

STOP ORDER HITS CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

RESTRICTION ON BUILDING TOLD

A stop order bringing to a halt all non-essential construction activity throughout the United States is scheduled for release Wednesday, Rudolph Watson, assistant to the chief of the War Production Board's housing priorities division, told Pacific Northwest mortgage bankers yesterday at a mortgage "clinic" here.

Under the order, affecting all new construction and modernizing valued at \$500 or more, all work now under way will be granted 30 days for completion.

Priority orders will be required on all construction projects as the government moves to halt the use of all materials on the "critical list," Watson said.

Speaking at the first of a nationwide series of two-day regional mortgage clinics sponsored by the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, the housing priorities executive said the government is encouraging private construction of rental housing, and warned that if private enterprise is reluctant, the government intends to move and build such facilities.

"We intend to let at least half of all new defense home construction in the future shall be for rent—with defense workers to be given a 30-day priority on either rental or purchase of the new homes," Watson declared.

Price Ceiling Due

Ceilings on the prices of building materials are also the subject of consideration by the Office of Price Administration, Watson said.

"Homes building outside defense areas is definitely out for the duration," he added. "Also out are construction of homes costing more than \$6,000 and homes on which defense workers will not be given priority of purchase or rental."

Era of 'Exclusive' Homes Over, Says Seattle Realtor

The era of "exclusive" or restricted residential projects or of any home construction where costs total more than \$6,000 a house is over, Albert Balch, president of the Seattle Real Estate Board, said today in comment on the government's stop order prohibiting all "non-essential" construction or repairs.

About 100 homes in Seattle, now under construction and costing more than \$6,000, will be left standing in the area unless the builders can obtain a relaxation of the order, Balch said.

Can't Get Doorbells

"Those homes can't even get doorbells," Balch said.

Balch said construction of service stations, bowling alleys, hamburger stands and other commercial construction which may be classed as non-essential also will be halted and, probably, unfinished regardless of economic loss.

Homes costing less than \$6,000 and now under construction must be offered for sale or rent exclusively to defense workers for at least 30 days after completion, Balch said.

"And a man working for a printing shop furnishing goods to Boeing for instance," Balch said, "isn't a defense worker. A defense worker must be a man working in a plant holding a government contract and devoting at least 50 per cent of its entire output to fulfilling the contract."

Few Rental Houses

Henceforth, before a builder can start construction of a \$6,000 house, Balch said, he must declare that it is for sale or rent to a defense worker or a military person.

Only a few builders are constructing homes for rent, Balch added, because of difficulties of getting financial institutions to finance rental projects.

U. S. to Build Entire 'City' At Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 28.—(AP)—It took Vancouver 117 years to grow into a city of 200,000 people; but in ten months there'll be another town here about that big.

Uncle Sam is planning an \$18-500,000 housing project east of the city to accommodate the estimated 30,000 workers coming to man the new 12-way Kaiser Company shipyards.

This 5,000-unit development will have its own churches, schools, library, amusement centers and business district—even its own mortuary. It will cover, under present plans, 981 acres on which will be built 1,600 permanent houses and 4,000 demountables.

To this wartime boom, the city of Vancouver has two alternatives: It makes the new development part of the municipal corporation it perhaps will double its size in ten months. With this would go a host of problems for emergency expansion and what is probably more serious—a post-war readjustment to normal size and activity.

If Vancouver's city fathers choose to ignore—as such as they can—the new defense city, they face another danger. The new development in less than a year may be larger than Vancouver. Perhaps it will build up its own sphere of influence. Perhaps its power might outweigh that of Vancouver itself.

This fear was expressed by one local sage who said: "The danger is that the new city may turn out to be the tail that wags the dog."

Wrong Slot-Machine Address

Operators of the A. & B. Cafe, 9319 16th Ave. S. W., pointed out today that the King County prosecutor's office, in an information charging Peter Desimone with violating the slot machine act by leasing two slot machines to Chuck's Tavern, had listed the latter as being at the A. & B. address. Chuck's Tavern is at 9621-23 16th Ave. S. W. The A. & B. Cafe is not involved.

Seattle-Born Model Thinks Of Quitting; Probably Won't



BEATRICE BLAXTON, TOP COVER MODEL. Modeling pays her in money, fun and fascination.

