

AUTO MEN SCORE U. S. AID DELAY

Many automobile dealers will be bankrupt long before they can obtain government financial assistance under the terms of legislation now pending before Congress, M. O. Anderson, president of the Washington Automotive Trade Association, said today.

The Senate banking and currency committee yesterday approved legislation which would authorize the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to purchase automobiles and trucks from dealers on or before August 1, 1943, "at a fair retail price."

The measure also would allow the R. F. C. to make loans to dealers on their stocks. Anderson said, however, that this provision would not help greatly, because the cost of carrying stocks of cars is great, and dealers are unable to enter other fields while they have the stocks on hand.

Freezing Ties Up Cash

"What many dealers want now is to get rid of their cars so they can enter some other line which will help with the war effort," Anderson said. "It can't be done with a lot of money tied up in 'frozen' cars. Many dealers would like to convert their plants to war work of some kind."

The proposed legislation will help 14 months from now, but will be too late for a big percentage of the car dealers."

Federal Purchases Urged

The Washington Automotive Trade Association last night sent a telegram to President Roosevelt and Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, asking that the government purchase all new automobiles at retail prices from dealers. Anderson and Carl Heussy, association secretary, signed the telegram, which said, in part:

"... dealers are now in the fourth month of freeze losses and storage interest insurance expenses without any cash funds being provided to enable them to meet current expenses. . . . The losses resulting from the complete freeze order during the months of January and February, plus the failure of the rationing program to function effectively and even partly to return to dealers their operating expenses for the months of March and April, have dangerously depleted the capital structure of the 44,000 dealer organizations throughout the country."

'Actual Confiscation'

"The accumulative effect of these enforced losses amounts to actual confiscation of the businesses of the retail automobile dealers of America because such losses are rapidly forcing involuntary bankruptcy on the vast majority of them. . . . The war transportation system will be seriously hampered, said the telegram, "if this established trade . . . is disrupted and destroyed."

RALLS MAY HEAD BOWLING FIRM

United States District Judge Lloyd L. Black will be asked tomorrow morning to approve a reorganization plan under which Charles C. Ralls, chief criminal county deputy prosecutor, became president of the Main Bowl, Inc., a bowling alley and soda fountain. Ralls would replace Thomas S. Masuda, American-born Japanese attorney, who is in the county jail pending trial on charges of having acted as an agent for Japan without registering with the secretary of state.

The reorganization, pending court approval, took place last Saturday in the jail, where C. T. Takahashi, the firm's former Japanese-American secretary-treasurer, also is held. Takahashi is accused of attempting to ship gasoline storage tanks to Japan.

The bowling alley now is in the care of the real estate firm of Carroll, Hillman & Hedlund, Inc., as trustee, in a transaction which took place when Japanese assets were frozen last December.

Ralls said he had been asked to take charge of the business by the real estate firm.

Car Refuses To Budge—Drive Shaft Is Stolen

R. E. Grossman, 3618 Courtland Pl., a Boeing employe, would have driven home in his own automobile last night except for one little detail—thieves had removed the drive shaft from his automobile while he was at work.

Grossman reported the theft to police about 12:30 o'clock this morning. Police searched the parking lot where Grossman had left his automobile, but they didn't see any spare drive shafts.

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Indian, Eager To Fight Axis, Can't Join Up



JOHN FRANK TAKES THE GUN
He wants to take up the gun.

Ironically, John Frank Takes The Gun, a Crow Indian, traveled all the way from Montana to Seattle only to have his request to "take up a gun" to defend his country refused yesterday.

Takes The Gun, who was turned down by the Army in Montana, was rejected yesterday by the United States Coast Guard office here because of a broken hand.

Explaining he got his unusual name from an ancestor who "earned it" by taking a steamship away from an enemy, the 33-year-old Indian said he is not only willing to "take up a gun," but to do anything, Uncle Sam requests of him.

"I was classified 3-A by my draft board because I have three children," he explained. "One day I was talking to my first cousin, Robert Yellow Tail. He's the superintendent of the Crow Agency and the only Indian agent who is superintendent of his own people. He asked me when I was going to join the Army. I said: 'Today,' although I later found out I couldn't. He said, 'That's the boy. Go to it because I have no use for any persons who refuse to uphold the freedom that this country guarantees us.'"

"When I couldn't get in the Army, I came to Seattle and tried the Coast Guard. I didn't know what I'd do yet, but I think I'll go down to Fort Lewis and try the Army again."

While in Montana, Takes The Gun was employed as a deputy federal game warden on the Crow Reservation, and met Harry R. Mohr of Bothell while Mohr was hunting there. He is Mohr's guest here.

After the Coast Guard examining physician had rejected the Indian, Lieut. Comdr. Ben C. Wilcox, recruiting officer, commended him for the effort he has put forth in trying to serve his country in its time of need.

