



## 16 NURSERIES FINED ON FIRE CODE CHARGES

### Action Is Taken Against 31 Operators

The city yesterday cracked down on operators of nurseries and on combination nurseries and private schools, taking 31 persons into license court for operating without city permits. Fines were levied against 16 of the schools.

Prosecution resulted from a notice by Dr. Herman Bundesen, president of the board of health, to the corporation counsel last month notifying him that the schools were operating without licenses and that all were violating building or fire prevention codes.

**Six Fall to Apply**  
Dr. Bundesen told Judge Cecil C. Smith that the city had not enforced its ordinances strictly during the war but that now it insists operators conform to building and fire code laws. Six of the defendant schools had never applied for licenses. Another six had received permits by correcting violations after suits against them were filed.

Mrs. Alice Bateman Craig, operator of the Bateman school at 1000 Lake Shore dr., drew the day's top fine of \$100 and costs despite protests that she had corrected all but one of several fire code violations and had contracted for work on that. She displayed a canceled check which she said the board of health had cashed when she tendered it in payment of a license for 1945.

Before he levied the fine Judge Smith said, "It's the old game of buck passing, and it has finally landed in my lap. The final consideration is the safety of the children in this and other schools. If no fine was made here, it might be said in the event of a fire or other tragedy that the city had failed to fulfill its obligations."

**Other Fines Levied**  
Other fines were levied against the Children's Hour Pre-School, 4547 Dover st., \$10 and costs; Marcus Clarke Day Nursery, 9343 Princeton av., \$10 and costs; Clearing Nursery school, 6343 S. Central av., \$10 and costs; Foulkes school, 5052 Ellis av., \$25 and costs; Jolly Fun nursery, 4754 N. Paulina, \$25 and costs; Happy Day Pre-School and Kindergarten, 912 W. Sheridan rd., \$10 and costs; Harris Exclusive school, 4106 South Park av., \$25; Hyde Park Nursery school, 5442 Lake Park av., \$15 and costs; Lad and Lassie Nursery and Kindergarten, \$25 and costs; Lake Shore School of Education, 504 Wrightwood, \$25 and costs; Olivet Institute Day nursery, 1441 N. Cleveland av., \$10; Park A. Tot nursery, 731 Sheridan rd., \$35 and costs; Play House, 5412 Walton st., \$10; Sherwood school, 5025 Sheridan rd., \$10; South Chicago Community Center nursery, \$10.

Complaints against seven nursery operators were continued and another seven were dismissed.

## PLANS TO PROBE 'SLOWDOWN' BY BUILDING TRADES

Washington, June 9 (AP)—Chairman Hartley (R., N. J.) said today the house labor committee will investigate reports that building trades unions have organized a "deliberate slowdown" against the housing program.

He said the inquiry will be made this summer, probably by a subcommittee headed by Rep. Gwinn (R., N. Y.).

Hartley said the committee has received numerous reports that "labor leaders are afraid of a large housing program because it would make them enlarge their unions to a point where they might lose control."

**SALESMAN DIES AT WHEEL OF CAR**  
Paul Maxwell, 55, of 233 Clinton st., Oak Park, a salesman for the International Business Machine company, suffered a fatal heart attack yesterday while driving his car at 440 S. Wabash av. He stopped the car at the curb before he died.

## SANITARY BOARD CHIEF ADMITS HE MAY RESIGN

### Maciejewski Says His Health's Poor

BY WARD WALKER

Anton F. Maciejewski, Democratic president of the sanitary district, yesterday confirmed rumors that he has been considering resigning the presidency.

"My health has been bad," Maciejewski told THE TRIBUNE. "I thought the hot weather would help me but so far it hasn't. I plan a trip this summer to the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn. And I'll make up my mind then when to resign."

**Career Is Checkered**  
Maciejewski, who has had a checkered career in politics including a term as congressman and several terms as treasurer of Cicero, drew a major portion of the Republican minority's fire in the recent expose of sanitary district scandals.

Most of the criticism hinged on a Cicero ball park in which he had an interest. A sunken field was transformed into a piece of valuable property thru the use of thousands of yards of dirt from sanitary district excavations; pipe from district boilers was used as fence posts, and district labor was employed.

Maciejewski and his secretary, Arthur Nedwed, admitted "borrowing" some of the steel beams from the district, but said the other material was given them by private contractors doing work at the district's southwest plant in Stickney.

After the state's attorney's office conducted an investigation, Maciejewski returned the steel beams, protesting "they weren't worth much—just junk." He said that district employees who had worked on the field did so on their own time.

**Report Colleagues Ask Move**  
It was learned that Maciejewski's Democratic colleagues on the board—who comprise a majority—have urged him to resign. According to sanitary district gossip, the president was also asked to step down by Jacob Arvey, Democratic county chairman.

"I've heard rumors that Maciejewski may resign," Arvey said. "I understand his family is concerned about his health and is pressing him to quit." Arvey said he hadn't talked to Maciejewski recently.

"Some of my friends have advised me against stepping out right away," Maciejewski said, indicating he wouldn't make the move immediately. "We'll see what happens later in the summer."

He said his health has curtailed his activities and the weight of his duties was considerable. "But maybe the heat of this summer will help," he said.

**MAIL AND JEWELRY DISAPPEAR**  
Harry Rothstein, 2761 N. Spaulding av., reported to police yesterday that a maid, about 18, whom he had hired Saturday, disappeared yesterday and that at the same time he missed jewelry and clothing valued at \$2,500.

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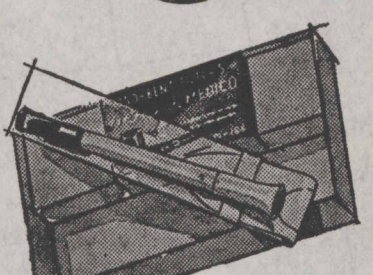
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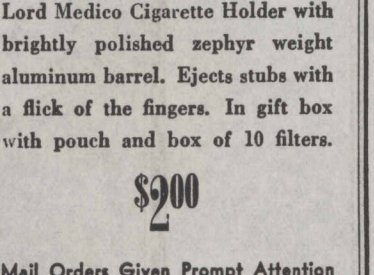
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