Each year at about this time, Beatrice Blaxton, a Seattle-born beauty, tells herself she will quit being one of the most photographed models in the United States.

At times like these, she decides to doff that name, which is only a professional name anyhow, and devote herself to having fun and being Mrs. James Blaxton, wife of a New York aviation engineer.

Miss Blaxton was toying again with the retirement-from-professional-life idea only this forenoon. She thought it all over sitting in the sunlight sipping a cup of coffee, lazily thinking back on the days when she was Beatrice Blaxton, Queen Anne High School student, and one of the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Runner, now living in Sacramento.

Model Visits Sister

At the moment, Miss Blaxton was lolling in the home of her sister, Mary, who is Mrs. James Brygger, 1220 Warren Ave.

Yet even as she spoke, Miss Blaxton knew she won't give up modeling, not so long as it pays off in money, fun and fascination.

"Every year I say I think I'll work a few months more, and then quit," Miss Blaxton reflected. "But I never do. I always think it would be a shame to pass up all that money."

She Devastates at \$200 a Week

By "all that money" Miss Blaxton means an average of \$200 a week. She earns this for looking devastating in front of a camera. The picture might be for a magazine cover, perhaps for a fiction illustration, or for a client whose business it is to sell cigarettes or soap. Among other products Miss Blaxton has glamorized are beauty preparations, baby food, soup, ski toots, watches, shampoos, sterling silver, tooth paste and automobiles.

Her fee is \$20 an hour, and she doesn't have to start work until 9:30 o'clock in the morning. Newcomers and lesser lights begin at 7 o'clock and get a trifling \$15 an

Lindy to Go To Work For Ford Monday

DETROIT, March 28.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh, who resigned his commission as a colonel in the Air Corps Reserve before United States' entrance into the war, will begin work Monday at the Ford Motor Company's giant Willow Run bomber plant.

The famous aviator's exact duties were not disclosed, but he is expected to assume a supervisory position in the engineering department. Lindbergh was offered a job last Tuesday by Henry Ford during an inspection tour of the bomber plant, which is nearing completion.

Wife Shooter Gets 20 Years

TACOMA, March 28.—(AP)—Sergt. Walter W. Carroll, 26 years old, Fort Lewis, pleading guilty of shooting his girl-wife, was sentenced in Superior Court yesterday to serve 20 years in the state prison.

Carroll admitted shooting Norma Mae Carroll, 17, a few weeks after their marriage when he became convinced she no longer cared for him. He subsequently attempted to end his own life. Both recovered.

SHOT FAILS TO HALT SPEEDER

A motorist who police said "ran away" from them at 70 miles an hour on Eastlake Avenue last night, despite the firing of one shot at his tires, was arrested later and charged with reckless driving.

The driver, Sharron E. Tamm, 28-year-old mechanic, of 1018 Ninth Ave., was arrested by Traffic Investigators, Karl Meyer and P. C. Lee. The officers said Tamm turned out the lights on his car when they turned on their red lights and siren as a warning to him to stop. They arrested Tamm at 1146 Eastlake Ave. The motorist was released on \$100 bail.

Truck, Engine Crash Causes \$400,000 Fire

PORTLAND, Or., March 28.—(AP)—A gasoline tank truck exploded after collision with a locomotive yesterday, throwing flames onto a nearby warehouse and causing nearly \$400,000 worth of damage.

The tanker collided with a Southern Pacific switch engine at a waterfront crossing. The driver, James P. Neff, 43 years old, leaped from the truck and ran. Thirty seconds later the tanker exploded.

Investigator William Georzi estimated the warehouse used by Fred Meyer, Inc., a chain store operator, contained \$400,000 worth of merchandise, of which only one-fourth was salvaged.

A carload of glass on a nearby siding also was destroyed and minor damage done to the Western Yarn Supply Company building.

Sister Walks Ahead

Five feet and nine inches tall, Miss Blaxton is stately and sophisticated. When she walks with her sister Mary on the street, she asks Mary to go on ahead a few feet, so the contrast won't be so apparent.

\$76 in First Week

"We were in New York on a vacation—my husband and I," she went on. "We were pretty broke. I'd modeled in Seattle, but I really went to see an agent just to say hello to a mutual friend. He put me to work and I earned \$76 the first week. I couldn't believe it."

