

Seattle Council Acts To Combat Rent-Gouging

Seattle—UPI—A Fair Practice Council has been formed and an anti-eviction ordinance delayed in the two latest developments in Seattle's World's Fair connected rent-gouging problem.

The council came out of a meeting of civic, fair and business leaders here. Gov. Albert D. Rosellini, Mayor Gordon Clinton, Joseph Gandy, president of the fair, and Edward E. Carlson, chairman of the Washington Century 21 Commission attended.

The purpose of the council is to hold the line on prices and discourage rent raising. Any association, firm or individual is eligible to join.

Consideration Delayed

Meanwhile, consideration of Clinton's proposed ordinance to prevent rent gouging and evictions in Seattle apartment houses was delayed until Monday by the Seattle City Council.

Clinton submitted the ordinance with the claim that the situation was an emergency brought on by the fair, which opens April 21.

After hearing about the ordinance, the council agreed to consider it between now and Monday and then call in the mayor and his legal advisers for a final discussion.

The mayor's proposal would license any apartment or hotel intending to rent rooms to World's Fair visitors.

Would Limit Licenses

His ordinance would limit licenses to structures which devoted at least 90 per cent of its rental units to transients from April 21 through Oct. 21, 1961.

And among other things, it would limit licenses to those hotels which were operating as hotels from April 21 through Oct. 21, 1961.

While the mayor's plan doesn't specifically mention rent control or evictions as such, it indirectly would accomplish this.

Portland Woolen Mills Plant Sold To Group

Portland—UPI—Portland Woolen Mills' 10-acre plant has been sold to a group headed by a Portland dentist, Dr. Milton Lebenzon.

The purchase price was reported in excess of \$1.2 million.

WHOA

Dubuque, Iowa—UPI—Despite "caution," "danger" and "dead end" signs posted at the end of a street by police, the hot rodders still crash through the barriers. The cops are giving it one more try with a new sign that says "whoa."



TOP DOG—Top dog of the International Kennel Club dog show at Chicago, Ill. is "Ozzie", a Norwegian Elk hound, shown with owner Mrs. Susan D. Phillips, Royalton, Vt. (UPI)

New York School Teachers on Strike For Pay Increases

New York—UPI—Thousands of disgruntled teachers in the nation's largest school system went on strike today for higher salaries. Officials watched closely to see how the walk-out would affect the city's public schools.

The United Federation of Teachers ordered picket lines to be set up early today at the city's 840 elementary, junior and senior high schools. But the big question to be decided is how effectively would the strike snarl classroom activity of one million students.

Elected Bargaining Agent

The UFT, which claims a membership of 15,000, is the elected bargaining agent for the city's 40,000 public school teachers. The union voted in favor of the strike, which had been threatened for the past two weeks, at a mass meeting Tuesday night in St. Nicholas Arena.

Less than 5,000 UFT members participated in the balloting and the strike was approved by a narrow margin of 313 votes. But union officials confidently predicted that the walkout would be supported by a majority of the teachers and that the widespread absence would close the doors of nearly every school in the city.

Board of Education officials sharply disagreed.

Shortly after the strike vote

was disclosed, school Supt. John J. Theobald announced that "schools will be open." He also said he expected a majority of the teachers to report for work despite the strike call. Full police protection was promised and 12,000 patrolmen were assigned to strike duty.

The board of education was scheduled to meet today to discuss what new steps could be taken to meet the crisis.

There was a strong possibility that legal pressures, in two separate forms, would be brought to bear against the teachers in an effort to nullify the walkout.

CAN USE MONEY

Norristown, Pa.—UPI—Montgomery county court clerk James C. Brinton Tuesday turned over hundreds of old indictments dating from 1924 to the district attorney, although he knows most of the cases can't be prosecuted because of the statute of limitations. Brinton said he would ask the district attorney that bail bonds in the prohibition, wife desertion and assault cases be forfeited to the county.

