

State Cracking Down on Illegal Entry of Liquor

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SACRAMENTO—The State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control is in the midst of the biggest investigation into possible illegal entry of liquor into California it has had in its 11½-year history.

News of the investigation of possible bootlegging of liquor across the state line, to avoid payment of California's \$1.50 per gallon tax on distilled spirits, came only a couple of weeks after Edward J. Kirby, director of alcoholic beverage control, had announced a tightening of enforcement.

Kirby was named ABC di-

rector in late March after 25 years of service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Kirby spent the first several months in office becoming familiar with internal operations of the department as well as visiting with representatives of the industry. At such meetings, Kirby had emphasized that he would insist on compliance with the law.

RECENTLY, Kirby told Capitol News Service he felt the industry had had sufficient notice and the time was at hand to step up enforcement.

"The laws covering this in-

dustry are on the books and we are going to enforce them," Kirby said. "We want voluntary compliance, but, if we don't get it, we will move in and make accusations and cases."

The current investigation, under way for several weeks, came from reports that certain members of the liquor industry had been purchasing liquor outside the state on the wholesale level.

"These beverages allegedly are imported into California without the payment of the necessary California taxes," Kirby said.

BION R. GREGORY, deputy

director, said this was the largest investigation of this type ever carried on by the department.

"We've had individual cases in the past," Gregory said, "but never of this magnitude. This is the first time we've gone into it this deeply."

Gregory said the investigation also concerned the possibility that certain wholesalers might be purchasing liquor outside the state and then bringing it back into the state and giving it to retail accounts. Such gifts are prohibited. Wholesalers are permitted to give samples of new brands to retailers or of

brands which the retailer does not handle at the time of the gift. But they must account for these.

The department said that records of a number of wholesale firms with statewide operations had been subpoenaed in the investigation.

THE CRACKDOWN on the possible bootlegging from out of state came just as the alcoholic industry in California may be entering a rather hectic stage. The legislature increased the tax on distilled spirits from \$1.50 to \$2 per gallon.

This means there likely

will be considerable changes in the minimum retail prices for which brands may be sold. The minimum prices set by manufacturers or wholesalers are enforced by the department. The importation of liquor from out of state, without payment of taxes, could be likely to result in retail prices below the legal minimum.

The department gave no details on the investigation other than that it was in progress. It said more details would be made available if and when any accusations are filed.

Presbyterians Conduct Bible School Classes

Greyfriars Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 2511 S. Figueroa St., is holding vacation Bible school through Aug. 25. Children of all ages are studying this year's theme, "We Meet Jesus." Mrs. Julian Holman Jr. is superintendent.

A program concluding the two-week session will be held Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. Parents are invited to see what their children have been studying.

PROMOTED . . . William L. Parmelee, a Redondo Beach resident, has been promoted to assistant manager of the San Pedro branch of Crocker-Citizens National Bank. He joined the bank in 1960.

Support Grows for Olympics

Support for Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's program to bring the 1976 Olympic Games to Los Angeles was reported this week.

As president of the Coliseum Commission, Hahn has written each member of the United States Olympic Committee urging the games be held in Los Angeles.

He pointed out that 1976 is the 200th anniversary of the founding of this country, and "it would be fitting to hold the games in this nation."

HE ALSO emphasized that Los Angeles has the finest athletic facilities in the nation, including the Coliseum and Sport Arena in Exposition Park.

Typical of responses from U. S. Olympic Committee members was this from A. W. Buckingham of Souix City, Iowa:

"Los Angeles has done a great deal for Amateur Athletics and the Olympics over the years.

"We appreciate your good work and desire to have the Olympics in the U.S.A. in '76—this is a must."

Serving on the 50-member United States Olympic Committee, from Los Angeles are Jesse T. Hill of USC and John J. Garland.

Profits of Vernitron Set Record

Sales and earnings of Vernitron Corp. reached record highs for the first six months of 1967, it was announced by Bernard Levine, president.

Net earnings increased 106 per cent to \$704,270 or 84 cents a share, compared to \$341,744 or 41 cents a share for the first half of 1966. Sales advanced 27 per cent to \$7,168,463 compared to \$5,626,620 for the corresponding period a year earlier.

Earnings per share are based on 837,255 shares outstanding in 1967.

These results have been adjusted to include Beam-Matic Hospital Supply, Inc., W. A. Beauchaine Sons and Co., Inc., and Beauchaine Sales Corp., which were acquired by Vernitron during the year. All three are operated as wholly owned subsidiaries.

Torrance Man Gets New Post

Bill C. Clark, 1217 Levinson St., has been named assistant manager of the Marina del Rey branch of Security First National Bank. The bank's new quarters will open tomorrow at 4754 Admiralty Way.

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