

California Tax Probers Learn of Returns Deal



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SAN FRANCISCO—The King committee winds up its California inquiry Wednesday clearing the decks for its investigation of the New York City internal revenue office.
 Chairman King (D-Calif.) said his Ways and Means group would return to Washington before opening the New York inquiry.
 The Congressmen heard William B. Anater, ousted San Francisco tax official, admit Tuesday he made out tax returns for a friend who bankrolled him in four profitable businesses.
 In a single year, Anater testified, he made \$32,000 profit from these enterprises. That's more than five times his \$6,000 salary as an income tax official.
 Anater was forced to resign as an assistant to the chief deputy of the San Francisco Office of Internal Revenue under charges that included outside employment.
 His resignation came the day before Collector James U. Smyth and five of his top aides were fired.
 Anater testified: His handling of tax affairs was not influenced by his interest in California businesses.
 He had acquired \$50,000 worth of property in 18 years in the tax office.
 He didn't consider it improper for him to prepare two or three income tax returns for George Lewis of San Anselmo, Calif., former secretary of a Detroit racing association, who loaned him \$20,000. The loans have all been repaid.
 He used this stake to acquire four businesses which brought him a return of \$32,000 in 1948 alone. One of the \$32,000 was from the Laurel Pottery Manufacturing Co. of San Francisco and Stockton, Calif.
 In reply to a question, Anater said no one ever told him Lewis was a "professional gambler."

Deer-Killing Dogs Slain

VICTORIA, B.C.—Deer are faced with a new danger—undisciplined domestic dogs.
 George Stevenson, provincial game inspector, reported the dogs are becoming more savage than mountain lions during some seasons of the year. He said the Game Department had to kill 12 dogs in two weeks recently.
 The dogs go up into high ground near the shore and chase the deer down on the beach, then bite a hole in the stomach or throat and leave the deer to die.
 When the snow is deep, they chase deer until the deer are exhausted, then kill them and leave them. "In very rare cases, the dogs make a meal of the meat," Stevenson said.

GWTW STILL POPULAR
TEL. AVIV—Gone With the Wind is still blowing strong in Israel. In one of the biggest Tel Aviv theaters, the good old Clark Gable-Vivian Leigh epic is daily drawing record crowds since it began its second run two months ago.

Wool Men Get Policy Break

WASHINGTON—The Agriculture Department announced Wednesday a change in its farm price support program which is designed to give producers of shorn wool a chance to benefit from any price rise.
 Hereafter shorn wool will be supported by means of loans to producers, rather than by outright government purchase.
 By placing the wool under loan, the producer retains title and hence the right to pay off the loan and sell the wool at any time prices rise above the loan level.
 On the other hand, should market prices drop below the support level, the farmer could deliver the wool to the department as full payment for his loan, interest and carrying charges.
 Under the purchase method, which has been in effect for wool since 1943, any price advance went to the government rather than to the producer.
 The support rate for this year's wool crop will be 93 per cent of the parity price of wool as of next April 1.
 The current parity price is 60.3 cents a pound and latest reports indicate farmers are getting an average of about 61 cents. A year ago wool prices were about double present levels.

Water Diversion Celebration Set

GRANTS PASS—This year's annual meeting of the Oregon Reclamation Congress will be commemorated with a centennial celebration of the first water diversion in Oregon. Victor Boehl said here Wednesday.
 Boehl, Congress president, said the executive committee at a meeting in Portland, designated Medford as the site for the Congress meeting to be held Oct. 27-29.
 He estimated 300 to 500 reclamationists would attend from the western states.
 The first water diversion in Oregon was from Neil Creek in Jackson County for irrigation of 465 acres. The project is still in use.

POTATO SHORTAGE
OTTAWA—An unusual potato shortage in Canada has pushed prices three times higher than a year ago, and placed new wealth in the hands of the successful potato grower.

Home Extension News

ALAMONT HOME
 The regular meeting of Allamont Home Extension Unit was held Tuesday, February 5, at Joan's Kitchen. Preparation of foods for freezing was demonstrated by project leaders, Mrs. J. P. Miller and Mrs. G. C. Berry. The women present were divided into groups to sample and discuss the merits of freshly prepared and frozen foods such as cakes, pies, rolls and sandwiches.
 During the business session, it was decided not to send reminder cards to the members, since meetings are regularly scheduled for the first Tuesday in each month. A textile painting workshop will be held in the near future for those interested.
 Fifty members and friends were present for the luncheon served by Mrs. Chas. Thurman, Mrs. W. J. Kunz, Mrs. W. F. Uerlings, Mrs. S. R. Balsiger, Mrs. H. G. Biehn and Mrs. E. A. Colley.

