

Justice Department Sets Campaign Against Illegal Gambling

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The other day a woman stepped out of a telephone booth here and was arrested on charges of operating a numbers game netting about \$1,000 a day. This is a fairly common occurrence and is mentioned only because the arrest was made in the lobby of the Bureau of Internal Revenue where she had been employed for 20 years.

It is common knowledge that illegal gambling is rampant across the United States, and some persons in position to know put the annual turn-over at \$50 billion. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, armed with new powers from Congress and using advanced techniques, is waging massive war against the gamblers. He believes that gambling—rather than narcotics or prostitution, for instance—is the chief source of revenue for the American underworld.

A small but vocal group of people think Bobby Kennedy is wasting his time. They argue that the urge to gamble, the desire to get something for nothing is as basic in human nature as hunger and the sex drive. On the principle that if you can't lick 'em, join 'em, these people say the solution is for the federal government to legalize gambling and drive the racketeers out of business. Some of these proposals will be examined in detail later.

Fuel For Fire

Such incidents as the woman's arrest are fuel for the fire of advocates of legalized gambling. How, they argue, are you going to stamp out gambling when an alleged numbers ring is operating inside the citadel of the American tax structure? They follow up by telling two stories, both fictional and both so heavily encrusted with the moss of time that doubtless you have heard them:

—A man is losing steadily at roulette and a friend says to him: "Don't you know that roulette wheel is crooked?" The man replies: "Sure, but it's the only game in town."

—A man about to enter a horse race track falls to his knees and utters this prayer: "O, Lord, please let me break even today. My wife needs to have her appendix out."

Soft Drink Strike Ends

PORTLAND (UPI) — A strike which threatened to leave stores here without any soft drinks was settled Friday night.

Members of Local 162 of the Teamsters Union voted to accept a three-year contract offered by the Portland Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages Association.

The vote was 99 to 93. The pact was offered to the union Thursday.

The settlement came as supplies of soft drinks were reported dwindling in the Portland area.

The union went on strike May 29 and placed pickets at seven Portland area bottling plants. The plants were closed. About 330 persons were affected. More than 200 are in the union.

The contract, which is retroactive through April 1, contained an increase of 32 1/2 cents an hour in wages and benefits over the three-year period plus a standard sick leave clause.

The increase broke down to 15 cents an hour for the first year, 7 1/2 for the second and 10 for the third.

The point they are trying to make, of course, is that nothing is going to prevent gambling. This argument gets short shrift at the Department of Justice. Bobby Kennedy is not interested in philosophical discussions about the gambling urge. The laws are on the books and he has sworn to enforce the laws. In a recent statement Kennedy explained what he was doing:

Jacoby On Bridge

NORTH 10			
7	♥	♠	10 5 5 2
8 6 5			♦ 7 5 4
WEST			
10 5 3			♦ 10 5 3
8 3			♠ 10 2
♠ 10 2			♠ 8 2
EAST			
♠ 9 8			♠ 7 4
♠ 7 4			♠ 5 3
SOUTH (D)			
♠ 10 5 3			♠ 8 2
♠ 8 2			♠ 7 4
♠ 7 4			♠ 5 3
South West North East			
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
Opening lead—♥ 8			

Close Playing Pays Declarer

By OSWALD JACOBY
Newspaper Enterprise Assn.
Today's hand is from the South-eastern championships in Miami, Fla. It shows various lines of playing the hand.

Practically every South player holding today's hand wound up at two spades and West led the eight of hearts. South would be in dummy for the first and last time, would take his two heart tricks while he had the chance and discard a club.

Then the play went two ways. The conservative players would lead a spade right away and East would duck. A second round of spades would put East in and he would lead a high heart whereupon South would discard another club and from that point on there would be no way to keep South from making his contract.

Greedy South players tried the diamond finesse and when the queen lost to West's king there was no way left to make the contract unless the defense went crazy.

West might lead back the ten of diamonds. South would take the trick and lead a high spade to East's ace. Then East would cash red cards until South decided to ruff in. If South ruffed high there would be a natural trump trick for West. If South ruffed low West would overruff.

