Debate Liquor Advertising

WASHINGTON, (AP)—An advocate of prohibition told the House of Representatives commerce committee Monday that "every nation in history that perished has died drunk. If America ever dies, it will die drunk."

This testimony came from Edward P. Gaston, national commander of the World Prohibition Federation.

Speaking in support of a bill to bar whisky advertising in radio, television and publications in interstate commerce, Gaston hit out at whisky ads as "seductive," leading "our boys and girls . . . . toward hopeless alcoholism."

Opponents of the bill, who testified last week, said it would discriminate against a legal business and that the "drys" are supporting it in an effort to bring about national prohibition through the back door.

Held In New York For Illegal Entry

NEW YORK, (CP) — The federal immigration service said today that Alex McDonald of Toronto, brother of the notorious Mickey McDonald of Canada's most-wanted-criminal list, was arrested here Wednesday night and charged with illegal entry into the United States.

Authorities said McDonald is being held in the service's detention centre on Ellis island, in New York harbor. No date has been set for a hearing.

The immigration service gave no details of the arrest but said McDonald had been in the U.S. about a week. He was arrested because of "his part criminal record" which would preclude legal entry to the U.S., the service said.

Mickey McDonald, sought by RCMP for the last few years, was believed to have fled Canada and gone to the U.S. Authorities here have long held the belief that he has been killed in an underworld fight and buried in some unknown spot.

Vice President Of St. FX University Announced

ANTIGONISH, N. S. (CP)—Rev. M. J. MacKinnon of the extension department of St. Francis Xavier University Wednesday was named vice-president of the university. He succeeds Rev. H. J. Somers who became president April 1.

Father MacKinnon will continue as director of the extension department.

The 48-year-old priest who succeeded Dr. M. M. Coady as extension director in 1952 graduated from St. FX in 1926 and was ordained in Halifax in 1930. He has been active in university extension work since 1935.

He was a member of an agricultural and co-operative mission sent to India, Pakistan and Ceylon last year to study Canadian assistance to those areas under the Colombo plan.

Says Corporal Punishment Must Be Abolished

OTTAWA, (CP) — Expanding knowledge in the rehabilitation of prisoners indicates that capital and corporal punishment eventually must be abolished, a top officer of the John Howard Society said Wednesday.

A. M. Fitzpatrick, executive director of the Ontario branch, said there is a growing feeling among the public and prisoner officials that the death penalty and whipping are unnecessary.

He said the deterrence of capital and corporal punishment is nonexistent. It could not be measured and there was no evidence in countries where such punishment has been abolished to indicate that it has a deterrent effect on muderers and other offenders.

Mr. Fitzpatrick spoke before the Commons-Senate committee, studying whether the Canadian Criminal Code's section on hanging and whipping should be amended.

PERSONAL VIEWS

He said his 16-page brief presented to the committee contained his personal views and not those of the society.

However, Lt.-Cmdr. E. G. Hamilton, president of the society's Ottawa branch, and F. J. Neville, executive director, said they support Mr. Fitzpatrick's views. The society is devoted to the rehabilitation of prisoners.

Cmdr. Hamilton, British - born Royal Canadian Navy Officer, is a former official in penal institutions in the United Kingdom and the Island of Mauritius.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said in his brief that punishment need no longer fit the crime, but fit the criminal in relation to his particular problems of retraining and readjustment.

Criminals must be separate from society for their mutual protection Penal administrators had come to realize that the ends of justice and society were best served by the establishment of treatment programs in jails and penitentiaries than by straight retributive punishment.

FOUR KILLER TYPES

Retribution of crimes by severe punishment was a legacy of former days in the understanding of criminals. Present knowledge showed the fallacy that severe punishment was the most effective remedy.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said the death penalty has been used only once or twice for rape offences and should be abolished to prevent the possibility of murder. The offender might murder his victim in the hope of escaping identificaton, knowing the penalty for murder is no greater than for rape.

He said there are four types of killers—the insane, the emotionally overwrought by natural outside causes such as drink, the calculating murderer and the professional gunman.

The first two, acting on uncontrollable outbursts, were unlikely to be deterred by the threat of capital punishment. The egotist believed he could devise the perfect crme while the gunman's act of murder was incidental to his main purpose, robbery.