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Meat Overcharge Jury Disagrees

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 Those present were Mrs. Edgar Sample, Mrs. Chester Owens, Mrs. L. F. Allen, Mrs. Marvin Barrett, Mrs. Everhard, Mrs. Elmer Tolson, Mrs. Ray Billings, Miss Tolleth, leader.

chain, overcharged for meat under the price ceiling scales.
 Judge Gus Solomon late Tuesday dismissed the jury after it reported it had no chance to reach agreement. A new trial was indicated.
 Before the jury was the question of whether meat had been sold at a higher price than authorized for the grade offered. The Office of the firm said it was not. Fifteen of eight from those listed at the start of the trial.

CHAMPAGNE CHARGE
MOSCOW—One form of making champagne here is an "electrical method." Moscow scientists have claimed that by electrocuting the champagne in a certain way it can be made as good as the finest of French champagne. It

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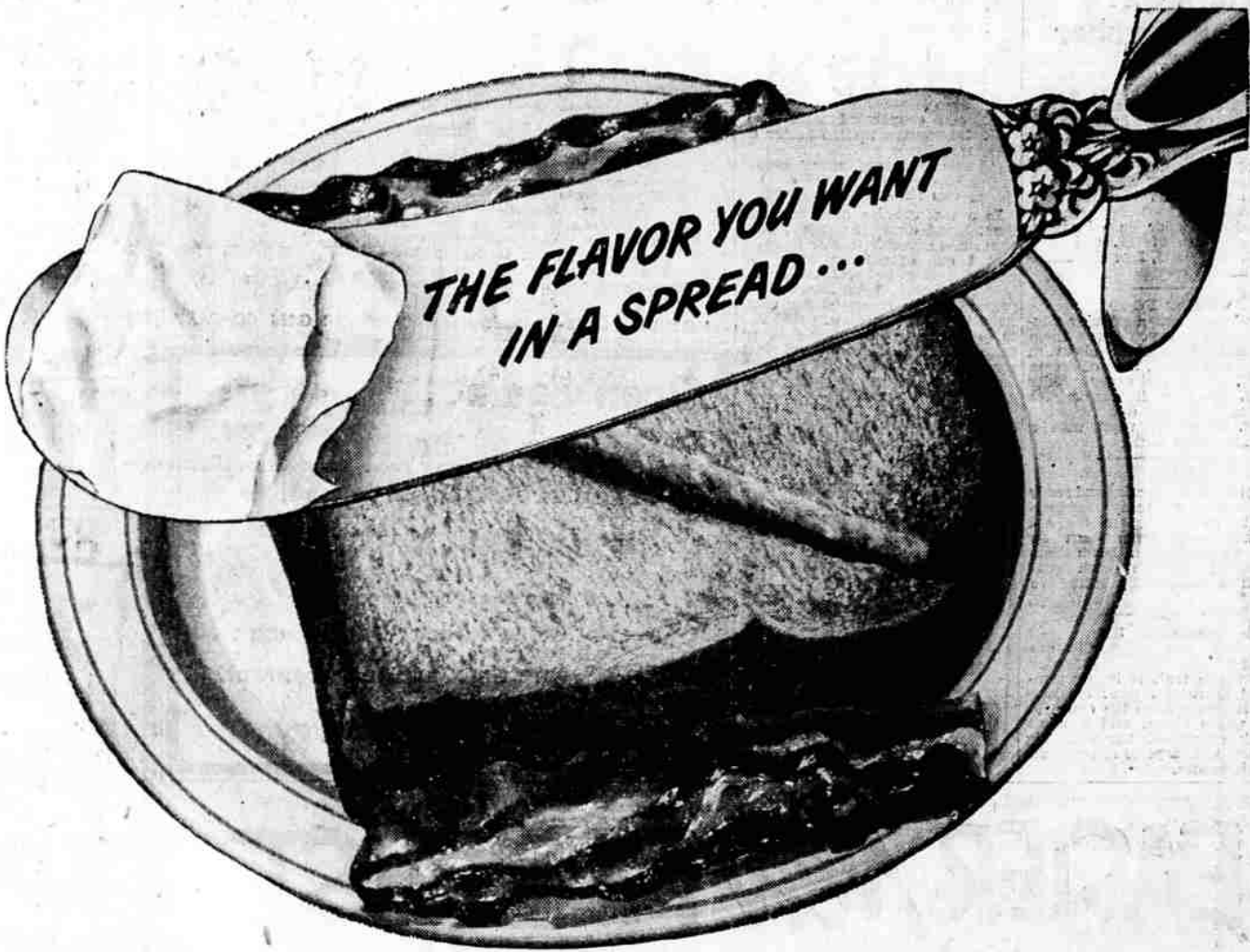
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