

First State in Australia to change the law

Homosexuality legal in SA

Tea-leaf
nibbling
hazard
to health

From our Staff Representative

SYDNEY — A woman's serious liver condition has been associated with her habit of nibbling tea leaves from the pocket.

The woman, who is 60 and lives in Greenwich, admitted eating 227 grams (1 lb.) of tea every three or four days.

Her liver damage is thought to be related to the tannin, or tannic acid, in tea. Liver damage has been reported following the use of tannic acid for burns and for nosebleeds.

The woman was first found to have a liver complaint 17 years ago when she was admitted to the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane. Her case is reported in the "Medical Journal of Australia" by Dr. K. J. Murphy, of the hospital.

Dr. Murphy said that when the woman was first examined in 1958 her liver showed signs of cirrhosis and her spleen was enlarged.

The pathologist had suspected that the liver disorder was due to either her habit of nibbling tea leaves, but she had not mentioned this to her medical advisers," he says.

After consulting herself from hospital in 1958 the woman determined to give up the tea-eating habit and instead started to make a dandelion tea.

When she was examined again in 1971, her spleen had gone down, but she still had severe inflammation of the liver.

Dr. Murphy says commercially prepared tea containing 3 p.c. of tannic acid, the safe level for tannic acid in tea was thought to be 1.5 p.c. but no safe level had been stated for oral intake.

STOP PRESS

HURRICANE KITES 25 PEOPLE

SANTO DOMINGO, Wednesday (AP)—Hurricane Kites hit north coast of Dominican Republic today after killing at least 25 people and causing extensive damage in Puerto Rico.

Many people still missing in Puerto Rico.

TOP INTELLIGENCE MAN SHOT DEAD

SANTIAGO, Chile, Wednesday (AP)—A member of Chile's intelligence service was shot dead yesterday.

Legislative Council divides 12-6

SA yesterday became the first Australian State to legalise homosexuality between consenting adult males.

A Bill to legalise homosexual acts in private between consenting adult males was passed in the Legislative Council at the third attempt.

The Bill provides for a code of sexual behaviour to apply to society generally, regardless of sex or sexuality.

It was passed in the Assembly on August 27.

Mr. Duncan (ALP, Elizabeth), introduced the Bill in 1973, when he entered Parliament, but it was twice defeated in the Council.

The Bill was passed yesterday with a vote of 12-6.

Only one Labor MLC voted against the Bill — the Minister of Lands (Mr. G. R. Knight).

Others who voted against the Bill were Liberal Members Mr. Bissett, Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Whyte, Mr. Geddes and the Leader of the Opposition in the Council.

Those who voted for the Bill were Miss Lee, Mr. Foster, Mr. Summer, Mr. Chatterton, Mr. Banfield, Mr. Croeden, Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Davies, all Labor, Mr. Laidlow, Mr. Hill (Lib.), Mr. Cameron and Mr. Carnegie (LDP).

Move defeated

Amendments introduced by Mr. Bissett yesterday after the second reading of the Bill were defeated.

The amendment sought to provide for a gaol term of up to one year for any person who, within the precincts of any school, advocated or encouraged any unnatural sexual practice.

This was sought to make it an offence for a person to advertise that he or some other person desired, or was willing, to engage in any unnatural sexual practice.

The proposed penalty was imprisonment for up to six months, but it was rejected by 1,000.

Mr. Duncan said outside Parliament last night the Bill was now "virtually dead" as it had been put before the Assembly, delayed after the vote on minor amendments which were passed.

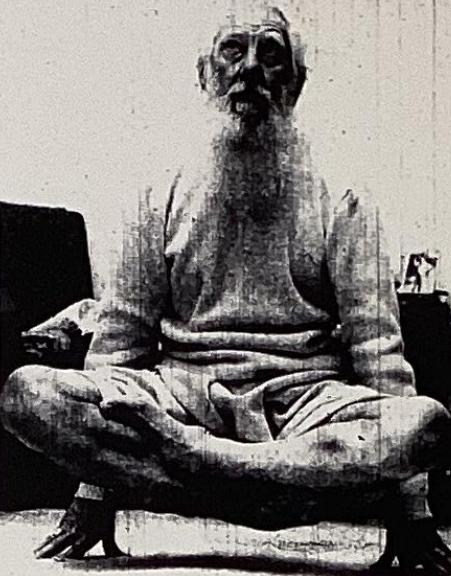
"This is an indicator of the continuing role of SA as a place where Government and the public are prepared to have laws which provide the maximum amount of freedom for individuals and their citizens," Mr. Duncan said.

Mr. Duncan said it was the first time in Australia since the 1870s that homosexual acts between males were legalised.

He said that buggery was proscribed as a crime in the late 19th century.

There could also be

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HEART
IN HIS
JOB

**Men smoking less,
women more**

Our Staff Representative
MELBOURNE — The average smoking rate among men has fallen 4 p.c. in the past five years

"This is the age when they

cancer is down to half," Dr.

There could also be

ACTU CONGRESS Left gains power

By Industrial Reporter BILL RUST

MELBOURNE — The ACTU congress in Melbourne yesterday elected three new executive members who want pressure put on the Federal Government to change its policies on wage restraint and unemployment.

The election has strengthened the Left-wing's grip on the 18,000-strong ACTU, which will take office from the last day of the biennial congress tomorrow.

The three new men are the Victorian branch president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union (AEU), Mr. Hamilton, who was elected as a vice-president of the ACTU, the Federal president of the AWU (Mr. R. T. Scott), and a seat representing the national council of unions, and Federal secretary of the Building Workers Industrial Union (Mr. J. J. Clancy), who will represent the building industry's group.

Mr. Hamilton, in his first public statement after his election, criticised Federal Government policies on wage restraint, inflation and unemployment.

"It is clear that the debates in congress want to preserve the traditional trade union structure as the effective way of protecting their members with unemployment, inflation and cuts on wages."

I think that the incoming executive, confronted with the pressures that the working people are experiencing, seems to be much better equipped and attuned to the real pressures and problems.

Stance

"One of the most immediate tasks is to convince the Government to take up a more sympathetic attitude to the unemployed," said Mr. Scott, after the decision on the trade union movement to restrain and curb their claim on wages, to increase the tax base, to decentralise and the effect of indirect taxation on the consumer.

Mr. Hamilton and the Federal Government should change its economic strategy to reflect the money losses that could occur to carry out urgently-needed capital works programmes, which in turn would create demand for building materials and machinery and provide more employment.

Consumers should also



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Nancy Pelosi and Elizabeth Taylor testifying before the House in 1990, fighting for AIDS funding when no one else would



