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 WASHINGTON (UPI) — Business drinking has become so prevalent in the United States that scientists have coined a name for a certain type of executive — the "half man."

In a study of business drinking habits Alcoholics Anonymous defines the half man as "an individual who does not get too drunk to function at all but who can operate only at half speed with his morning hangover and his four-martini lunch."

Many "half men" drink because it is part of their job to entertain customers and build good will for the firm. The nation recently became highly conscious of such men from the motion picture "Days of Wine and Roses," the story of a public relations man who went sliding down the toboggan toward alcoholism and took his wife along.

The Internal Revenue Service says it does not compile statistics on the total amount of money spent annually on business entertainment. But it does believe

the figures is excessive and recently cracked down on tax deductions for entertainment. An educated guess would be \$500 million a year at the minimum.

Lubricate Business Wheels
 Not all of that is spent on whiskey and wine, of course, for much of it goes toward expensive food, companionable females and aise seats at hit shows. But alcohol lubricates the wheels of business to a large extent, and a firm that is criticized for using it has the plausible answer that competition must be met.

Even if a business man does not have the primary duty of entertaining customers, he can run into a day of heavy drinking through a combination of circumstances.

Herbert Brean in his book "A Handbook for Drinkers" cites the case history of one rough day in the life of a man he calls Bernard B.

He has a big day's work ahead of him and he gets to the office early. He accomplishes a lot by lunch time when he departs to meet a friend. Bernard decides he will have only one drink, but the friend insists on two and he goes along.

He gets back to the office feeling a little doozy and tries to work hard because he has a date to meet a customer for a drink around 4 p.m. Bernard decides he will have only one drink and after they have had it he tries to excuse himself on the grounds he has an appointment back at the office. The customer says you cannot fly on one wing, and they have another. Bernard tries again to get away but the customer says one for the road and they have a third.

Drinks Mount Up
 Bernard phones his wife he will be late for dinner. He usually has one drink before dinner when he gets home, but tonight dinner has been held up so he has three. He is hoping to go to bed right after dinner, but at 8:30 p.m. a neighbor drops in to discuss plans for the spring golf tournament at the country club. Bernard offers him a drink and, under urging, takes one himself.

If you had asked Bernard that morning how many drinks he expected to take that day he would have said three at the most, adding that he really didn't want that many. Actually, he had tak-

en nine drinks. The point is that if Bernard has many days like that he soon will become accustomed to taking five, six or maybe nine drinks a day and thinking nothing of it.

Many big corporations are alert to the danger that alcohol will get a firm grip on their executives. A few even go so far as to put their younger men to the test by carefully observing their behavior at social and business functions. A prominent personnel expert explained it:

"One way they do it is that the president of the company gives a dinner party at his home for the young executives and their wives. Liquor in all forms



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The king said he would announce Thursday whether the resignation was accepted.

Pipinelis has been in power less than six months. He took over the premiership earlier this year when former Premier Konstantine Karamanlis resigned after the king refused his advice to cancel a royal visit to London.

Pipinelis' resignation was tendered during a crown council which the king called with the leaders of all parties except the Communists in an effort to find agreement on elections.

The crisis arose when opposition Center Union Leader George Pap Andreou told the king Saturday his party would boycott Greece's forthcoming elections unless the present government was replaced by one of "common confidence."

The Center Union claims the government and the royal family manipulated the elections that put Karamanlis' National Radical Union party in power. Pipinelis took over from Karamanlis without an election.

The National Radical Union earlier said it would make no further concessions to the opposition and would demand the immediate dissolution of parliament and the proclamation of the elections.

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NEW PINE CREEK
 JANET FARIS left for Eugene last Sunday to begin her freshman year at the University of Oregon. She plans to major in music and minor in English.

CALIFORNIA DEER SEASON
 opened here Sept. 21 with about a third as many hunters as usual from the southern part of the state. Only three bucks had been validated Sunday evening at the Buck Creek ranger station and three at the Faris license agency. Many hunters reported seeing an unusual number of forked horns, which could indicate a good three-point crop for next year.

SILVER LAKE
 HELEN IVERSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Iverson, will be a junior in anthropology at the University of Oregon. She has been employed during the summer in the office of the Silver Lake Ranger District of the Fremont National Forest. Both she and Terry Kimsey are recipients of the Daly Fund scholarships for Lake County students.

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