

Rent Control—How It Operates

To the credit of the vast majority of landlords throughout rent-controlled areas, the percentage of violations of OPA rent regulations is small in relation to the number of dwelling units registered.

Some time ago, the rent director in Spokane, Washington, received a letter from a landlady enclosing her registration form.



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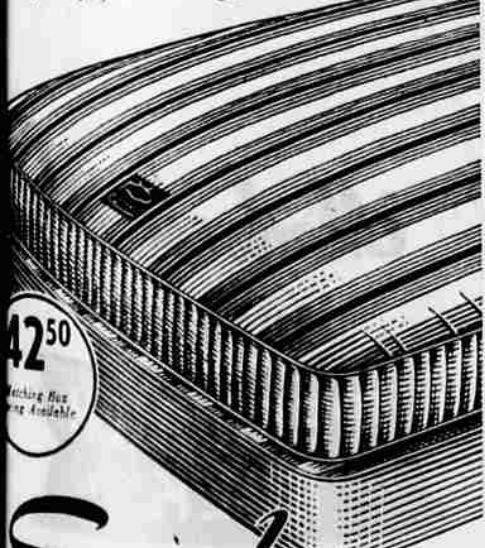
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"I'm cancelling my subscription," she wrote. "I don't like your organization and I'm sorry I joined. From now on I'm going to charge the rent I please. Here's your old subscription blank."

The rent director did not accept the landlady's resignation. Compliance, he wrote her, is not a matter of choice.

Rent control is equipped with teeth. For example, a tenant who is overcharged has authority to bring his landlord into court to recover damages. The law provides damages up to three times the amount of the overcharge, or \$50, whichever is greater. Furthermore, the OPA administrator has authority to bring such action if, within 30 days after the overcharge, the tenant has not done so. In such a case, the damages are paid to the United States Treasury.

A willful violation of any of the rent regulations makes the violator subject to prosecution under criminal law. False statements on the registration form or an evasion or attempted evasion of the maximum rent regulation may be punishable by \$5000 fine or one year's imprisonment.

Charging more than the authorized rent is not the only way of violating the rent ceiling regulations. For instance, it is a violation to charge a tenant more than one periodic rent installment in advance, unless that policy was established for the particular rental unit on January 1, 1944, with certain exceptions which the rent director will be glad to discuss on inquiry.

It is likewise against the law to require a tenant to purchase any furniture or other equipment as a condition of rental.

OPA is not anxious, however, to pop into court every time a violation is discovered. In many cases, the rent director may call the violation to the landlord's attention and attempt to bring about an administrator's settlement or a refund to the tenant or both. The administrator's claim is frequently settled by a check payable to the United States Treasury for overcharges against a tenant whose present whereabouts may be unknown.

But where voluntary restitution is not made within a reasonable time, or where the violation is repeated after warning, OPA can and will take legal steps to re-

Oregon Casualties

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—(AP)—Oregon soldiers wounded in Europe:

Albro, Curtis H., Pvt., son of Mrs. Ethel Albro, Portland.

Anderson, Samuel, PFC, husband of Mrs. George Anderson, Albany.

Blair, Vernon C., Pvt., son of Mrs. Elsie L. Blair, Portland.

Denton, Roy, Tech-4, Mrs. Ida G. Denton, Portland.

Fountain, Alfred E., Cpl., husband of Mrs. Mildred Fountain, Albany.

Groves, William C. S-Sgt., husband of Mrs. D. Louise Groves, Vale.

Killian, Glenn D., Sgt., son of Mrs. Lillian G. Sutherland, Portland.

Kirby, Kenneth, Sgt., husband of Mrs. Martha L. Kirby, Fairview.

Magruder, William A., PFC, son of William H. Magruder, Freewater.

May, Winton L., 1st Lt., son of Mrs. Nettie C. May, Portland.

McCray, Elvin L., Cpl., husband of Mrs. Barbara W. McCray, Portland.

Patterson, Eugene W., Pvt., husband of Mrs. Lois W. Patterson, Silverton.

Payne, Clyde L., Cpl., husband of Mrs. Ladonna M. Payne, Newberg.

Purrier, Frank J., 2nd Lt., son of Gustave O. Purrier, Corvallis.

Trump, William A., PFC, son of Ole Trump, Walla Walla.

Watson, Earl E., PFC, son of Mrs. Della C. Watson, Dallas.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—(AP)—Oregon naval casualties:

Agatha, William Ernest, machinist's mate second class, U.S. naval reserve. Missing. Wife, Mrs. Vearla Joyce Agatha, The Dalles.

Bales, John, aviator, U.S. naval reserve. Wounded. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Clarkon Bales, Monroe.

Debord, John, Garand, torpedoman's mate third class, U.S. naval reserve. Missing. Wife, Mrs. Edith Ross Debord, star route, Lebanon.

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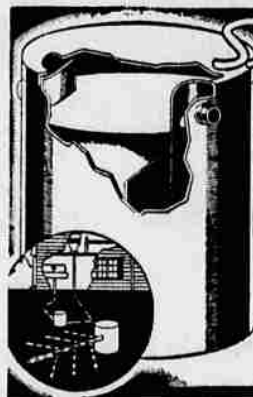
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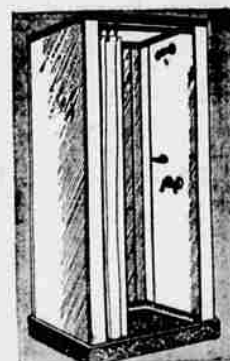
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