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Identification Proposal for Guns Dropped

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—The Internal Revenue Service has dropped a controversial proposal to require that all shotguns and small rifles be stamped with the maker's name and a serial number.

It did so in publishing today a new series of firearms regulations which provide among other things that shotguns, pistols, and high-powered rifles be stamped with the manufacturer's name, serial number, caliber, and model designation.

The service made several changes in the regulations which, when proposed last year, stirred up a storm of protests from sportsmen's groups, some members of Congress and others.

Protests Heeded

Dwight E. Avis, head of the Alcohol Tax Unit which drafted the regulations, said protests voiced at Revenue Service hearings last August "had considerable to do" with revisions made in the draft regulations before their issuance. "I am sure they will be generally acceptable," he told a reporter.

The regulations published in today's edition of the Federal Register, will take effect March 1.

They make these two major changes in existing regulations: 1. The manufacturer's name, serial number, caliber, and model must be stamped on all pistols, revolvers and high-powered rifles. The maker's name must be stamped on all firearms, but the other data may be omitted in the case of shotguns and .22 caliber rifles unless they are subject to provisions of the National Firearms Act. This act governs traffic in sawed-off shotguns, rifles, and automatic weapons.

Applies to Imports

Present regulations carry no requirement that such descriptive data be stamped on firearms. The new code applies to importers of foreign-made firearms as well as to domestic manufacturers.

2. An extension, from 6 to 10 years, of the period of time for which licensed dealers are required to keep records of all acquisitions and sales of firearms.

French Police Break Plush Vice Racket

PARIS, Jan. 18 (AP)—French police announced today they have broken up a plush call-girl racket which offered its clients models, movie starlets, and housewives needing a spot of cash.

News that the police had 250 of the girls' names, with photos, sent a shiver up the spine of the Paris demimonde, which sensed a first class scandal. But police said the names would not be released—only kept on file.

The case came to light when charges were placed against Gabrielle Bellerot for what the French call "proxenetisme"—procuring.

Former Operator

"La Belle Gabrielle"—admitting to 48 years, though some ungallantly said she is 52—once operated a celebrated house of her own in the swank Champs Elysees area, the police prefecture said. When such activities were outlawed in 1946 she found herself out of business.

So, from her apartment near the Arc de Triomphe, she set to work with her telephone, police said. For a fee, ranging up to \$50 or more depending on one thing and another, Mme. Bellerot would provide clients with a series of photos from which to choose, arrange the rendezvous, and even provide quiet, but temporary, lodgings.

Business Paid Well

She did well, frequenting the best Paris fashion houses, sporting mink coats and enough jewelry to attract attention.

Questioning some of the girls involved, police came up with the statement that anyone who dealt with the madame had to furnish guarantees of "discretion and honor." The gendarmes said some of the names on La Belle Gabrielle's list were familiar but that many came as complete surprises.

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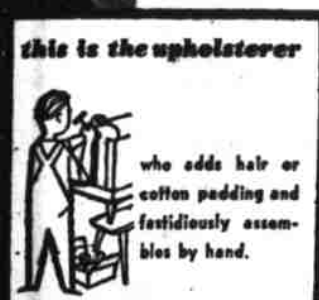
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