MYSTERY DEATH BELIEVED SUICIDE

Two weeks ago Charles Olson, 62 years old, sold a herd of cows he kept on an 80-acre farm near Kent.

A few days later he gave an electric pump and a radio to Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Larsen, neighbors. Then Olson, who had lived alone on his farm 35 years, was seen no more.

Body, Shotgun in Ashes

Last night the Larsens, worried about him, walked through the woods to a spot where they had seen a fire burning last Thursday night. Olson's charred remains and a shotgun with one exploded shell were lying amid the ashes of what apparently had been a carefully-laid 15-foot bonfire.

County Detectives Earl Allen and Paul Henry, investigating today, believed Olson had committed suicide, but wondered what had become of the money he had received from the herd of cattle. When they entered the farm house, they found out.

Bonds Found on Table

On the dining room table lay two Grange bonds, with a total value of \$1,125. Olson, described by neighbors as a shy and lonely man who did not like women and children on his farm, had made the Children's Orthopedic Hospital of Seattle the beneficiary of the two bonds.

Further investigation disclosed that Olson recently had deeded 20 acres of land to the Orthopedic Hospital.

Victim Told of Trip

The Larsen told detectives that Olson said, in presenting them with an electric well pump and radio, that he was going to take a trip to see his folks.

The only clue to any relatives the aging man may have had was a postcard which bore the salutation: "Dear Brother;" and was signed by Mrs. Hans Kettleston, 315 E. Eighth St., Albert Lea, Minn.

Seaman, Sans License, Fined As Reckless

Robert J. W. Greg, 26 years old, a seaman, charged with reckless driving and driving without a driver's license, was fined \$50 in Police Court yesterday.

Greg was arrested April 16 by Traffic Investigators Gordon N. McDougall and C. A. Rouse. The officers reported they followed the motorist north in Aurora Avenue from Valley Street to North 40th Street and paced his automobile at between 45 and 50 miles an hour. Greg had been drinking, the officers reported.

Aurelia Blenkert, 25, waitress, charged with negligent driving, forfeited \$25 bail when she failed to appear in court yesterday.

Gasoline Supply, Assured Coast, If Drivers Aid

The Pacific Coast states have a plentiful supply of gasoline and if the motoring public, bent on tire conservation, continues reduced driving, there may be surpluses soon, V. C. Webster, manager of the Washington Gasoline Dealers Association, said today.

Motorists in 17 states on the Atlantic Seaboard next month will be allowed only about five gallons of gasoline a week, but there was no announcement of the rationing to be extended to the West Coast.

Webster said there is only a small amount of "shopping around" by automobile owners failing to get all the gasoline they need. A few stations "run out" of gasoline but, generally, all customers are accommodated, Webster said. Dealers here get gasoline in 10-day periods, on the 10th, 20th and 30th of each month and supplies are lowest just before the delivery dates.

BUS PASSENGER, WHO SUED, DIES

Mrs. Marie Blix, 72 years old, 4208 23rd Ave. W., who filed a personal-injury claim for \$10,800 against the Seattle Transit System Tuesday, died at 3:45 o'clock this morning in Seattle General Hospital.

In the claim, Mrs. Blix stated she had suffered a fractured pelvis March 28 when a bus operator closed a door too soon, throwing her to the pavement.

Dr. Gale E. Wilson, King County autopsy surgeon, was ordered to perform an autopsy today to determine whether Mrs. Blix's death was caused by her pelvic injury or other causes.

In her claim, Mrs. Blix said the bus driver caused her to be transported in his bus, in a sitting position, 4 1/2 miles to Gilman Avenue and Thurman Street, where a transit inspector had her placed in a passenger automobile and carried in a sitting position to the Seattle General Hospital at Fifth Avenue and Marion Street.

Engineers to Meet

The Western Washington Section of American Society of Mechanical Engineers will meet in the Mission Cafe, 259 Burwell St., Bremerton, at 6:45 o'clock Thursday evening. Seattle members plan to leave Colman Dock on a ferry at 5:15 o'clock.

Minnesota Club

The Minnesota Club will meet at 8 o'clock Tuesday night in Independence Hall, 4033 University Way. Cards will be played.

English Free Drinks Few; Scotch Fewer

LONDON, April 23.—(AP)—The "no-treating" law forbidding drinks on the house, which was as close as Britain came to prohibition in the First World War, was proposed again in the House of Commons today as a means of cutting down consumption of beer and spirits in England's numerous pubs.

J. J. Davidson, Laborite from Glasgow, thought the law unnecessary because "the no-treating practice is found in England very much at present."

"There is an even higher percentage in Scotland," quipped George A. Griffiths, Yorkshire Laborite.

Jap Held in Curfew Case

PORTLAND, April 23.—Minoru Yasui, Hood River American-born Japanese, was held today under federal indictment for violation of the alien curfew order. Yasui, attorney, who violated the curfew for a test case, was indicted yesterday. A fine of \$5,000 and a year in prison are possible under the act.

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