction.

Rep. Kean (R-NJ) wanted to know more about the daily double winnings of Agent Ralph P. DeMayo, a gray-haired veteran of 32 years in the internal revenue bureau.

DeMayo said "Royal Bones" and "Blue Man" won him \$2216 at Belmont this year. He produced a photograph of a check from Belmont to prove it.

But he couldn't remember the names of the horses who teamed up to hit the \$3400 jackpot for him last year.

DeMayo said he acquired a \$600 television set and a \$3000 automobile in 1950, won about \$2000 at the tracks between 1946 and 1949 and kept his \$3400 winnings in \$50 bills kicking around in a drawer at home rather than banking it because, as he stated, "my wife would have found out about it."

It was DeMayo who said he didn't report his winnings before 1950 "because I wanted to complete my 30 years in the service to get my pension."

Agent Miller was suspended by the internal revenue commissioner less than an hour after he contended his memory was "very poor" and he couldn't remember how many bank accounts he had.

Miller told the committee he spent six weeks in Florida with his wife and children in 1948, and again took a Florida vacation this January.

Be My Guest Tonight—EQUITABLE-F.B.I. program, KFLW, 8:30 p.m. JOHN HOUSTON, 114 N. 7th St. dial 3221.

Highlights At KUHS

By JEAN OWENS

Yes, the girl is requested to pay! Starting today, we have to foot the check for two whole weeks. The girl has every right to ask the boy for a date during the season. She must provide the transportation, pick up the boy and be sure to get him home on time, besides financing the date.

Derived from the Herald and News' comic strip, "Freckles and His Friends," this season may become a tradition at KU if this year's season is successful.

Latin club induction will be held tonight at 7:30 in the girls' gym. A program and initiation stunts have been planned. A dance will follow the initiation.

Latin students could be seen this noon, initiating groups of prospective members wearing their wreaths. This evening they will appear garbed in togas which are made out of sheets draped over the clothing to represent the dress of the ancient Romans. President of the Latin club is Dick Tracy, vice-president, Dick Hilton and secretary-treasurer, Janice Larson.

"Stardust" was chosen as the theme for the first formal of the Job's Daughters last night at their regular meeting.

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The assembly committee met today to discuss plans for the United Nations day assembly to be held next week. UN day marks the anniversary of the beginning of the international organization.

Two guest speakers have been secured by the committee.

Indochina Fight Flareup Seen

SAIGON, Indochina, (AP)—Gen Jean de Latre de Tassigny arrived today, after an absence of three months, to resume command of French forces in Indochina.

With the dry season now beginning, the Communist-led Vietnamese forces are expected to launch new offensive actions against the French.

In the course of the last few months, said De Latre, "the world has come to realize the importance of our fight in the defense of this part of the world." During talks in Washington, De Latre obtained a speedup in American military aid.

The statue of a soldier on the Pont de l'Alma in Paris serves as a flood warning. When its knees are submerged, residents know their cellars will soon be flooded and they should remove valuables.

Columbus took samples of rubber from the Americas to Spain.

Sex Slaying Penalty Death

CHICAGO, (AP)—A father of three children was convicted of the sex murder of a 10-year-old girl yesterday by a jury which fixed his punishment at death in the electric chair.

The convicted slayer, George Lettrich, 37, wept when the criminal court jury of seven men and five women announced the decision. His wife, Susan, 37, cried out in court and collapsed in the arms of a relative. His mother, Mrs. Pauline Lettrich, showed no emotion.

It was the second trial for Lettrich for the slaying of Roberta Rinearsen, who was found strangled alongside a lonely road near suburban Elmhurst December 17, 1948. She had been sexually abused. His first trial last May was declared a mistrial.

A motion for a new trial will be heard November 2.

Lettrich did not testify in his own defense. The state's chief evidence against him was a signed confession that he killed the Rinearsen girl. He had repudiated the confession but it was admitted to evidence at his trial.

Defense attorneys said police obtained the confession through brutality and force. Lettrich's chief defense was his reputation of the confession and the testimony of his wife and mother.

ARREST

Police questioned more than 2000 persons in seeking to find the killer of the Rinearsen girl. Lettrich was first picked up August 31, 1950, in connection with sex crimes against two girls. Under questioning, he signed the confession that he killed the Rinearsen girl.

He was convicted last April of a charge of crime against nature involving a 10-year-old girl and was sentenced to one to 10 years in prison. He had been in the Cook county jail awaiting trial on the murder charge.

Bingo Man Asks Tax Return

AKRON, O. (AP)—Now that the city is sending John Sica to jail for operating a bingo parlor, Sica wants the city to return \$8000 it collected from him in bingo admission taxes.

The 32-year-old Sica made the demand yesterday on City Finance Director John Currie. It came after he was fined \$1000 in municipal court and sentenced to six months in jail for promoting a lottery.

His attorney said Sica "now asked to pay an addition \$1000 for doing things that he paid your office \$8000 for permission to do."

The admission taxes were collected prior to last April when bingo was outlawed here and in most places throughout the state.

The United States built synthetic rubber plants during world war two capable of producing about a million tons of rubber a year.

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Lovely Rhonda Says Women Losing Appeal in Movies

By ROB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, (AP)—Beauteous redhead Rhonda Fleming today pleaded for a return of sex appeal to the women in movies.

"The men have had it long enough," she remarked. She referred to the trend in recent years of displaying male stars in scanty attire while the actresses have become more and more clothed.

"It happens to me in nearly every picture," she said seriously. "I've been opposite such men as Sterling Hayden, John Payne and Glenn Ford. While they go around with bare chests, I am wearing dresses that extend from my neck to my feet."

NUH-UH

"Once in a while I do get a gown with a fairly exciting neckline. But the trouble is that all dresses are fitted while you are standing up. Whenever I sit down in a scene, the censor says nuh-uh. Then they haul out some lace or a rose or a bunch of flowers and cover me up."

"The rules about showing cleavage are very strict. The result is that most gowns have to be extended almost up to the neck. The only girls who can wear low-cut gowns in the movies are those who are flat-chested and wear pads."

The situation has reached such an extent as this: in her current picture, "Golden Hawk," Miss Fleming not only gets little chance to display her curves (except in one form-fitting outfit), but actually is dressed as a boy in one sequence. With Miss Fleming's figure, this operation requires a small amount of technical skill.

She told of other scenes that deprive her of glamour. "I spent an hour or two getting my makeup and hair done for a scene at the beach," she remarked. "Then what do they do? They threw me in the ocean."

The actress admitted that the women abdicated some of their sex appeal by their own doing. A principal means of doing that was the fading of short haircuts.

"Women lost a lot of their sex appeal by bobbing their hair," she remarked. "I found that out when I cut my hair for 'The Great Lover' with Bob Hope. I received a lot of mail from men criticizing me for that."

"I believe all men think long hair makes women more attractive. I'm certainly going to keep mine that way. As a matter of fact, more than 50 percent of my fan mail over the years has had some comment about my long hair."

PROOF

To prove her point about the need for feminine sex appeal, Miss Fleming cited one of her most recent pictures. It was the exception to her recent cover-up roles; in it she played a hoochie-cooch dancer and displayed as much epidermis as the censors will

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