

States try to crush cigarette smuggling

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Seven states are counterattacking organized cigarette "buttlegging" that is causing millions of dollars of tobacco tax losses, a government-financed research center said yesterday.

"Buttlegging" is underworld slang for an emerging big-time racket of buying truckloads of cigarettes in low-tax states and slipping them into a state where they can be sold for

huge profits by evading high taxes.

The Interstate Revenue Research Center said its intelligence reports on the buttleggers are enabling states to intercept and confiscate trucks and cigarette cargoes and also get convictions and collect fines.

Thus far the center is coordinating investigations in Florida, Missouri, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota, the report said. These are some of the high-

tax states where big profits can be made.

For example, the center said, Minnesota's tax is 18 cents a carton, compared to much lower taxes in the three main tobacco producing states — North Carolina with a 2 cent tax, Kentucky 3 cents and Virginia two and a half cents.

The center said its tips helped the participating states make 38 arrests and confiscate 54,000 cartons of cigarettes between April 1, 1975, and last Sept. 30.

"What we are really doing is establishing a toehold and as we get the cooperation and involvement of other states we hope eventually to get the upper hand," Executive Director George Stewart said.

New York gunfight kills 2

MECHANICVILLE, N.Y. (UPI) — Two persons, including a 21-year old part-time police officer, were shot to death Saturday night in a wild two-hour shootout with police in the normally placid streets of this upstate New York factory city.

Ten other persons were injured in the barrage of gunfire from a third floor

apartment window on Mechanicville's Main Street before a Vietnam war Marine veteran asked police, "Will you shoot me if I come out?" and surrendered.

The suspect, identified as Kenyon W. "Billy" Pruy, 31, described as a member of a prominent Mechanicville family, was charged with two

counts of second degree murder.

Police said they found a dozen high powered rifles and shotguns laid out neatly on the bed and "a couple of cases of ammo" in Pruy's apartment.

About 100 state and local policemen were held at bay by the gunman in the shootout that began at 9:14 p.m.

H. Dev. professor dies at age 49

Raymond W. Bortner, 49, a professor in the College of Human Development, died Saturday at Centre Community Hospital.

Bortner is survived by his wife, Burnett M.; two child-

ren, Raymond W. III, and Laura C.; and a sister, Mrs. Pomeroy Nichols, of Augusta, Ga.

Memorial services will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the University Baptist Church.

One of the dead was identified as Paul Luther, 21, of Mechanicville, a part-time cop who made \$3.15 an hour on the force and had taken an examination to become a full-time policeman just hours before his death.

The other was James E. Marsh, 51, a nearby resident who was shot to death as he sat in a crowded restaurant across the street from the sniper's apartment.

John H. Frizzell, psalmist, dies

"Our Father, help us to realize the great truth of eternal living. Help us to see life as a whole, and build each stage of our lives with the total future in mind, each day a part and a step forward. AMEN" — John Henry Frizzell.

John Henry Frizzell, Penn State's resident psalmist, died Saturday at his State College home. He was 95.

Frizzell, who retired as chaplain emeritus and professor emeritus of speech in 1946, wrote 7,500 prayers that have appeared daily on the front page of the Centre Daily Times. He once said there were two secrets to writing a good prayer.

"I guess you have to believe in prayer to begin with, and have a knack for English," he said.

Frizzell came to Pennsylvania State College in 1902 as an instructor of rhetoric and oratory. With the exception of a six-year period in the early 20's, when Frizzell served as principal of the Reading High School for

Boys and as field secretary for the Episcopal Brotherhood of St. Andrew, he lived in the University community for the rest of his life.

He was made head of the department of speech in 1930, the same year he helped establish what is now the Speech and Hearing Clinic. Frizzell helped found three Pennsylvania speech organizations, one of which became the national Speech Association of America.