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East South West North
3 ♠ Double Pass 4 ♠
Pass Pass Double Pass
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Answer Tomorrow

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Increased Personnel
The number of attorneys working in this section has been expanded about three times to about 60. Each is assigned a specific part of the country and is responsible for all grand juries and trials in his area. Steps also have been taken to instill a new spirit of co-operation among the 27 federal law enforcement agencies. In criminal intelligence, for example, each agency previously kept its own separate files on underworld figures. Now this material is being consolidated daily into special files of the organized crime section, forming complete and up-to-date reports on some 1,500 big time racketeers. As a result, we have jailed racketeers who previously were able to elude punishment.

Some of the big fish who have been snared in Kennedy's net are Frankie Carbo, Blinky Palermo, Trigger Mike Coppola, Buster Wortman, Frankie Caruso and Kid Cann. Some were caught on income tax evasion and some on narcotics violations, but all of them knew their way very well along the intricate network of gambling that runs through the underworld.

If a man wants to be a professional gambler, he must buy a \$50 wagering stamp, pay the federal government a tax of 10 per

cent on his gross wagering receipts and a tax of \$250 on a gaming device such as a slot machine. For reasons of their own thousands of gamblers try to evade the laws by not registering and not paying the taxes. That's when Bobby Kennedy's men strike, and sometimes their activities sound like something out of a suspense novel.

SCULPTRESS USES CHEESE
LONDON (UPI)—Diana Blanchflower, 20, was among two students at the Slade School of Fine Arts who won \$23 prizes by using cheese in a sculpture competition sponsored by the Australian government trade commissioner.

"I started making it and found myself nibbling away at pieces as I worked," Miss Blanchflower said. "I had to stop otherwise there wouldn't have been enough."

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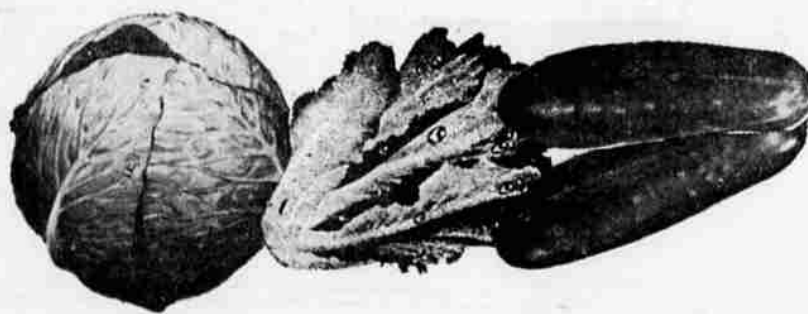
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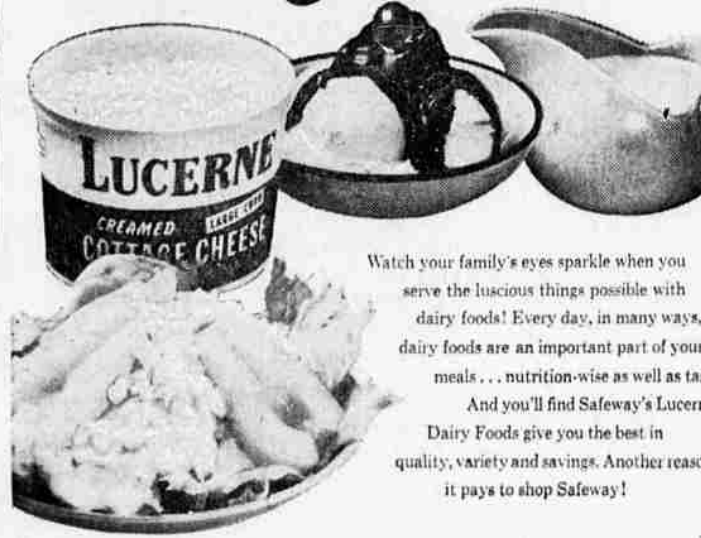
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