

Federal Rent Control Office To Continue Duties

The federal rent control office here will continue to administer rent control in this area under the new law signed this week by President Truman, it was announced at the rent office which is on Main street near Fourth.

The new law became effective July 1 and its provisions were explained today by E. Daryl Mabey, director of the rent office at Portland.

"It is important to remember," Mabey said, "that maximum rents remain just where they are under the old law. There is no provision in the new act that changes rents automatically. A tenant pays the same rent in July that he did in June, unless there has been an order issued subsequently, or he has voluntarily entered into a lease with the landlord as provided by the housing and rent act of 1947. This act provides that when a landlord and tenant voluntarily enter into a valid written lease on or before December 31, 1947 and expiring on or after December 31, 1948, an increase of up to but not more than 15 per cent of the maximum rent in effect immediately before the effective date of the new lease is permissible.

"Before any rent increase becomes effective under such a new lease," the rent director continued, "a copy of the lease must be filed with the rent office within 15 days of its signing, together with a simple registration or lease form which landlords can obtain at the rent office. It will be the duty of the rent office to examine the lease carefully to determine whether it is valid. The lease cannot contain any trick termination and penalty clauses. It cannot decrease the essential services, furniture, furnishings and equipment. The rent office will forward copies of the registration of lease form both to the landlord and tenant for their records.

"As a up to the tenant to decide whether or not to sign such a lease. If a tenant does not want to enter into such a lease, refusal does not constitute grounds of eviction. There are special provisions against evictions under the new law, Mr. Mabey said. "In general, the tenant who continues to pay the rent to which the landlord is entitled has no more reason to fear eviction than before. Eviction controls of the act will be enforced by the local courts. The waiting period before tenants can be evicted when a house is sold will now be determined by local courts. Evictions to allow occupancy by others are limited to immediate, personal occupancy by the buyer or the landlord himself. Other conditions under which evictions may be made are very specific in the law.

"The new law also provides for a local advisory board of representative citizens which will be appointed by the national housing expediter on the recommendation of the governor of the state, the rent director added. "When this board is appointed, its duty will be to make recommendations to the housing expediter concerning control of the area, the adequacy of the general level in the area, and the operation of the local rent office, with special reference to hardship cases. The board may consider adjustment of cases coming before it and make recommendations to the rent director. All recommendations must be consistent with the act and the rent regulations.

"The local rent office will do its part in administering control under the new law in a manner that will be fair to both tenants and landlords," Mabey said.

Officials Silent On Yugo Charge

LAKE SUCCESS, July 2 (AP)—American officials declined to comment today on veiled Yugoslav charges, made in the United States security council, that the United States was guilty of "open intimidation" in the Balkans.

Council delegates were unable to agree on just what Yugoslavia meant, whether it was a slap at the United States for furnishing aid to Greece, or aimed at voicing displeasure with statements made by Mark E. Harbo, American representative on the U. N. Balkan investigation commission.

Since the United States has already spoken at length on the Balkan question and urged speed on her proposal for a semi-permanent Balkan border commission, it was doubtful whether an answer would be made to the Yugoslav statement. Some quarters felt that the U. S. would overlook it.

Open intimidation.

Dr. Jozef Vulfan, Yugoslav delegate to the United Nations, made a veiled reference to "open intimidation" in the security council yesterday after launching an attack on E. Daryl Mabey, who had made to newsmen in the United States after his return from the Balkans.

Then without naming names, the Yugoslav delegate declared in his final statement:

"We agree that most recently there exists in international relations methods of intimidation—not only concealed intimidation, as stated by the representative of the United States—but even open intimidation. In any event, Yugoslavia is the last country which could be accused of intimidation. But as to intimidation, the Balkan countries can tell much."

First Tuna Boat Leaves Astoria

ASTORIA, Ore., July 2 (AP)—The President Coolidge put to sea today to fish for albacore tuna—the first Astoria fishing vessel to start this season's hunt.

Albacore usually appear in the North Pacific about July 1, increasing in numbers during August. But last year the catch was meagre—a fifth of the 1944 haul.