Britain and U. S. Compare Studies On Smoking and Cancer

LONDON (AP)—A leading cancer specialist said Tuesday completely separate studies in Britain and the United States show "a very definite statistical relationship between excesive smoking and cancer of the lung."

Dr. Everts A. Graham, professor emeritus of surgery at Washington University, St. Louis, told the American College of Surgeons, meeting for the first time in Europe:

"One of the curious things about cancer of the lung is that it occurs five to six times as frequently in men as in women. It is difficult to understand why—unless there is some difference in the lungs—women should have this condition so much less than men if it had any relationship to the atmosphere they breathe.

"There are many die-hards who say cigarets cannot have anything to do with this condition because women smoke as many cigarets as men. This statement is not quite true.

"In women of cancer age, cigaret smoking is not nearly so common as it is in young women and girls. It requires 20 to 30 years of smoking to produce the cancer and women have not been smoking that long in general."

Dr. Graham said investigations also had been carried out to try to discover the effect of petroleum products in producing lung cancer.

"We found garage mechanics and oil field workers did not have a higher incidence of cancer of the lung than people in other occupations," he said.

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French Pilots Hope To Complete Mercy Air Lift Within The Next Four Days

HANOI, Indo-China, (Reuters)—French pilots hope to complete the mercy airlift of 858 wounded men from Dien Bien Phu within the next four days, if weather conditions remain favorable, it was reported Monday night.

Up to Sunday night 421 of them had been flown out of the fortress. Sunday's contingent of 130, taken out in helicopters and Beaver planes in spite of heavy rainstorms, were mostly Foreign Legion men and parachutists.

Vietminh radio said the next contingent would include Viet Namese soldiers, none of whom have been sent back to date.

NURSE RETURNS

In addition to wounded prisoners released Monday, Lieut. Genevieve de Galard, 29, heroine nurse of Dien Bien Phu returned to the capital here Monday night. She had first refused Vietminh offers to return, preferring to look after wounded prisoners, but Monday complied with orders from the French Air Force command here.

The rebels also said they would allow the French to repair the airstrip at Dien Bien Phu, and a French mine-lifting expert, Maj. Marc Charlet, flew out Monday to report on its condition. A French spokesman said the French would send experts to repair it if the job could be finished in one day, enabling C-47 ambulance planes to use it.

The Vietminh are reported to have rejected France's proposals for an international mixed commission to supervise the evacuation, and are protesting against French bombing of the road from Dien Bien Phu to the Red river delta. But they said the evacuation of the wounded would continue.

French planes Monday strafed vital Highway 41 from Dien Bien Phu to within 30 miles of the delta, but rebel military convoys still are using it, it was reported here.

CLASHES ON GULF

There were fierce clashes along the shore of the Gulf of Tonkin. Vietminh troops are besieging Yen Phy on the western edge of the delta.

French troops in the delta are said to be holding down 100,000 guerrillas and regulars in the delta, "rice bowl" of northern Indo-China, while the 30,000 rebels who took Dien Bien Phu are advancing east along the Black and Red river valleys.

Gen. Paul Ely, French Army chief of staff, who has been surveying the position on the spot in Indo-China, is reporting back to the French government in Paris on measures he considers necessary to save the situation.

Officials in the French capital hint that he recommended a withdrawal in the north to the coast of the delta, and a consolidation in Cochin-China in the south by sending a further 30,000 French regulars there from Germany or North Africa.

Aerial Warning Div. Formed in U. S.

WASHINGTON, (AP) —The U.S. Air Force Wednesday announced the formation of an airborne early warning and control division to help guard the United States against aerial attack.

The air force said that activation of the division and the eventual building up of squadrons on both the east and west coasts will extend seaward the warning system now provided by ships, coastal and inland radars and the ground observer corps.

The headquarters of the division has been opened at McLellan air force base, Sacramento, Calif.

The division now has something less than 10 aircraft in operation, all of them specially modified Lockheed Super-Constellations. The big planes carry more than 5½ tons of electronic, communications and navigational equipment.

Eventually several squadrons, each containing about 10 planes, will operate around the clock every day in the year from bases on the east and west coasts.

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