

NEW LICENSES FOR EXPLOSIVES

King County Clerk Carroll Carter today was appointed licensing agent for all explosives purchased in King County for private and commercial use.

The appointment was made by R. R. Sayers, director of the United States Bureau of Mines. Purchasers of dynamite and similar explosives beginning Monday must obtain licenses from Clerk Carter or be subject to fines up to \$5,000.

A fee of 25 cents will be charged for each license, good for one year, Carter announced.

The licensing does not affect purchase of cartridges for small firearms.

The strict system of control was put into effect to prevent dangerous explosives from being used by unauthorized persons or groups or by citizens of countries at war with the United States.

The prevention of thefts and a strict accounting for all explosives are two of the chief reasons for the new license, C. E. Nighman, newly appointed chief of the Explosives Control Division, announced in Washington, D. C.

Nighman said new licenses must be obtained by March 1, as general emergency licenses now in effect for firms handling and using powder expire then.

Rumania Mobilizes Farmers

BERN, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Rumania, whose task in the Axis program for 1942 is chiefly one of supplying Germany with food, is mobilizing all persons between the ages of 12 and 70 for an agricultural program in Bessarabia, the Swiss Telegraph Agency reported today from Bucharest.

Family Narrowly Escapes Blaze in Night Clothing



MRS. LESTER POTTRATZ and DAUGHTER, MELANIE ANNE
"It was terribly hot but we didn't get burned," the mother said.

Fleeing in night clothes, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pottratz and their 19-month-old daughter, Melanie Anne, narrowly escaped being trapped in their burning home, 334 W. 75th St., shortly before 5 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Pottratz, carrying her daughter in her arms, ran through the blazing kitchen, where the fire had started from an overheated stove pipe, and out the back door to safety.

Flames Spread Rapidly
The flames gained such speedy headway that Pottratz, a machinist's helper at Boeing's, was unable to complete a telephone call to the Fire Department. He finally called from a neighbor's home.

Mrs. Pottratz, describing the fire later, said:

"My husband got up and lighted the kitchen fire and then came back to bed to wait for the house to get warm, like he always does. In only a few minutes—it couldn't have been more than ten at the most—it got warm all right. We heard a crackling noise.

"My husband got up to investigate and the next thing I knew he was shouting: 'Myrtle! Get out! The house is on fire!'

"I grabbed Melanie up in my arms and ran out through the kitchen—the only way out of the bedroom. It was a solid mass of flames. It was terribly hot, but we didn't get burned.

Battalion Chief J. M. Kennedy estimated damage at about \$800 or \$1,000. A portion of the house was destroyed but the Pottratzes' clothes were saved.

The Pottratzes came to Seattle from Yakima three months ago.

WAY CLEAR FOR WORK-WEEK TALK

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have retarded the defense and war effort have not been desired in all cases by the workers themselves, the Virginian blamed "some arbitrary labor leaders" for the work stoppages.

"We are already living under a labor government," Representative Cox, Democrat, Georgia, said, "and rapidly heading into a labor dictatorship, which if not checked soon will run into labor despotism."

Smith said the laws were "handcapping our war effort." As examples, he cited 17,000 West Coast workers in 250 plants who ignored government pleas to stay on the job on Washington's Birthday, and 3,000 Washington of Industrial Organizations shipbuilders at San Pedro, Calif., who refused to work longer than eight hours.

Terms Not Disclosed

Lawmakers saw some hope for uninterrupted production in the new Congress of Industrial Organizations-American Federation of Labor agreement for working out problems of wages and man-power mobilization. The agreement was presented to President Roosevelt yesterday, but its terms were not disclosed.

There was concern over such work stoppages as the strike of 140 welders at the Bethlehem shipbuilding yard in Hoboken over a foreman's "use of vile and abusive names" and the 75-minute interruption at the Minneapolis Moline Power Implement Company plant over complaints on slow wage negotiations.

In the Senate, Senator Byrd, Democrat, Virginia, yesterday demanded the removal of Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins for "inefficiency, ineptness and incapacity to meet her duties," and called for a national labor policy now. He declared the labor secretary had "approved sit-down strikes" and displayed an incapacity rarely duplicated in history in such a high office.

Weak Link Cited

"Yel," Byrd added, "after nine years of such incompetence, and in the face of the greatest emergency this country has ever known, when labor troubles constitute a weak link in our chain of national defense, Miss Perkins is continued in office."

Senator Van Nuys, Democrat, Indiana, told reporters he favored compelling labor to sacrifice some of its gains during the war period "in keeping with sacrifices being made now by others."

Van Nuys said he had discussed the question with certain unnamed union leaders and they had agreed that labor would have to give up 40-hour week, time and a half for overtime, the closed shop and the check-off.

Air-Raid Siren Group to Study Tacoma System

After City Councilman James Scavotto expressed the belief Tacoma may be setting up her air-raid siren system at a lower cost than the Seattle system, the Council finance committee this afternoon instructed this city's siren committee to visit Tacoma this week-end to compare the two plans.

