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## Tax, brewer margins up

# Alcohol prices to soar

By Political Editor  
REX JOY

South Australian drinkers will be hit within six weeks with price rises of up to 10c for a schooner of beer, \$1.40 for a carton of stubbles, \$2 for a bottle of whisky and 50c for a bottle of wine.

The prices of many drinks have increased already.

The executive director of the Australian Hotels and Hospitality Industry Association, Mr Ian Horne, said yesterday three separate increases would be imposed on alcohol by mid-August.

Rises would be forced on hotels, clubs, bottle shops and restaurants by increased State Government tax, a rise in Federal Government excise, and higher margins imposed by brewers and manufacturers.

Mr Horne said rising taxes and other costs meant more than 100 liquor outlets would be unable to pay their liquor tax on July 14.

"There is an increasing number of operators having difficulties in meeting their taxation commitments and they have no choice but to raise prices to ensure cash flow," he said.

"When State Government quarterly taxation payments last fell due on April 14, 90 outlets were unable to pay on time."

"With declining sales and tight margins caused by discounting, more will be in trouble by the time the July 14 payments are due."

Disputed wine merchant Mr Fred Mansuad said retailers had no choice but to put up prices and the rises would be minor.

"Standard wines will have to go up at least 10c a bottle, spirits by up to 10c a bottle and beer by around \$1.20 to \$1.50 for a 160-down carton," he said.

"The retailer has not passed on the last two or three rises but we cannot absorb any more."

Mr Horne said State liquor licenses fees would rise from 11 to 13 per cent of turnover on January 1, but retailers would increase prices now to meet the higher payments on January 14.

## Young 'falling victim to occult'

By Religious Affairs Writer  
STEPHANE PATRICK

Occult activities were increasing in Adelaide and young people were the main recruiting targets, a Christian councillor said yesterday.

Mrs Rosemary Powell, director of the C-Chain Christian Counselling centre at Seacombe Gardens, said there were more than 20 known occult coven in Adelaide and coven members were taking advantage of vulnerable young people.

"Young people are preyed upon," she said. "They are told we can give you the power that you

don't get in any other area of life, and that is attractive to people."

"Young people are deceived into believing everything is going to be okay if they go this way and are so desperate for love that they are trying anything."

Mrs Powell said she used her claims on the number of young occult victims being counselled.

The number had risen from about 100 in 1988 to 150 in 1991. A per cent of her work three years ago was between 10 and 12 per cent.

Mrs Powell said she had counselled up to 100 young people in a week, although the figure could fall to one a month.

"They think it's just for fun," Mrs Powell said. "It's destructive, but they do not have the maturity to know that at all."

She said the counselling had increased after a full moon, after long weekends when coven members conducted three-day blood rituals, at Halloween and at times of stress, such as exams.

Mrs Powell said rock concerts were the main recruitment area.

"Stashers" mingled with young people at concerts and invited them to try drugs and alcohol.

"There is usually free booze and free drugs and they go along with

the excitement and then they decide. Let's do this more often," she said.

"They are getting it deeper but they don't see that."

Mrs Powell said she was usually introduced after the third party and introduced to coven rather than people with serious intentions.

Photographs were often taken at these sessions and used later to force people to stay in the cult.

Ms Powell said many parents did not believe in the occult.

"I do not want people to become so caught up in it that everything is the occult and what they need to have is healthy awareness," she said.

They were attracted to coven because of the rituals, which were becoming less a part of traditional churches.

Mrs Powell said people from middle-class backgrounds were often attracted to coven rather than people with serious intentions.

"Many of them have more money to spend on these things because all the cult and things are very expensive," she said.

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## Who, me? Robert has his own trial

By Political Editor  
REX JOY

It was a case of wrong place, wrong time for American Robert Carwell.

The 74-year-old former Allied intelligence officer was pointed out as being alleged war criminal Mikolaj Berezowski in the Adelaide Magistrates Court yesterday.

Mr Carwell, a semi-retired lawyer who is holidaying in Adelaide, said his first reaction was to look behind him.

"I thought somebody else must have been sitting there," he said.

"I never thought this would happen to me," he said.

Mr Carwell was only in the city for a few days when the war crimes trial procedure and the time to arrive being provided for witnesses.

He remained an impassive spectator in the public gallery until he was called to the witness box.

Witness Mr Peter McRae, 68, said that the evidence against Berezowski, a man best known as a criminal police officer in the small village of Gdansk during 1941.

Mr McRae was asked to stand up and identify Berezowski. After explaining he had had no contact with Berezowski and gazed around the court.

