

34 INSPECTORS CHECK PRICES

Thirty-four Office of Price Administration inspectors today began an at-random education survey of Seattle retail stores, checking and aiding dealers on the posting of ceiling prices on cost-of-living commodities.

Henry B. Owen, state O. P. A. director, said Seattle is 1 of 11 cities throughout the nation in which similar surveys, primarily educational, began today.

Under the general price regulation which became effective last May 18, retailers must post their ceiling prices and furnish a complete listing of all ceilings with their local War Price and Ration Boards by July 1.

Lists Must Be Posted
Dr. James Hall, state O. P. A. price executive, will direct the survey in the Seattle area. He said that although various methods of displaying prices have been approved, a general rule is to have the lists completely legible and posted conspicuously. Only two headings have been approved: "Our Price Ceilings" and "Ceiling Prices." "A consumer should be able to see the 'ceiling prices' without having to look through the pages of a form for them," Dr. Hall said. "The prices should be conspicuous enough so the consumer sees them whether looking for them or not. If any posting job does not meet with this minimum standard it clearly is an inadequate price-posting job."

Owen said many dealers have failed to comply merely by having their lists posted in full compliance with requirements.

Survey to Explain Methods
"It is the object of the survey to explain posting methods and help retailers arrange their lists correctly," Owen said.

Officials listed the following characteristics of posting jobs as "unacceptable" under the regulation:

1. If it fails to cover all commodities.
2. If it is posted in a catalogue or book.
3. If not properly identified as a "ceiling price."
4. If there is a "blanket" sign stating that "all prices in this store are no higher than our ceiling."
5. If a blanket counter marker states "all prices on this counter are ceiling prices."

Legible Printing Asked
6. If several price lists are so arranged that the consumer must thumb through pages to find any item.

7. If the posting is not near the point of purchase.

8. If the printing is neither large nor clear enough to be easily legible from the point of purchase.

9. If the "Ceiling Price" caption is not large enough to draw attention.

10. If the "ceiling price" term is not adjacent to the actual price.

11. If the posting gives only a range, for example: "Our ceiling prices are from \$1.98 to \$3.98."

12. If ceiling prices are posted in the store window.

Mail-Box Looter Sentenced
Amos Ferguson, 46 years old, who was arrested by postal inspectors April 10, was sentenced today to serve a year and one day in McNeil Island penitentiary for taking a check from a government mail box. Ferguson pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Lloyd L. Black.

Seattle Boy Graduated
David H. Hawkes, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rollin C. Hawkes, 1928 Shenandoah Dr., was graduated today from Mount Hermon School for boys in East Northfield, Mass. He attended Madrona Elementary School and Garfield High School.

Evacuated Japs Protecting Disloyal, Says Col. Bendtsen

Despite the fact that many Japanese in this country are known to be disloyal to the United States, not a single Japanese of the 100,000 evacuated from the West Coast has reported disloyalty on the part of another, the Wartime Civil Control Administration reported today.

This attitude was characterized as possibly "a most ominous thing" by Col. Karl R. Bendtsen, assistant chief of staff, Western Defense Command and 4th Army.

"Contrary to other national or race groups," said Colonel Bendtsen, who was in direct charge of the evacuation operation, "the behavior of the Japanese has been such that in not one single instance has any Japanese reported disloyalty on the part of another specific individual of the same race. . . . I think that this attitude may be, and can be, a most ominous thing."

The W. C. C. A.'s report on the evacuation, now completed, said 99,770 persons of Japanese ancestry were moved from Southern Arizona and a 150-mile strip of Washington, Oregon and California.

17 Centers in Operations
Most of the Japanese now are in 17 assembly centers scattered throughout the region. Others already have been settled in allocation centers in the interior, where they will remain for the duration.

Additional relocation centers are being prepared. Why the evacuation was thought necessary was explained by Lieut. Gen. J. L. De Witt, Western Defense Command commander, in a proclamation stating that the entire Pacific Coast "is particularly subject to attack" and "to espionage and acts of sabotage."

The report said the operation was of value to communities which the Japanese left as it gave residents "a picture of an American Army moving in a democratic way even during the exigencies of war."

Engineers Move Rapidly
"They had a picture of an American Army at work," the report said. "Army engineers building, in 28 days, shelter for nearly 100,000 persons. In addition to shelter, building community kitchens and hospitals, and equipping them, providing devotional and recreational facilities. All this without distraction from the war effort itself and with the use of only a few hundred troops and only a handful of officers."

In regard to the reaction of the Japanese to the migration, the report said: "The general impression was that the evacuees may not have been doing the thing they liked best to do, but they were doing the best thing they could do under the circumstances, and doing it cheerfully."

Bogus Officer Is Given 30 Days in Jail

James Alexander Johnstone, 40 years old, was sentenced today by United States District Judge John C. Bowen to 30 days in the county jail for illegally wearing the uniform of a lieutenant commander in the Navy.

Johnstone, who pleaded guilty, told the court that there was "no excuse whatsoever" for his action. In passing sentence Judge Bowen told Johnstone he was "too old to have such childish ways."

Johnstone was arrested March 25 on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. Although he was wearing civilian clothes, he told officers he was a lieutenant commander. Subsequent investigation revealed he owned and had worn a lieutenant commander's uniform.

**Shipyard Worker Held
For Wearing Uniform**
David E. Eber, 25 years old, a shipyard worker, was held today in the county jail on charges of illegally wearing the uniform of a United States Army officer.

Eber is accused by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of representing himself as a second lieutenant in the Cavalry. He had a complete uniform, including boots and breeches, the F. B. I. said.

**Dependents to Bar
W. A. A. C. Aspirant**

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Applicants for commissions in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps will not be considered if they have persons who would be dependent on the candidate's pay, the War Department announced today.

In a statement of requirements for admission to the women's officer school, the Army said it would admit to the first school—and only the first—otherwise qualified women who have passed their 45th birthday but have not reached their 50th birthday. These will not be enrolled, but if successful at the school will be appointed officers. If unsuccessful, they will be released and not retained as auxiliaries.

Wife of Missing Officer Seeks To Join W. A. A. C.

Mrs. James D. Donlon, Jr., whose husband was listed as "missing in action" after Philippine engagements, is trying to enlist in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

Donlon, a first lieutenant in a Field Artillery unit, wrote his last letter to his wife in December, 1941. Mrs. Donlon, the former Jane Humbird, who worked for The Times and other Seattle newspapers before her marriage, said: "I've a few scores to settle with the Japs, so I have applied for enlistment in the W. A. A. C."

After their marriage in Bellingham in September, 1940, the Donlons went to Fort Stotsenberg, near Manila. Mrs. Donlon was evacuated with other Army and Navy wives in May, 1941. After the December 7 attack on Pearl Harbor, she quit her job and worked full time in Bellingham civilian-defense work.

Drunk-Driving Conviction Bar To Citizenship

A man who had been convicted of drunken driving was denied citizenship today by United States District Judge Lloyd L. Black.

In denying the application, Judge Black commented that driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor is as bad "as taking a shotgun and firing it down the street."

The man may not reapply for citizenship until June, 1945, five years after he was convicted. A total of 97 persons was granted citizenship by Judge Black. In addition two persons were repatriated.

Seattleite Gets Degree
Miss Amy Ota of Seattle, was graduated today from the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing in New York City.

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