On the siren committee, which planned the local installation, are J. W. A. Bollong, traffic engineer; Lighting Supt. E. R. Hoffman, Police Chief Herbert D. Kimsey, Harold E. McMorris of the Engineering Department and R. S. Lillico, Fire Department.

Tacoma uses air whistles instead of sirens, Bollong told the committee.

The committee decided an ordinance should be drawn appropriating \$10,000 more for sirens, but that no action would be taken on the bill until the comparison is made.

County Grand Jury Indicts L. A. Mayor

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The county grand jury today returned an indictment accusing Mayor Fletcher Bowron of willful misconduct in office. The accusation came at the end of two weeks of probing charges of wire-tapping in connection with city and county investigations.

Among nine other city and county officials named was Chief Deputy District Attorney Gram Cooper. The nine are accused of violating the state penal code relating to intercepting communications.

Former Seattleite Prisoner of Japs

The Navy Department last night added the name of a former Seattleite, Earl Martin Ratzman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ratzman, 2715 California Ave., to its list of Navy men serving on Guam and believed to be prisoners of the Japanese, the Associated Press said.

Ratzman, 15 years old, seaman, first class, was taken to Japan when he moved to Santa Cruz to stay with a sister, Miss Phyllis Ratzman, while going to high school. He had been attending James Madison Junior High School here. He enlisted in the Navy in November, 1940. The Ratzmans last heard from their son last November, when he wrote from Guam.

Cook, Catholic Scout Head, to Confer Here

Kenneth E. Cook, national director for Catholic Scouting for the Boy Scouts, will confer here tomorrow with the Most Rev. Gerald Shaughnessy, bishop of the Seattle Diocese.

Cook and Byron Hunt, Scout executive, will speak to a group of Catholic Scouters at a dinner meeting at the Washington Athletic Club tomorrow evening. Cook will spend three days here.

Oregon Dangers Related to Solons

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they might be used in conservation work.

Witnesses disagreed on whether aliens should be moved to supervised camps or should be allowed freedom after evacuation from the coastal zone. They suggested that the Army should decide.

Fruit and vegetable processors testified that removal of Japanese would reduce this year's crop, but predicted white growers would be able to make up the difference next season.

Goudy estimated that there were 2,000 Italian aliens, 1,800 German aliens and 1,700 Japanese aliens in Oregon. He also said there were 2,500 United States citizens of Japanese descent. Riley said 80 percent of the aliens were in the Portland area.

We Should Oust Japs From U. S., Says Solon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Senator Stewart, Democrat, Tennessee, urging prompt action on his bill directing that all Japanese within the United States be taken into custody, told the Senate today that every one of them at large in this country constituted a threat to the defense program.

"The presence of Japanese in America is inimical to the interests of the people," he said. "We should oust them from our land and now is the opportune time."

"They do not share the views of Americans; our social, political and religious views are as different and as far apart as is the East from the West. They retain allegiance to Japan and we must deal with them accordingly."

Bill Aims Listed

Stewart's bill would direct the secretary of war to take into custody "any person who is considered by the laws of any foreign power with whom we are at war to be a citizen of such nation and is of a race or nationality ineligible to naturalization in the United States."

"It is my belief that Japanese born on American soil should not be allowed citizenship within the meaning of the 14th Amendment," Stewart declared, "because they are not subject to the jurisdiction in the sense the amendment intends."

(The 14th Amendment provides that all persons born in this country and subject to its jurisdiction are automatically citizens.)

'Subject of Emperor'

"Under Japanese law, every person whose father is Japanese is a subject to the Emperor and a citizen of Japan, and we have therefore the question of dual citizenship to contend with if we permit American citizenship by reason of birth on American soil."

Stewart charged the Japanese are "cowardly and they are immoral" and no Japanese "who ever lived," should "have the right to claim American citizenship."

Stewart said the Supreme Court should reverse a ruling made in the Wong Kim Ark case in which a majority of a divided court held a child born in this country of Chinese parents was, from the moment of his birth, a citizen of the United States.

Stewart quoted at length from the minority opinion, delivered 45 years ago, arguing it contained sound reason.

Tolan Group Subpoenaed Governor and Mayors

Gov. Arthur B. Langlie, Mayor Earl Millikin of Seattle and Mayor P. C. Taylor of Tacoma are among witnesses subpoenaed to testify at the Tolan congressional hearing here Saturday relating to removal of enemy aliens.

The hearing will open at 9:30 o'clock in the County Commissioners' Assembly Room, 402 County-City Building, and will continue through Monday.

In addition to subpoenaed witnesses, the hearing will be open to anyone interested—public officials, citizens and spokesmen for enemy aliens.

