

Fraud Bared In Zoning Permit 'Fix' Bogus Influence Peddlers Dupe Losing Applicants

Grafters who claim they can "fix" rejected zoning applications are shaking down residents for sums up to \$500, John E. Power, Jr., chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, charged yesterday.

Power said he and other members of the board, who serve without pay, learned of three such attempts in the last month. A woman, who identified herself as the wife of a contractor, called the board office in City Hall Annex, to find out why the "fix" wasn't working.

Power declared when he told the call he would refer the case to the District Attorney's office for prosecution, she said: "Well, I suppose that money is down the drain, but I don't want to go through all the trouble for a long drawn-out court case." Then she hung up.

Similarly, other callers abruptly ended phone conversations after informants in the office informed them that "no amount of money" would change the board's decisions. Other members of the board are Murray G. Isard, secretary; Mrs. Sylvester Garrett, Reuben E. Cohen and Frank M. Steinberg.

The sixth member, Commissioner of Licenses and Inspections Walter S. Pytko, holds membership by virtue of his office. All expressed indignation at the implications raised by influence peddlers.

Power, joined by his fellow members, issued a statement against anyone claiming influence to "fix" applications. If a rejected applicant is approached by a fixer, Power said, he should try to get all the information he can about the caller, then contact the board immediately so action can be taken toward prosecution.

The board members rejected a theory that the "fixers" had an "inside track" to the board's office. Power explained that it would be easy for anyone to learn of rejected permits, since the board publishes lists showing the progress of applications. In addition, applicants must display a printed sign on their premises before the application is considered by the board.

Power's charges came after a day of hearings in which the board considered 52 cases. During one of them Cohen criticized the State Department of Public Assistance for not following up its old-age relief cases.

3 Seized in 'Sale' Of \$100,000 Bond NEW YORK, May 26 (UP).—FBI agents seized three men today as they tried to sell a stolen \$100,000 negotiable government bond on a Manhattan street corner.

Vital Gamma Globulin Sold on Black Market

By JOSEPH H. TRACHTMAN A vicious black market in gamma globulin, the fraction of human blood which is capable of preventing or modifying crippling paralysis resulting from poliomyelitis, is rampant in Philadelphia, the city's public health authorities disclosed yesterday. Parents, frantic to accumulate a store of the vital substance to protect their children during the warm months when infantile paralysis becomes epidemic in many areas, are paying from 410 to 520 percent over the wholesale price for the material.

Dr. Angelo M. Perri, chief of the Division of Communicable Diseases of the Philadelphia Department of Health, said he has heard of cases where parents paid from \$80 to \$100 for a 10-cubic centimeter vial of the blood fraction which retails at \$32. He further said that he had "heard" of doctors who were attempting to stockpile gamma globulin. Without mentioning names, he said that he had "heard" of private physicians who are charging up to \$75 for one intramuscular injection.

"Any dealer in the black market is a thief," he declared bluntly. "Any doctor who would mult parents out of a perfectly natural anxiety can't be trusted." It was reported that black market operations have been called officially to the attention of the Philadelphia County Medical Society.

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The men are Charles E. Morris, a manufacturing chemist, of 169 Granview ave., Pitman, N. J., owner of the craft; Anthony Christie, 35, manager of the Cape May County Tuna Club, Cape May, and William Loyer, a building contractor, of Woodbury, N. J.

Albert Spalding Dies, Violinist NEW YORK, May 26 (AP).—Albert Spalding, world-famous American-born violinist, died suddenly today in his New York apartment. He was 64.

Byrd to Explore South Pole Again NEW YORK, May 26 (UP).—Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd, veteran polar explorer, today announced plans for another expedition to the South Pole as soon as the Korean War is over, and added "I have reason to believe the war will be over very soon."

Queen's Smile Touches Off Frenzied Accolade; Phila. Rider Hopes to Meet Her at Horse Show Ruler Rehearses Crown Ceremony

THE Philadelphia Inquirer has made special arrangements for complete coverage of all angles of the Coronation of Elizabeth II next week. This outstanding coverage will include: SPECIAL CORONATION EDITION—Today, The Inquirer magazine, will be devoted next Sunday entirely to the Coronation, giving readers a pictorial history of Britain's rulers, a preview of the Abbey ceremony and a full color picture of the Queen, suitable for framing.

PERLE MESTA—The former U. S. Minister to Luxembourg will introduce western readers to the peers and peeresses with special emphasis on Coronation fashions.

ART BUCHWALD—"Europe's Lighter Side" columnist will provide a series of articles from the viewpoint of the paying customer, the pub keeper and the visiting fireman.

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