

STORM OVER SLOT-MACHINE



It shocked the town's shopkeepers

THE slot-machine in a coffee bar used by teenagers shocked local traders. The machine—in the Oasis coffee bar at Melksham, Wilts—sells contraceptives.

Melksham Chamber of Trade has written a letter of protest to the local council. Members of the Chamber had complained that to put such a machine in a coffee bar was "revolting" and "corruptive." Their chairman, chemist Nelson Cole, said: "This is a morally bad thing. We are pressing for the removal of the slot-machine."

The owner of the coffee bar, Mr. Freddie Giles, said last night: "I don't know what all the fuss is about. If people are inclined to use these things, then nothing will stop them buying them."

'Better'

"The fact that they are on sale in a coffee bar used by teenagers doesn't make any difference."

"In fact, it is perhaps a good thing. It is better for youngsters to have them available rather than run the risk of contracting venereal diseases."

"If members of the Chamber of Trade ask me to meet them, I will. Should they convince me that what I am doing is wrong, I will remove the machine."

MANFRED FORMS HIS OWN DISC COMPANY

POP singer Manfred Mann, who is top of the hit parade with his recording of "Do Wah Diddy Diddy," has set up his own recording company.

He revealed yesterday that he and his beat group have formed a private company to discover new groups and record their songs, which he hopes to sell to the big record companies.

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THE JELLY GANG FROM WHITEHALL

By MATTHEW COADY

CIVIL SERVANTS have been blowing safes. Not to raid them, but to find ways of defeating the underworld's jelly mobsters—gelignite gangs.

Unilever sales hit record

SALES of the Anglo-Dutch Unilever combine rose by £70,000,000 to a record £819,000,000 during the first half of the year.

But higher costs cut the profit rise to £2,800,000 at £60,200,000, compared with the £6,300,000 increase reported for the first half of 1963.

Among the company's products are Stork margarine, Persil, Omo, and Birdseye frozen foods.

MINIS FOR TURKS
A car and tractor plant is to be set up in Turkey by the Mini-producing British Motor Corporation.

These secret experiments, which include work on strongrooms, get a brief mention in an official report which came out yesterday.

They have been carried out by Government scientists working for the Home Office branch of the Royal Armament Research and

Development Establishment, in collaboration with other Government departments.

This is revealed in the annual report of the branch, which says that the use of blast methods by crooks is on the increase, although it is still below the peak year—1960.

In 1963, the year covered

by the report, there were sixty-six court appearances arising out of the use of explosives, and most of them involved safebreaking.

To help the police, the research establishment have started a series of lectures for scene-of-crime officers.

This was done in response to a request by the Metropolitan Police detective training school.

CO'S MIRROR DINGHY IS LEADING

THE boat that Commodore George Leslie built in a boiler room is leading on points in the Mirror class dinghy National Championships at Plymouth, Devon.

The Commodore built his

boat, Jaunty Jen, in the boiler room at Devonport Barracks, where he is commanding officer.

Commodore Leslie is on duty in Ireland. But his dinghy, sailed by David Wines, 18, has been among the leaders in every race

during the week's championship events.

Yesterday's results: 1, No. 1086, Jaunty Jen—D. Wines; 2, No. 251, Scribble—C. Higman; 3, No. 311, No Name—T. R. Russell; 4, No. 811, Spectre—B. B. Thomas; 5, No. 90, See—C. T. Ealey; 6, No. 1239, Playboy—W. R. Northmore.

Belles and urchins

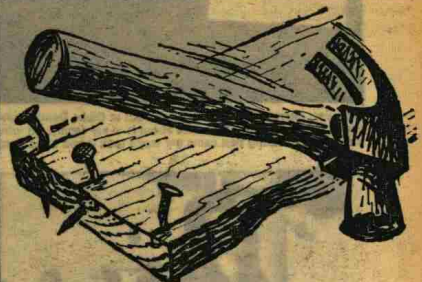
A BUMPER catch! No wonder these two beach belles smile as they splash ashore.

For that basketful of sea urchins they are carrying means brisk business—for the girls, Daene Delinde, 24, and Wendy Penny, 22, and Daene's brother Nicky and his friend Colin Mackenzie.

Dive

Nicky and Colin—both 23—dive 60ft., 100ft. to pick the urchins off the sea bed near Scarborough, Yorks. Then the girls clean the shells before they are sold as paperweights, lampshades and table decorations.

The girls and boys—all from Cornwall—have been collecting the sea urchins all summer. They say: "It's a grand way to spend a holiday!"



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