CRASH KILLS 10

Jerez De La Frontera, Spain—UPI—A Spanish air force DC3 piston-engine plane crashed near here Tuesday killing all 10 occupants.

Original Proclamation Found In Three Different Places

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International
Washington—UPI—Who has the original of Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation?

That seemingly-innocent inquiry was received at the UPI bureau in Washington recently. It embarked a reporter on what turned out to be a fascinating piece of historical detective work.

Before he had finished tracking down the priceless historical document, he had been assured by reputable historians that it:

—was destroyed in the Great Chicago Fire in 1871;

—is stored in a vault at the New York State Library in Albany;

—has been on public exhibit for many years in the National Archives building in Washington.

Moreover, all three answers proved to be correct, in a sense. It all depends on how you define "original."

The problem is complicated by the fact that Lincoln actually issued two Emancipation Proclamations.

The first was dated Sept.

23, 1862. It declared that on Jan. 1, 1863, "all persons held as slaves within any state or designated part of a state, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, henceforth and forever free."

Historians call this the "preliminary" or "promissory" Emancipation Proclamation. It was a warning to the Confederate states that unless they quit fighting by Jan. 1, their slaves would be proclaimed free.

This threat produced no results, so on Jan. 1, 1863, Lincoln issued a second Proclamation, which contained simi-

lar language to the first, but ended with the declaration that "all persons held as slaves within said designated states, and parts of states, are and henceforth shall be free."

Historians have been arguing for 99 years as to which of these proclamations is the really significant one. Neither of them actually "freed the slaves," since both were aimed solely at states which were, by definition, "in rebellion" against Lincoln's authority.

Duplicate Originals

The question of what happened to the "original" proclamation is further compli-

cated by the fact that Lincoln wrote each version in long-hand and turned his rough draft over to a professional penman to be engrossed. The engrossed versions were then signed by Lincoln, countersigned by Secretary of State William H. Seward and sealed with the Great Seal of the United States.

The rough draft of the Sept. 23 proclamation in Lincoln's own handwriting was sold at auction shortly after the end of the Civil War, at a bazaar given in Albany, N.Y., to raise funds for relief of wounded Union veterans. It was purchased for \$1,000 by Gerrit

Smith, an ardent abolitionist leader. Later he resold it to New York state for the same price.

The document was almost destroyed by a fire which swept through the New York state capital building March 29, 1911. A state official risked his life to save it from the blazing building.

Since that time, it has been kept in a vault in the State Library, where it could be seen only by special request.

Public Display

At the urging of the state Civil War Centennial commission, plans now are under way to place the document

on public display in a permanent shrine in the rotunda of the state library.

Lincoln's handwritten first draft of the Jan. 1 proclamation was also sold to a private collector, at a relief bazaar in Chicago. A few years later it was destroyed, along with Mrs. O'Leary's barn and most of the city, in the great fire of Oct. 8-11, 1871.

The engrossed copies of both proclamations—which are the "originals" in the sense of being the official versions—are on display at the National Archives in Washington.

Dr. Schleicher To Attend Conference

Eugene—Gov. Mark Hatfield has invited Dr. Charles P. Schleicher, professor of political science at the University of Oregon, to attend the 66th annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science in Philadelphia Aug. 13 and 14.

The academy is a forum for the discussion of political, social and economic issues. Its annual meetings deal with international questions and bring together persons who have an interest and competence in such problems.

The theme of this year's meeting is "American Foreign Policy Challenged." Participating in the conference will be several noted statesmen, political leaders, and authorities in international relations.

Dr. Schleicher is acting head of the political science department at the University of Oregon. He also is associate director of the University's Institute of International Studies and Overseas Administration.

Drunk Suspect Sends Flowers To Police

Barstow, Calif.—UPI—A 53-year-old Barstow man, booked Monday night on suspicion of drunkenness, sent one dozen red roses to police Tuesday in appreciation for keeping him out of trouble.

Police said the flowers, sent by Joe Albert Totton, bore the following inscription on an accompanying card: "In appreciation of your fine police work."

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