

Aid to Housing Seen in Chicago Building Code

Chicago (AP)—A "modernized" building code is expected to provide housing for many more persons in the nation's second most populous city.

The code, approved by unanimous vote of the city council, was hailed by Leverett Lyon, chief executive officer of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, as an "important step for greater economy and efficiency."

Estimates of the number of dwelling units that could be provided under the less restrictive rules ran up to 25,000. Lyon said the new code would be "a good model for other cities with outmoded building regulations."

Profabricated houses for the first time can be built inside the city limits. Plywood, wallboard and other materials that meet certain tests can be used in home construction.

The flexibility of the new code allows builders to use any of more than 80 combinations of various materials that meet health and safety tests. Previously they had to choose from a list of seven specified by city ordinance.

Cost Not So High

Builders in Chicago now can take advantage of new housing developments," Lyon said. "At the same time, manufacturers will be encouraged to develop even better, less costly, more efficient materials."

Most of the changes are applicable in the area outside the city's "fire limits," the most congested area around the Loop district. This area takes up about 36 of the city's 211 square miles.

The new tests show the speed with which flames spread over a wall surface and measure the impact on it of a 60-pound bag of cement. The tests usually are met by one-half inch plywood that has been treated with a fire retardant, and by better grades of wallboard, authorities said.

Provisions of the new code include:

More freedom of design by architects.

Two-story apartment houses with no more than four units are required to have only one stairway instead of two.

Steel to be used

Profabricated houses and plywood and wallboard can be used instead of plaster outside the fire limits.

Lightweight steel construction with one-hour fire protection can be used in buildings up to six stories, instead of four stories.

The former requirement of four-hour flame protection in steel frame buildings was lowered to one hour.

An unlimited number of basement apartments can be built, provided the basement floor is no more than three feet below the outside grade level. (The old code permitted only one basement in any building.)

Nathan Manlow, director of

U. S. Displays Air Power, But Reds Unimpressed

Berlin, Feb. 8 (AP)—Huge American airlift transport planes roared over Europe in practice flights today as a reminder to the Russians that they still are available.

The Russians appeared unimpressed. They clamped a new stranglehold on the Berlin superhighway and held up more than 200 trucks within six hours this morning after letting traffic flow normally from before dark to midnight.

West German police at the Helmsdorf check-point said today's jam began at 3 a.m., when Russian border guards suddenly cut truck traffic to five vehicles an hour.

The Russians piled up 200 trucks similarly yesterday morning and then suddenly began releasing them in the middle of the day. By dark last night the entire backlog disappeared and traffic passed the check-point normally until 3 a.m. today.

Details Released

American officials for the first time released details of the four-day exercise which started in secret three days ago with a flight from Frankfurt over Paris, where they "made believe" they dropped parachute troops.

Yesterday another group of pilots, operating under wartime secrecy, flew 36 huge C-54 four-engine transports on a 10-hour "secret mission" to test their ability should they be called upon to supply Berlin again.

U.S. officials said that from the results of the exercise so far they were sure they could reassemble the Berlin airlift "in a matter of minutes."

It was understood the air force also tested the ability of the transports and their pilots to evacuate casualties as well as transport airborne and standard infantry in all kinds of weather.

EASTERN STAR INITIATES

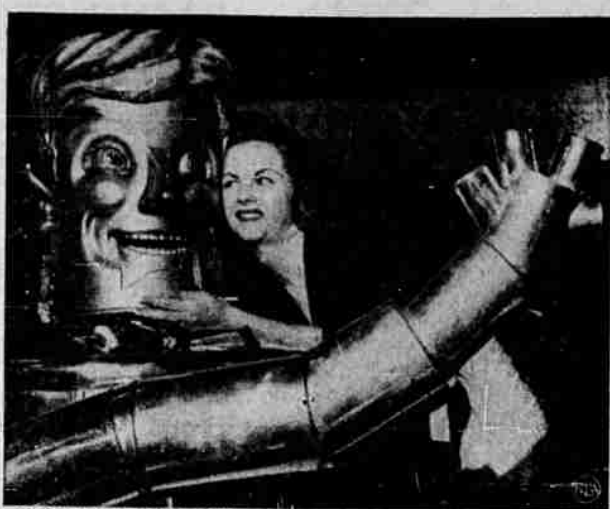
Redmond, Feb. 8 — Mrs. Arthur Edmonds and Mrs. Dale Charlesworth were initiated into the Order of Eastern Star at a ceremony held Monday evening at the Townsend hall. Ten visitors from Bend, seven from Madras and a number of other out-of-town guests were present for the Eastern Star meeting. An invitation was extended by members of the Madras chapter to the district birthday party which is to be held in Madras on March 21.