Miss Blaxton's husband is the son of Mrs. William Kahkhe, 2906 Harvard Ave. N. He now is in New York. His vacationing wife will join him in about a week. Then she'll put on the apron she describes as the one she posed in for a soup advertisement, and go on with her career.

Perhaps she'll hope for a good picture. Of more than 1,000 taken, she likes only two.

Pedagogues Of Oregon Debate U. S. Education

PORTLAND, Or., March 28.—(UP)—Oregon school teachers left for their homes today after an annual convention climaxed last night by discussion of federal education.

Among departmental officers elected at closing sessions were: Elementary principals—Harry Mays, North Bend, president; junior high schools—Richard H. Bars, Silverton, president; visual education—U. S. Burt, Corvallis, secretary.

In the debate on federal education, Dr. John Appleton, director of the Northwest Regional Council, spoke in favor of continued expansion. He asked the further expansion of existing federal education agencies and not the establishment of new ones.

Oregon's Governor Files for Reelection

SALEM, Or., March 28.—(UP)—Gov. Charles A. Sprague filed formal declaration of candidacy for renomination on the Republican ticket today with the ballot slogan: "Keep Oregon's War-time Government on the Job." Secretary of State Carl Snell, announced opponent of the governor, said he did not plan to file his declaration until Monday, "last day" on which candidates for nomination at the May primary election may get their names on the ballot.

\$50,000 BOND ORDERED FOR IKI

A bail bond of \$50,000 was set today for Kenji Iki, Japanese business man of Seattle, by United States Commissioner Harry M. Westfall, who said the bail was being set "large enough that Mr. Iki will not be connected with the evacuation."

Iki, charged with failing to report possession of \$515,000 worth of Imperial Japanese government bonds and \$15,000 in United States currency, was granted a continuance of his hearing until either the first day of the next grand jury session or for 60 days, whichever is earlier.

Head of Ship Firm

The Japanese manager and chief United States representative of the United Ocean Transport Company, Ltd., a Japanese corporation, was arrested late yesterday at his apartment, 170 11th Ave., by United States Deputy Marshal Michael Green, on a warrant issued on complaint of United States Customs Service agents.

IkI Returned to Jail

Summers said that all of IkI's funds have been "frozen," except what he could borrow on \$2,500 worth of life insurance.

Summers said that he would like to see IkI, but this is not the first time he has been in and provisions have been made for evacuation. I would much prefer that the bail be set at \$50,000 and that Mr. Iki remain where we can find him until the evacuation is completed.

Timber Strips, No High Dams, Fishermen Urge

CHICAGO, March 28.—(AP)—The Isaac Walton League of America today adopted resolutions recommending creation of timber strips along all waterways where logging is carried on, and urging a halt to construction of high dams for the duration of the war.

State Advertising To Be Continued

OLYMPIA, March 28.—(AP)—The Washington State Progress Commission decided yesterday to continue advertising despite war conditions.

Japanese Free 11 U. S. Missionaries

NEW YORK, March 28.—(AP)—Bishop Ralph A. Ward and ten Methodist missionaries, who were interned for two months in Wuhu, China, by the Japanese military forces, have been permitted to return to their mission stations, the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church was advised yesterday.

3, Convicted In Rail-Blast Plot, Seek New Trial

PEORIA, Ill., March 28.—(AP)—Attorneys for two former employees of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad, and a railroad-brotherhood press agent, plan to ask for a new trial for the trio, convicted in United States District Court Thursday of contempt of court by conspiring to dynamite a railroad bridge during a strike.

Grandma Beams At Long-Distance Cry

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—(AP)—Baby Joan Wilkie cried in Honolulu today—and her grandmother heard her here.

Joan was born in Hawaii a few hours after the Pearl Harbor attack. Her parents are Chief Quartermaster Charles F. Wilkie, U. S. N., and Mrs. Wilkie of Philadelphia.

Committee Frowns On Capitol Stables

OLYMPIA, March 28.—(AP)—The state Capitol committee refused to recognize Dobbin yesterday. A request by state employees—who plan to ride horses to work—for a stable on the Capitol grounds was tabled.