Frizzell also organized the campus chapter of the Episcopal Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Frizzell was made acting chaplain of the college in 1928, and was appointed to the post permanently in 1937. As chaplain he presided over the weekly chapel service, and it was as chaplain that Frizzell first began to write prayers, which were collected into two volumes, "Chapel Prayer Book" and "For Days of Crisis." An edition of the "Chapel Prayer Book" went

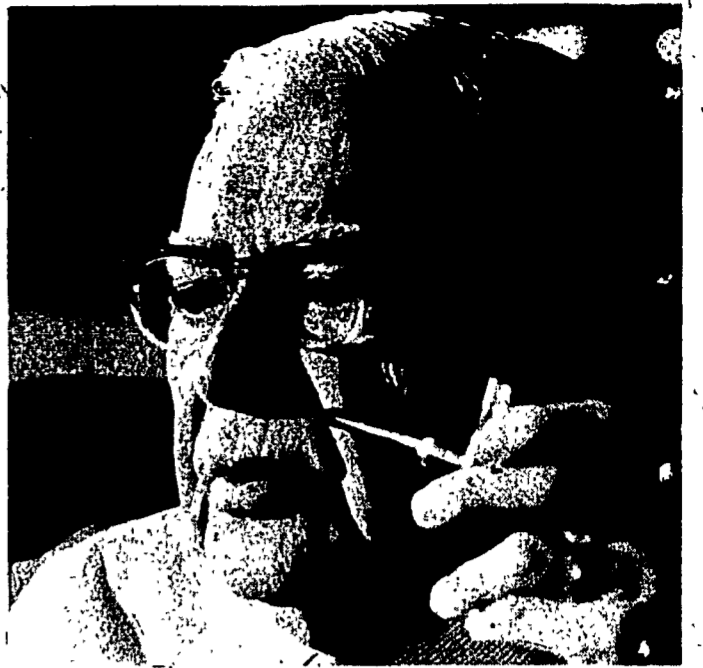
around the world with Army and Navy chaplains during World War II.

When Frizzell retired in 1946, he said the thing he most hated was "giving up chapel." He continued to write prayers into the 70's, although a number of his prayers were repeated while he was in poor health.

Jerome Weinstein, editor of the Centre Daily Times, said Frizzell had written prayers for publication up to Nov. 9. That prayer, Weinstein said, will be the 7,500th prayer by Frizzell that the newspaper has printed. Weinstein said he plans to ask readers if they think the Times should repeat Frizzell's earlier prayers after Nov. 9.

Five years ago, John Henry Frizzell said he still believed in the power of prayer.

"I say my prayers every night," he said. "I pray the world can and will be saved by our help and with God's help."



John Henry Frizzell

Funeral services for Frizzell will be 1:30 p.m. from 7 to 9 tonight at Koch Foster Ave. Viewing will be tomorrow at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 208 W. Burrowes.

Tunney, Hayakawa in odd race

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI) — Sex. American troops in Africa. Skiing in Switzerland. Teen-agers. Insurrections in Latvia and Estonia.

That improbable collage of subjects is familiar fare for Californians watching the off-beat race for the U.S. Senate between incumbent John V. Tunney and challenger S.I. Hayakawa, who wants to be known as "a Republican unpredictable."

The contest was neck-and-neck going into the last week before the election. Then Hayakawa, famed as a semanticist, ignited voter interest with a last-minute oratorical barrage reminiscent of his tough-

talking days as president of San Francisco State University.

A few selections:

— The women's movement should protest against Playboy and Penthouse magazines "by picketing, by demonstrations, by any other means" to stand up for the "right of privacy of their private parts."

— The United States should not hesitate to send troops into South Africa to halt any future "bloodbaths" and should "encourage an in-

surrection in Hungary or Poland or Latvia or Lithuania or Estonia or Tibet for that matter."

— The minimum wage for teen-agers should be reduced to as low as \$1.50 an hour and child labor laws should be relaxed. The goal would be lower juvenile crime rates and greater youth employment, Hayakawa said.

Tunney, who defeated former student radical Tom Hayden in the primary before tackling the Republican nemesis of student radicals, is sticking to his outspoken positions — including a \$15 billion tax cut — as the campaign nears the finish.

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