

Anti-Combines Probers Busy, Report Indicates

OTTAWA (CP)—Plan to boost the price of coffee or get control of the molasses trade? Better watch out. The anti-combines man may get you.

Constantly on the alert, the federal anti-combines team is swift to move in on its policing job at the least hint of price-fixing or collusion.

So the annual report shows. Last year for example, anti-com-

bines chief T. D. MacDonald read press reports that Ontario restaurants planned to get together to boost the price of coffee to 15 cents a cup from 10.

He quickly got in touch with restaurant association officials. There was a denial, for to get together to fix the price of coffee is against the law.

TERSE REPORT

"There being no reason to ques-

tion the correctness of this advice, the matter was discontinued," Mr. MacDonald tersely concludes in his annual report to Justice Minister F. L. Aulic.

And the price of coffee is still 10 cents in most restaurants across the country.

Anti-combines investigators had a busy year. They followed through on many complaints with investigations leading to a num-

ber of court prosecutions and fines. Some cases, such as that of coffee, they studied and dropped. And some investigations they started on their own.

For example, under anti-combines eyes are automobile insurance, drug prices, grocery distribution and accessory sales at service stations. These are research studies started by Mr. MacDonald, not for the purpose of starting prosecutions but to decide whether some practices are undesirable and whether they can be eliminated either by changes in industry policy—or by changes in law.

PREMIUM RATES

Specifically, these current re-

Bank Teller Is Remanded

OTTAWA (CP)—Bank teller Boyne Johnston, 25, charged with the theft of \$200,000 from the Imperial Bank of Canada here Oct. 26, Monday was remanded until Dec. 10 for plea.

Johnston was arrested in a combines office also looked into molasses, anaesthetic gases, storage batteries, sand and gravel, confectionery, television sets and pulp and paper companies. These were cases opened and closed. Many led to prosecutions.

Denver, Colo., night club three weeks ago and \$233,000 of the missing money was found in his YMCA room, a block away from the night club.

Lawyer Frank Dunlap, appearing on behalf of Arthur Maloney of Toronto, who is defending Johnston, said that arrangements are being made to make restitution of the money Johnston is alleged to have spent.

Police said that about \$12,000 is missing from the original \$250,000. Articles purchased by Johnston, a sports car and clothing, have since been sold to bring down the actual amount of cash missing, police said.

CRIME DOESN'T PAY

NEW YORK (AP)—Robert

GROTEWOHL ILL.

BERLIN (AP)—Premier Otto Grotewohl of East Germany was reported sick Monday and resting on doctor's orders. East Berlin source said the 65-year-old premier is ailing and exhausted after feverish activity in connection with the Berlin crisis and the Nov. 16 parliamentary elections.

Wood, 41-year-old former cartoonist for the magazine Crime Does Not Pay, was sentenced Monday to four to five years in prison for first-degree manslaughter. Wood had pleaded guilty in the fatal beating in a hotel last Aug. 26 of Mrs. Violette Phillips, 45. Wood's lawyer described both as alcoholics.

END MARTIAL LAW

AMMON, Jordan, was imposed following the five attempt on King's life. The emergency law was returned almost to normal. The announcement that the law was lifted was made last week.

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