Food for Greece Arrives in Lisbon

BERLIN, (from German broadcasts), March 28.—(AP)—Dispatches from Lisbon reported today that the 5,548-ton Greek freighter Master Elias Kalukridis had arrived from the United States en route with a cargo of food for distribution in Greece by the Red Cross.

Ito Reported Meetings Here To Tokyo, Witness Testifies

Reports of two meetings of a public forum, held at Broadway High School last autumn, were sent to the Japanese Foreign Office in Tokyo, it was disclosed yesterday during the trial of Kenji Ito, Japanese-American attorney, in United States District Court.

Ito, a University of Washington graduate, is charged with failing to register with the State Department as a Japanese agent.

Much Evidence Offered

More than an hour yesterday afternoon was occupied by the procedure of offering as evidence numerous books, papers and letters which two agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation confiscated when they searched Ito's Jackson Street office on December 12.

Mine-Claim Work Suspension Sought

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—Senator Murray, Democrat, Montana, introduced a bill yesterday to suspend the annual work assessment as it applies to mining claims in the United States and Alaska.

Chehalis Wins Praise for Its War Donations

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—Chehalis, Wash., was praised for its patriotism yesterday in brief remarks on the House floor by Representative Smith, Democrat, Washington.

Smith said he had been informed by Clarence Ellington, Chehalis civic leader, that the city of 5,000 population had exceeded in nine days its goal of \$55,000 in purchase of a pursuit plane. A two-week campaign had been planned. Money to be raised in the remaining four days Ellington said, would go for specialized equipment for the plane.

Injuries Suffered 4 Months Ago Fatal

CHARLES STRONG, 37 years old, an Indian, who suffered a head injury when he apparently was struck by a train while walking near Second Avenue South and Massachusetts Street November 21, died at 6:15 o'clock last night in Harborview County Hospital.

Strong was found lying unconscious near the tracks by railroad workmen. The death was listed as an industrial accident, deputy coroners reported.

Twins Die 5 Minutes Apart

CAMBRIDGE, Minn., March 28.—(AP)—Within five minutes, identical twins died. They were Edgar and Edward Wilson, about 40 years old. Edgar, a milkman, was visiting at the home of Edward, a postal clerk. Edward fell dead from a heart attack. Five minutes later, Edgar succumbed from the same cause.

Thumb Cut in Fall

JAMES GALLAGHER, 19 years old, furnace man, 2800 W. Adams St., suffered a severe laceration on his right thumb when he fell against a window at Post and Spring Streets about 1 o'clock this morning. He was admitted to Harborview County Hospital.

DRIVER HURT AS AUTO OVERTURNS

Oscar Rosslund, 43 years old, of 11520 18th Ave. N. E., suffered a fractured wrist and head injuries when his automobile overturned at First Avenue Northeast and East 110th Street about 3:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Rosslund's car apparently overturned when he cut in too soon after passing a suburban bus and his wheels locked. State Patrolman D. H. Pruitt declared. Rosslund was taken to Harborview County Hospital.

Mechanic Fined \$100 on Two Traffic Counts

BENJAMIN F. BUTTERWORTH, 25 years old, a mechanic, yesterday was fined \$50 for negligent driving and \$50 for hit-run driving by Police Judge William F. Devin. Judge Devin also suspended Butterworth's license seven months.

Fined for Reckless Driving

CHARLES E. CRANE, 19, laborer, \$75 and license suspended 6 months; ROY G. SMITH, 38, fireman, \$75 and license suspended 30 days; RAYMOND LEAR, 36, laborer, \$50 and license suspended 30 days; ROBERT THURLOW, 32, laborer, and GILBERT HENDRICKSON, 23, laborer, \$40 and license suspended 30 days; HOWARD DUBBIN, 37, groceryman, \$35 and license suspended 30 days; and JOHN D. BLACK, 22, machinist, \$25 and license suspended 60 days.

Also Fined for Negligent Driving

ALFRED BIER, 30, mechanic, forfeited \$100 bail on a reckless-driving charge.

Also fined for negligent driving were BERT O'BRIEN, Jr., 31, laborer, \$35; ROBERT G. DAVIS, 21, mechanic, \$25; and HARRY M. MARTIN, 28, laborer, \$15.

Paul R. Madison, 18, a student, charged with failure to yield the right of way to a pedestrian, was fined \$20.

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