Refreshments were served to the group under the direction of Mrs. Merlin Armbruster.

CONCERT SUNDAY

A concert by the Central Oregon Symphony, under direction of Grant E. Mathews, will be held Sunday, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m. in the Allen school auditorium. The group is composed of musicians from Prineville, Redmond and Bend.

the Chicago metropolitan home builders' association, said the new code opens the way for construction of more dwelling units in Chicago.



"HOWDY, TINHORN"—At a canners' convention in Atlantic City, N. J., "Charlie Canco," a radio-controlled robot, starred in the role of "housewife's best friend." Mrs. Dorothy DeGrazia gives Charlie a big hug to show her own affection.

Missouri at Sea With New Captain

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 8 (AP)—The USS Missouri shoved off on sea trials today, minus the man who commanded her when she jumped on a Hampton road mud-bank.

Capt. William D. Brown was benched by a naval inquiry board attempting to fix blame for the battleship's two-week "voyage" in the muck. Capt. H. Page Smith, Brown's predecessor, became his successor as well, at least until the board is done with Brown and two other officers.

Ashore also were the Missouri operations officer, Cmdr. John Raymond Millett, and the navigator, Lt. Cmdr. Frank G. Morris Jr. They are co-defendants with Brown.

Millett testified yesterday that Brown was "lost" when Big Mo ran aground Jan. 17. He said Morris told the skipper twice to turn right but that Brown "didn't know where he was" and gave no order to change course before the ship stopped.

Arrests Break Narcotics Ring

New York, Feb. 8 (AP)—Federal agents jailed two men with \$2,000,000 in illegal narcotics in their possession today, identifying them as the local agents of a nationwide drug ring.

Authorities hinted other arrests might take place in other cities, but refused to specify where, other than to say that the ring extended to Knoxville, Tenn., and New Orleans, La.

Three New York detectives and two federal agents arrested Isidore Halitzer, 31, and Phillip Shear, also 31, shortly before midnight at the midtown Hotel McAlpin.

"They had \$2,000,000 worth of heroin with them and in their plant in the Coney Island section of Brooklyn," one detective said. "We had been tracking them since November."

Officers linked the two to the arrest of Alfred San Antonio and Paul Graici at LaGuardia airport last Jan. 31. They were picked up with \$300,000 narcotics in their possession as they prepared to fly to Nashville, Tenn.

New York detective William Confrey said he and the other officers trailed Halitzer and Shear all yesterday evening.

He said in all they found 113 1/2 ounces of heroin in the possession of the two men.

Halitzer was arrested by detectives posing as hotel employees when he left a telephone booth in the Hotel McAlpin. Confrey said 13 ounces of narcotics were found in the booth.

Shear was arrested outside the hotel where he was waiting for Halitzer in an automobile. Confrey said Shear had one ounce of heroin on his person and 33 more ounces were found in the car.

Ceramics Return

Ceramics and grained woods are important again in both table and floor lamps. One designer, Raymor, combines wood with metal in a line of moderately priced modern lamps. The lamps are less massive than some of the modern designs of a few seasons back.

Slim, tapered bases, with tall, deep shades are the most popular shapes. Some of the lamp shades are fabric covered, some covered with wallpaper. Then there are straw shades, plastic shades and fiberglass shades. Chartreuse is a favorite shade color in the Raymor line.

One new line of home decorating fabrics, featuring nubby, tweedy weaves, has been designed by Alice R. Fisher, an interior decorator turned designer. Mrs. Fisher has managed to design fabrics with a custom-made look that sell for moderate prices.

Rough tweed upholstery fabrics look like expensive hand-woven coverings. Actually, the fabrics are power-loomed. A typical design in the new line, produced by Arcraft Weaving corporation, is a multi-color cotton tweed called "Highland Thistle." It would fit in either a modern, provincial or colonial room.

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1950 Furnishings Get 'New Look'

By Elizabeth Toomey (United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York (AP)—Home owners are getting their first looks at the new 1950 furniture, fabrics, dishes and household accessories in the stores now.

There are few cut rate miracles for budget-minded buyers. In fact, the president of the Furniture Exchange predicts a 7 per cent hike in furniture prices this year. He gives higher labor costs as the reason for higher prices.

But there are some handsome new designs in home furnishings, plus new materials used for the first time in furniture construction.

One new chair, designed by Eva Zeisel, is made from a single line of light, plated steel tubing, with a nylon or a heavy cotton cover that you can slip on or off at home. With the cover removed, the curved steel frame can be pulled together so it makes a flat package.

"I designed the chair for people who like to set up extra chairs, and for women who want to simplify housekeeping," Mrs. Zeisel said.

