

MODIFIED DRY LAW IN SWEDEN SATISFACTORY

Stockholm (AP)—The Swedish alcohol restriction system is working very satisfactorily, Robert Carlsson, acting managing director of the alcohol monopoly, declared in an exclusive United Press interview.

"Drunkenness has decreased considerably since the introduction of the Bratt restriction scheme and considerable progress has been made on the road towards educating the Swedish people to consume alcohol in reasonable quantities only," he added.

"We do not claim that our system is perfect," he continued. "Hence we do not close our eyes to the fact that there are, of course, some weak spots in the system. We know very well, for instance that bootlegging is carried out on a large scale and that especially the Stockholm 'skagarden' with its countless holes and small canals offers a splendid opportunity for smuggling. This illegal alcohol trade represents a real danger but we are hopeful of getting it under control."

"What matters more, however, than this disadvantage is the fact that, by means of the Bratt restriction system, we were able to decrease the number of cases of abuse of alcohol. Whoever is found not able to regulate his alcohol consumption in a decent way for himself is excluded from the purchase of alcohol for a certain length of time, varying according to the gravity of the case by the local monopoly. After this time has elapsed, the person in question may apply to get back his or her 'passbook' and, on receipt of this, can buy a limited quantity of alcohol at the monopoly shop of the district."

"It is this individual treatment that is characteristic of the Bratt system. The amount of liquor which is granted to any Swedish citizen varies in accordance with his individuality, age, economic conditions,

etc. The maximum quantity of strong spirits, (brandy, whisky, etc.) allowed is four liters per month. The home consumption of light beer and wine is not limited by the Bratt system. Foreigners residing in Sweden are, of course, also entitled to buy and consume alcohol along similar lines. The consumer is always at liberty to select the special kind of alcohol he desires."

Dr. M. Marcus, general secretary of the monopoly, supplemented these observations by discussing the theoretical side of the system.

"The aim of the Bratt scheme is a limitation of the individual alcohol consumption, not an entire prohibition," Dr. Marcus declared.

"Although there is no cooperation between the Swedish alcohol monopoly and the respective restriction or prohibition authorities in other countries," Dr. Marcus continued, "we have been watching the development in the United States and the other Scandinavian countries with great interest."

"What we would never think of recommending our system as suitable to other nations, we do not hesitate to declare that, in our opinion, the Bratt system is best for Sweden. We are considering some changes of the schemes, but all of them are of minor character only. Considered in its entirety, we are content with the working of our system and would not exchange it for any other."

FLAMES TRAP 170 PATRONS AND HELP

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fire box, and returned to find the flames and smoke roaring up the staircase. Before patrons and employees were aware of their danger, the fire was upon them. A cigarette girl was suffocated by the hot fumes as she stood in the center of the dance floor and dropped down over her tray. Her body was found by firemen.

Many patrons rushed for safety into a small dressing room, seven by fifteen feet, in the rear of the building. Thirty of them were found piled unconscious in the tiny space. When firemen broke into the room, several of them were dead. Others were badly injured.

The interior of the building was ruined, but the exterior presented an almost unblemished appearance save for broken windows and fire escape which hangs useless, a mockery to those who ventured to trust it as an exit.

PROPRIETOR ABSENT

Marty Cohen, proprietor of the club, and Robert Jackson, master of ceremonies, were closeted with police Friday morning. Cohen attributed the fire to rivals in business. The study club had been operating for about a year and had prospered. Situated on Vernor highway, about six blocks from the heart of the city and just off Woodward Ave., the main north and south artery of Detroit, it had acquired a wide reputation.

Cohen was not in the place at the time of the fire. Another night club, the Lido, had its opening Thursday night and he had gone to participate, he told police.

Firemen who tried to enter the

building found their way to the roof of the rear section of the building and were carried down by firemen, or, becoming panicky, jumped to the ground. Many suffered broken legs.

The building is three stories high in the front and a two-story addition had been built on the rear. The main dining room occupied most of the second floor. The kitchen was on the first floor.

The fire came at the peak of the night's business. Patrons who had dropped in for a luncheon after the theater had just settled themselves to the enjoyment of the entertainment which was offered by the club when the dread cry of "fire" came.

Louis Kanta, 19 year old sandwich boy, from his bed in Receiving hospital, gave a clear account of what occurred as the panic broke.

"I was just getting ready to close up," he said, "I was reaching up on the ice box for my keys when a porter ran yelling through the room back of the dining room where I was

working. I looked into the dining room. Flames were shooting from the private rooms at the front. They spread rapidly and swept toward the kitchen. Everyone was cut off from escape. The only place left to run was the dressing room.

TERROR RULES MOB

"Everyone went wild. Women were screaming and men yelling. Everyone was tearing around the room, knocking over chairs and anything that got in their way. I ran toward the dressing room with a lot of others. We were packed in so tightly we could hardly move. We shut the door and could hear the flames outside."

"I laid down on the floor but people began trampling me and I stood up. The smoke choked me and I laid down again. There was a woman lying next to me. I heard her calling 'Rose; Rose; we'll die together.' I think she did die. There was another woman lying on the other side of me. I think she was dead."

The body of a woman, at first identified as that of Bubbles Parker,

later was found to have been erroneously identified when Miss Parker was found in St. Mary's hospital in a serious condition. Miss Parker's mother, Mrs. Florence Parker, however, lost her life in the fire. Both are from Utica, N. Y., where it is said that Mrs. Parker's husband, Frank, is an instructor at the conservatory of music.

State and city fire commissioners investigating the blaze with the police declared that they could find no evidence that the fire was of incendiary origin. Draperies and light flimsy decorations they said, accounted for the rapid spread of the flames. Ventilating fans and the architecture of the building sped the flames on their mission of death and devastation.

BODIES UNIDENTIFIED

The bodies of four women lie in the county morgue unidentified. Their clothing was burned off and the charred and blackened condition of their bodies will make identification difficult. Of the nine men who were killed, eight have been identified.

Some of the patrons of the establish-

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