

Propose More Restrictions On Bingo And Lotteries

OTTAWA (CP)—A joint parliamentary committee Tuesday recommended the virtual outlawing of large bingo games and lotteries and prohibition of advertising contests involving chance.

The Commons - Senate committee on capital and corporal punishment and lotteries proposed a \$5,000 limit on the value of prizes offered in one year by organizations sponsoring bingo games and lotteries.

All bingo games and lotteries would be licensed by provincial authorities and could be staged only for charitable, religious and community purposes. No money would be paid to promoters and operations would have to be audited and reported to the licensing body.

The 7,000-word report, tabled in the Commons and the Senate, said laws prohibiting bingo games and lotteries should apply to radio, jackpot programs, draws, giveaways, "photo-nite" contests and similar devices used by commercial enterprises to promote sales.

All types of advertising contests in which chance plays any part should be clearly prohibited, the report said.

LAWS IGNORED
The recommendations actually amount to a relaxation of the lottery provisions in the criminal code, which now ban all lotteries, except at provincial fairs, and permit small church raffles.

However, the committee said present laws are being ignored due to lack of public support. This had created fraudulent lotteries sponsored by gamblers who took most of the proceeds.

The report urged wholesale repeal of present laws. This would be done to eliminate ambiguities and inconsistencies preventing proper enforcement.

Thomas Mahoney, chairman of the Ottawa Lions Club "master nights," commented that an annual limit of \$5,000 in bingo game prizes would put charity bingo "right out of business." Bingo games were the main source of revenue for the Lions Club and other service clubs in the capital.

Mr. Mahoney said his club gives away more than \$5,000 in one night. The public wouldn't come otherwise.

WOULD PERMIT CONTROL
Implementation of the recommended new policy, the report said, "will result in the effective prohibition and restriction of several types of lotteries now carried on in spite of their dubious legality."

Relaxation of existing restrictions would permit authorities to control lotteries — something not possible at present. It would enable police to clamp down on lotteries now operating outside the law.

The committee approved small raffles of goods by non-commercial bodies provided prizes do not exceed \$50. It also proposed no change in present laws permitting midways at agricultural fairs but suggested a ceiling of \$10,000

OPPOSE STATE LOTTERIES

The report opposed the institution of state lotteries in Canada and asked for a ban on the importation of foreign lottery tickets, such as for the Irish Sweepstakes. It urged stricter enforcement of current laws to prevent the sale of lottery tickets, including those distributed by the Quebec Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans' Association.

Canadians each year buy tickets and receive cash prizes totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars on the Irish Sweepstakes and other lotteries including the one run by veterans in Quebec. And, the committee said, there is widespread sale of counterfeit Irish Sweepstakes tickets.

Existing prohibitions against bingo and lotteries were being violated frequently by organizations representative of the community in general and motivated by worthy purposes.

An unsatisfactory by-product of this development was fraudulent lotteries which law enforcement agencies were unable or unwilling to control. The committee had received evidence that professional operators had conspired to manipulate and cheat at bingo games to gain valuable prizes.

The report is the third and final one presented to parliament by the committee this session. It studied for more than two years the laws governing lotteries and capital and corporal punishment.

No action will be taken on the three reports until the next session of Parliament, at the earliest. Justice Minister Garson has indicated that in the meantime his department will discuss the various recommendations with the provinces.

Radar Is No Substitute For Seamanship On Bridge

By LLOYD McDONALD
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NEW YORK (CP)—Radar—the war-born electronic eye that pierces darkness and fog—becoming a potential menace instead of a boon to shipping?

Maritime circles here are discussing this question in the wake of last week's collision between the Stockholm and the Andrea Doria, two modern ships equipped with the latest in electronic navigational aids.

What actually caused the Atlantic tragedy is still not known pending the coming investigations but the question of radar's part in similar situations is being discussed — and sometimes hotly — where seafarers gather.

And the key issue is not the fallibility of radar itself, but the human element involved.

MORE COLLISIONS
There have been contentions that since radar became almost

standard equipment after the war there have been more collisions than ever before.

The United States coast guard's marine safety bureau, without giving actual figures, says that while there have been more collisions since the war they have occurred during a period of tremendous increase in shipping generally.

It is known, however, that some shipping firms now are giving close attention to the use of radar, setting up courses to instruct officers in its proper handling. And some experienced officers themselves say there is a need to keep in mind that radar is only an aid—not a replacement—for human experience on the bridge.

SAFER WITH RADAR
A ship equipped with radar, of course, is immeasurably safer than one without it, but no hard-headed seaman would consider it as justifying, for example, full attention to zero visibility in a congested area.

Because of the still unknown factors surrounding the Doria-Stockholm disaster, no one in a position to do so will allow himself to be quoted directly on such speculation as applied to the current case. But past instances such as these have been recalled:

Where radar equipment was not being operated, although in proper working order: where the officer responsible was not watching the equipment; where radar operators—possibly because of inexperience—got wrong impres-

sions because their sets were not properly tuned; or where officers took the wrong action despite the evidence of their sets.

As one veteran first mate put it: "There's been no mechanical substitute invented yet to replace experience — or plain, common horse sense—on the bridge."

Will Show Prize Winning Films

STRATFORD, Ont. (CP)—The Canadian Film Awards Society is to hold its eighth annual film awards ceremony at Stratford, Aug. 6, it was announced Tuesday. The ceremony is one of the programs scheduled in the Stratford Film Festival.

Prize-winning films to be shown include: Gold, first in the 35-mm. theatrical class, produced by the National Film Board of Canada; Saskatchewan "Traveler," first in the television film class, National Film Board. Several films which won special mention also are to be shown.

Canadian Girls Collect Odd U. K. Mementoes

By ROBERT RICE
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LONDON (CP)—Canadian girls on the Commonwealth youth movement's "Quest of 1956" are collecting bagfuls of out-of-the-ordinary souvenirs.

No picture postcards for them during their two-month tour of the United Kingdom. Instead they are filling their suitcases with a mound of mementoes that include:

Rocks from Hadrian's Wall, built in 122 A.D. across the north of England; slips of ivy from St.

Andrew's in Scotland; he leaves from Lambeth Palace, home of the Archbishop of Canterbury; pebbles from British beaches; and heather from Scottish moors. "We save anything and everything," said 17-year-old Esther Prudham, whose home is in Edmonton but who goes to school in Ottawa. "I've even got a leaf from a 1,000-year-old tree."

CYPRIOUS FRIENDLY
The girls are members of an 80-strong party of youngsters from 16 to 19 from Britain, Canada, Gambia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Zanzibar and Kenya. Four others are from Cyprus — two Turkish-Cypriots and two Greek-Cypriots.

"They get along very well together," said Maj. Fred W. Ney, organizer of the movement who lived many years in Canada.

Since July 3, the girls and boys, all wearing crimson blazers, have seen the English lake district, Carlisle, Perth, Edinburgh, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and London. Still to be visited are such historic places as Stratford-on-Avon, home of Shakespeare; Canterbury, famous for its cathedral, and Winchester, King Alfred's capital.

All, of course, are storing away memories and impressions. "I liked Edinburgh best," said Mary Chalker, 17, of St. John's, Nfld. "But I don't quite know why."

Others keeping memories or mementoes or both include Anne Quintin, 18, Sherbrooke, Que.; Barbara Thompson, 15, and Den-

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