The covers can be slipped off and washed, and the frame can be tucked away in a closet when the chair is not needed.

Mrs. Zeisel, a well-known industrial designer, has three versions of the chair—a high-backed chair for relaxing, a dining room chair size, and a low occasional chair ideal for television viewing. Each version has a comfortable springiness, yet it is firm enough to make a steady dining room chair. The chairs, according to Mrs. Zeisel, will be sold in department stores and through decorators for around \$30.

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New York Man Heir to Fortune

New York, Feb. 8 (AP)—Hollis Powers Gale, 58, a paper box company executive realized every one's dream today. He became \$5,000,000 richer over night.

But Gale, who was awarded the entire fortune of his spinster cousin, 72-year-old Mary B. Powers, said the money wouldn't make much difference to his way of living.

"I don't intend to buy a new house, or splurge in any way," he said. "It won't make any real difference. It just means my wife and I will be able to have a few more of the nicer things."

Gale estimated that state and federal taxes would take about \$2,500,000 of his inherited fortune.

Miss Powers died July 20, 1948, in her five-room suite at the Hotel Seymour, where she had shut herself away from human contact for 23 years. Her only visitor was the waiter who brought her meals, a doctor, the hotel manager and a banking official who handled her affairs.

173 Claimants

But after her death 173 claimants asked for her estate. The public administrator prepared a chart of Miss Powers' family tree, which was 32 feet long.

Following that chart yesterday surrogate William T. Collins ruled that Gale was her closest living relative, a second cousin on the paternal side, and awarded him the entire estate.

When informed of the court's decision, Gale said that he and his wife, who live here, and his daughter, Mrs. Virginia Lindner, of Pasadena, Calif., were comfortably off "and don't actually need the money."

"I don't feel any different," he said. "I just hope I'll be able to do something decent with all that money."

Gale said that he might give up his job with the United Board and Carton company and attempt to enter government service instead of spending any more time "chasing the dollar."

He said particularly he would like to help the state department with far eastern affairs, pointing out he was Red Cross director for the south of China in 1941.

Gale, who was born in Ludlow, Vt., was captured by the Japanese at the beginning of world war II, and was repatriated to this country on the liner Gripsholm. He later served on the China desk of the office of strategic service.

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Europeans Eager for Facts From American Pen Pals

Philadelphia (AP)—The man in the street in western Europe wants to know about skyscrapers, redskins and atomic energy, and a young Philadelphia woman is seeking 20,000 Americans to answer his questions.

The questions have come from 12 western European countries in some 35,000 letters to "Letters Abroad," a division of the non-profit World Affairs council of Philadelphia.

G. Alison Raymond, director of the project, has managed to "match" 15,000 of the writers with Americans of similar age, marital status, occupation and education. Now she needs another 20,000 adult "pen pals" to spread an understanding of the United States.

The idea for "Letters Abroad" came from the success of the letter-writing campaign which helped turn the tide of the Italian elections away from the communist party in 1948. Miss Raymond decided the idea ought to continue.

Listeners Respond

The Voice of America offered to promote the plan, and newspapers throughout the friendly nations of Europe spread the word that "Letters Abroad" would find correspondents for people anxious to know about America. One British broadcaster brought 6,000 letters immediately, and others are still arriving.

Their letters indicate that people are eager to know just about everything—whether skyscrapers sway in the wind, whether there are many Indians living near American towns, whether Americans would use the atomic bomb in Europe.

But the emphasis is on security and freedom. Miss Raymond said. "The Europeans want to know if we have vacations, if we must get permission from the

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government to take a vacation, and if anyone takes care of workers when they become ill."

They aren't all serious, however. One Berliner wanted to find a fellow fish fancier. L.A. found him one in Kansas City, Kan. Another read, "My name is Snookie. Can you find me a husband?" L.A. couldn't.

Housewife Alms High

There is much discussion of politics in the hundreds of letters that arrive every day. A German housewife wanted to write to an American man "of the rank like Sir Thomas E. Dewey or Sir Vandenberg." If that was asking too much, she added, "Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska may serve."

Wrote one German youth: "I like that I write a teacher who does not be a communist one, because I have the head full and quite broke by propagandas and the stupidities of these tiresome persons."

Some of the correspondents have tales of adventure and intrigue to relate—like the 21-year-old who claimed he fled the MVD in Yena, in the Russian zone, because "I speak English and am fond of jazz, and that will do there to be a spy."

But the big task, as Miss Ray-

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mond sees it, is in clearing up misconceptions concerning American life.

"A recent survey showed one out of three persons in western Europe believes most Americans are uncultured," she said. "And one out of two believes most of us are materialistic."

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