The President Coolidge will cruise between California and Vancouver island, ranging up to 100 miles offshore.

Taft Resident Robbed At Bank

PORTLAND, July 2 (AP)—Albert Jones, Taft, told police today that he was robbed of \$220 by two men as he walked out of a downtown bank here yesterday.

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Foreign Ministers Are Guests Of President Of France



French, British and Russian representatives chat in Elysee palace, Paris, following a luncheon given by President Vincent Auriol of France for the Big Three foreign ministers conferring on the Marshall plan for Europe. Left to right: Ernest Bevin, Great Britain; President Auriol, an unidentified Russian interpreter; V. M. Molotov, Russia, and Georges Bidault, France. —AP wirephoto via radio from Paris.

Boyle's Column

America Just Getting Too Small, Says Columnist

NEW YORK, July 2 (AP)—The trouble with this country is that you can't smoke a cigar while flying from one end of it to the other. I just tried it. And I don't know a better definition of the air age we live in.

I lit the cigar in Los Angeles while getting ready to board one of the big four-motor planes that treat America like a hop-scotch game.

I tasted good in the Southern California morning smog—admittedly nationally as fresh air—but I had to rub it against a wall before boarding the plane. For some reason the airplane companies will permit you to smoke a cigar aloft, but turn thumbs down on a cigar. Some passengers are queasy.

Since the cheroot I had been fuming the landscape with was a mellow—22 cent Havana, I wasn't going to give up the last sixteen cents worth without a struggle.

We stopped first at Kansas City. I called up my mother and found the west spring there is still raising the devil with her Irish rheumatism.

"A friend of mine with about the same complaint went out West to cure it and died," she said with her usual optimism. "So I am coming east to visit you this August. It may be safer." That's my Mom.

The plane was there only a few minutes collecting fuel, but I managed to smoke the cigar down to

all, but poured fresh death and terror on those below who live by land.

Among our forty passengers were a mother and her diaper-stage baby and a man so old he had to be helped in and out of his seat. We came into New York through a mug like an artillery shell on a perfect target.

The old man was led down the steep alighting platform to a middle-aged spectacled son who looked embarrassed when the father reached out a tremulous hand to him and said:

"Dickie boy!"

I was still working out the last third of my cigar—first lit at Los Angeles—when I bumped into an acquaintance who said:

"I haven't been in a plane since 1923. You must have been scared all the way."

Well, there's America. And the modern world. The planes may fall or the trains go off the rail. But if you stay in one place the earth still shakes, too, and the rivers rise and overflow. You can't hide from life or danger any more. The twentieth century made pioneers of everybody.

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Sheriff Swears In Deputy Fliers

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 2 (AP)—Thuston county Sheriff Frank Tamblin today swore in three fliers and the Olympia airport manager as deputies to help him handle reckless fliers and to aid in air search work.

The volunteer officers will receive air mileage pay while working as special officers.

Tamblin took the action following the recent conviction here of Elwin B. Henninger, 41, Seattle, on a drunken flying charge. Henninger finishes his 30-day sentence July 4.

Farmers Ask Crop Damage Pay

PORTLAND, Ore., July 2 (AP)—Malheur county farmers filed 183 suits against the government today, charging a total of \$3,500,000 crop damage because of the breakage of an Owyhee irrigation canal a year ago.

The farmers contended the canal broke twice because of improper repairs the first time, and left farms without sufficient water.

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Culinary Workers End Strike Today

ASTORIA, Ore., July 2 (AP)—A one-day strike of culinary workers that closed most Clatsop county restaurants, ended today with the workers getting the flat \$1 a day boost asked.

Operators, who had offered 50 cents, said they had signed a contract at the higher figure.

Thieves Loot Grocery Store

Lew's grocery, operated by L. V. Shaw at 2552 Shasta way, was burglarized last night and about 30 pounds of lunchmeat, ham and steaks, plus \$1.50 in pennies taken.

Investigating police said that entry to the building was apparently made by lifting off a screen and opening a window.

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