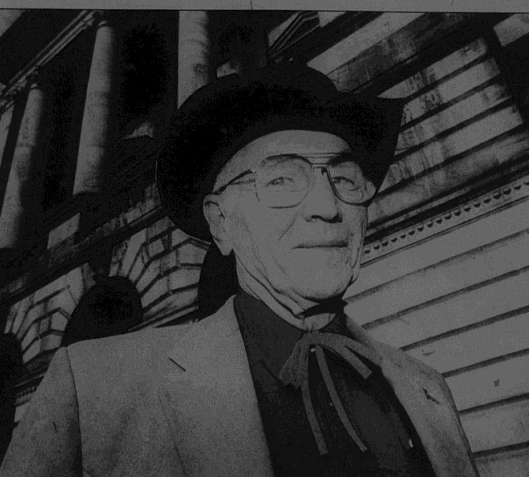
He then pointed at Mr Carwell and said: "Is that him?"

Magistrate Mr David Curry noted Mr McRae had not stated that he was a Jew in 1941.

Mr Carwell said he had served in the United States Army during the war in World War II — "not during the war in Europe".

Mr Carwell is in Australia on a visit to his daughter, Mrs Margaret Carwell, who is a member of the Association for Human Rights.

Mr Carwell was in Texas, where he will attend court again this morning.



Mr Robert Carwell, who was pointed out as being alleged war criminal Mikolaj Berezowski in court yesterday. Picture: RUSSELL MALLARD

| ALCOHOL PRICES                       |                         |
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| Recommended retail                   |                         |
|                                      | NOW NEXT WEEK MONTH     |
| Green West End 160-strength stubbles | \$21.20 \$21.60 \$21.80 |
| Johnnie Walker Red (750ml)           | \$27.00 \$28.00 \$29.00 |
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| Black & Tan (750ml)                  | \$21.40 \$22.00 \$22.80 |
| Four Star (750ml)                    | \$1.60 \$1.65 \$1.70    |

Examples of price rise from ADHA

In August, there would be automatic increases in liquor prices based on consumer price index rises, and breweries and other liquor manufacturers would apply to the Prices Review Authority for increased margins which were likely to be granted.

Mr Horne said one of the difficulties facing retailers was that the State tax due in January would be calculated on sales for the 1991-92 financial year.

In the past six months sales of liquor had dropped by as much as 10 per cent because of the maximum 40 per cent blood-alcohol level for drivers, a fall in consumer confidence created by the recession and advertising campaigns which were "blatantly anti-alcohol".

**Rounding off**

Mr Horne said the association's calculations for daily price rises had been made on recommended retail prices, not discount prices, but the aim of the increases would be the same, even if retailers had cut their margins.

For example, the recommended retail price for a 160-strength pack of 160-strength beer was \$21.40 and this would rise to about \$22.80. If a retailer was selling the same product for \$21.40 the increase would add \$1.40.

The price of a schooner could easily rise by 10c to \$1.40 because of the Federal Government's policy of rounding off prices to the nearest 5c.

## Defence anger over war crimes charges

By DAVID BEVAN

The playing of war crimes charges against Adelaide pensioner Mrs Polyborovich was attacked yesterday by defence lawyers.

The senior defence lawyer, Mr Michael Owen QC, said he was "extremely surprised and disappointed" at the "regrettable" decision which would now lead to a long and expensive trial.

Australian first European war crimes hearing is set to end on June 5 when magistrate Mr G. F. Freeman dismissed most charges against Polyborovich, including an offence which alleged he took part in the liquidation of

an entire Jewish ghetto in Ukraine.

Instead Mr Freeman committed Polyborovich to stand trial on just two charges which alleged he murdered six people in German-occupied Ukraine in 1942.

Within days the defence wrote to the Director of Public Prosecutions in Melbourne, Mr Michael Hosmer QC, asking that he drop those remaining charges "in the interests of justice".

But yesterday morning Mr Freeman said a trial for Polyborovich would continue and three additional charges would be read directly in the Supreme

Court — effectively bypassing Mr Freeman's decision.

Instead Mr Polyborovich is again facing charges which allege he murdered two Jewish men who tried to escape from the ghetto in the massacre. These are the charges which he had survived the committal hearing.

The defence is extremely surprised and disappointed at the decision of the Director of Public Prosecutions to ignore the magistrate's finding of no case to answer and to lay an offence charge against Mr Polyborovich, Mr Owen said.

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By BARRY HAILSTONE

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