Others subpoenaed are Frank Messenger of the Social Security Board; J. W. Spangler, vice president, Seattle-First National Bank; Floyd M. Oles, chairman of a committee dealing with enemy aliens for the County Defense Council; Fred Fucker, department adjutant for the American Legion; James Y. Sakamoto, leader among Japanese-Americans here, and Orville E. Roberts, executive secretary of the Family Society.

Winant Returning To Confer With F. R.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—United States Ambassador John G. Winant has left England for a brief visit to the United States to report to President Roosevelt.

The ambassador's departure was announced today by the embassy, which said it was part of his plan to return "every now and then" for the purpose of keeping the President fully informed. Winant's last trip home was last May, when he remained three weeks.

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BRITISH BOMB BATTLESHIP BASE

LONDON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Royal Air Force bombers left "many extensive fires" last night in the German dockyards at Kiel, where one of Germany's 26,000-ton battleships—either the Scharnhorst or Gneisenau—is in drydock, the Air Ministry news service reported today.

"Many high-explosive bombs exploded in vital areas of the great naval base," the ministry declared.

The news service said one fire observed by many of the bomber crews "burned red with volumes of black smoke, which showed that an oil depot probably was burning."

The report added that the flyers saw ice on the sea around Kiel, which lies on the Baltic end of the Kiel Canal, and noticed a "black zig-zag where ice-breakers had been at work."

Legion Warns of Reds In Civilian Defense

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Homer L. Chailloux, national Americanism director of the American Legion, says Communists are trying to work into key posts in civilian defense with the idea of overthrowing the United States government after the war.

Chailloux, in a statement issued yesterday by Legion national headquarters, warned citizens to be on the watch against what he called "this new attempt of Communists to infiltrate into key defense and government posts during the present war period."

To reduce the cost of school children's lunches, the Parent-Teachers' Association of Turlock, Calif., has arranged with the City Council to have all vacant lots held for nonpayment of taxes, cultivated as vegetable gardens by W. P. A. workers.

Rail Employees to Meet

A business meeting of Seattle Division No. 110, Benefit Association of Railway Employees, will be held in the A. O. U. W. Hall, 1409 Ninth Ave., Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Dancing will follow.

There are approximately 4,000 nurses serving with the United States Army.

Paul Ostrander Elected

Paul Ostrander, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clinton Ostrander of Seattle, has been elected president of the freshman class at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Or., for the second semester. He recently pledged Phi Beta Tau Fraternity.

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Sable-dyed Marmots.....	\$189.50	\$133.00
Sable Blended Muskrats...	\$250.00	\$167.00
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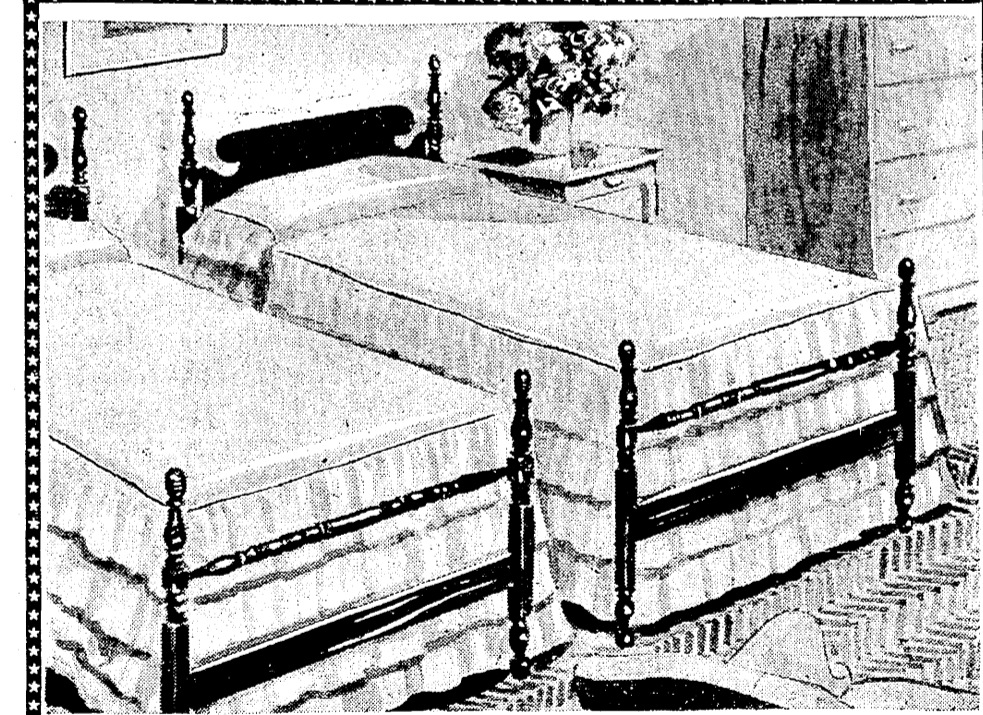
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