

Arlington Rent Control Facing Further Fight

10 Housing Operators May Appeal Ruling To Restore Curbs

Federal rent controls return to Arlington County tomorrow while new court action is brewing to kill them.

A suit by 10 large Arlington housing operators to block the return of controls—ordered by the rent stabilization director Friday—was dismissed in District Court yesterday by Judge F. Dickinson Letts.

This cleared the way for re-imposition of controls tomorrow through next April 30 when the rent control act dies.

James M. Earnest, attorney for the housing operators, meanwhile said he probably would carry the case to the Emergency Court of Appeals which Judge Letts stated in his decision was the proper place. Another possibility is an appeal to the United States Court of Appeals. Mr. Earnest said he would decide tomorrow which course to follow.

Had Sought Injunction.

The housing operators had asked a preliminary injunction against James M. Henderson, Federal rent stabilization director, prohibiting him from re-imposing controls in Arlington.

Mr. Henderson announced Friday that a request of the Arlington County Board to re-establish controls was granted, effective tomorrow.

Mr. Henderson's order rolls back rent levels to last August 1. He said this does not rule out individual adjustments. A temporary office will open tomorrow at 3182 Wilson Boulevard under the direction of Maxwell M. Taylor to assist landlords and tenants with their rental problems. All rental accommodations subject to controls must be registered with the office within 45 days. Controls do not apply to dwellings constructed after February 1, 1947.

If rent controls had not been re-established before Wednesday, the Office of Rent Stabilization could not have re-imposed them after that time. To re-establish controls after Tuesday, it would have been necessary for a special board to characterize Arlington as a critical housing area.

Decontrolled in 1950.

Arlington was decontrolled together with most of Virginia by action of the State's General Assembly in 1950. Arlington is the only community in nearby Virginia to request reimposition of controls. The request was the last major action by the non-partisan controlled County Board before the three non-partisan members were removed from office because they were Federal employees.

The suit to prevent return of controls in Arlington was brought by Colonial Village Apartments, Inc.; Glebe Apartments, Inc.; Lyon Properties, Inc.; Fairmac Corp.; First Buckingham Community, Inc.; Westover, Inc.; Pollard Gardens, Inc.; Glebe Court Apartments; Lee Gardens, Inc., and Glenayre Apartments.

Judge Letts held that his court was without jurisdiction to hear the controversy. He said jurisdiction is placed by statute exclusively with the Emergency Court of Appeals.

Mrs. Werner Lists Schedule for Week

Appearances in Chevy Chase, Frederick, Hagerstown, Baltimore and Cumberland are included in the schedule of stops this week by Mrs. Stella Werner, Democratic nominee for the House of Representatives from Maryland's 6th district.

At 11 a.m. today Mrs. Werner will speak to members of the Fellowship Class at the Chevy Chase Methodist Church on "Relation of Churchmen to Politics." The rest of her schedule is as follows:

Tomorrow—In Frederick during the day and before the Business and Professional Women in Hagerstown in the evening.

Tuesday—County Council meeting at Rockville during the day and a television debate with De Witt S. Hyde, her Republican opponent, over WMAR-TV in Baltimore at 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday—Frederick Fair and meetings with the Dobbs Home-makers and the Grange.

Thursday—Frederick Fair in the day and the County Council hearings in Silver Spring at 8 p.m.

Friday—Dinner with the Cumberland Junior Chamber of Commerce at 6 p.m. and a radio debate with Mr. Hyde from 7 to 7:30 p.m. over Stations WDKY and WCUW, Cumberland, and possibly carried over stations in Hagerstown and Frederick.

Feldman to Broadcast Today

Richard Feldman, of Falls Church, who is seeking the 10th District congressional seat in the November 4 election, will discuss "The High Cost of Living" on Radio Station WFAX at 4:45 p.m. today.

Safety Talks

Inspector Dick Mansfield, director of The Star's School Safety program, will give his "Safety Circus" chalk talks at the following Prince Georges County elementary schools this week:

Monday—J. Enos Ray, 9:30 a.m.; Ager Road, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday—Cottage City, 9:30 a.m.; Edmonston, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday—Bladensburg Primary, 9:30 a.m.; Bladensburg (colored), 10:30 a.m.

Thursday—Glendale, 9:30 a.m.; Seabrook, 10:30 a.m.

Friday—Lincoln, 9:30 a.m.; Bowie Demonstration, 10:30 a.m.



Dugan to Seek Re-election as An Independent

Repudiates Pledge After Failing to Win In Town Meeting

Daniel A. Dugan announced last night he will seek re-election to his unexpired term on the Arlington County Board in spite of his failure to win the nomination of the non-partisan town meeting last Thursday.

Earlier yesterday, Mr. Dugan repudiated a pledge given when he filed for the town meeting nomination. The pledge said he would not oppose the candidates elected by the non-partisan nominating session. He charged that a "machine" within the non-partisan group blocked his bid.

Mr. Dugan was one of three County Board members ousted after the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals upheld a ruling of the Arlington Circuit Court that Federal employees are ineligible to hold local office in Virginia. A special election has been set for November to fill the three vacancies.

Opposes "Back Room Politics."

Mr. Dugan—who no longer is a Federal employee—said he would run as an independent for re-election. He served almost two years of a four-year term before his ouster.

"I am against back-room politics regardless of who practices it," Mr. Dugan declared. "I have heard a lot of statements but no denials that the meeting was stacked."

He first charged machine politicians in a letter to Edward Hincks, secretary of the town meeting. He repudiated his pledge and resigned as a sponsor of the town meeting in the letter to Mr. Hincks.

"I feel that honor no longer requires that I keep my pledge not to run in the November election," Mr. Dugan wrote.

Attacks Meijer's Withdrawal.

The town meeting nominated Mrs. Martha Gammon, a housewife, to seek election for Mr. Dugan's unexpired term. Prior to the vote on the candidate for this vacancy, Robert Meijer, a George Washington University Physics professor, withdrew from contest for this post.

3,000 at Charles County Fair See Queen Nicotina Crowned

LA PLATA, Md., Sept. 27.—Three thousand spectators beamed today as Miss Mary Douglas Cooksey of Indian Head was crowned Queen Nicotina VXIII at the Charles County fair.

Some spectators watched judging of prize Angus, Shorthorn and Hereford entries which totaled 130, the largest number in the fair's history.

The fair drew a record attendance of nearly 5,000 yesterday when the county's holidaying school children attended.

Extra attractions at the fair are the Misses Diana Thomas, State Farm Queen, Elva Anderson, queen of St. Mary's County Fair, and Valerie Nicholson, of Lancaster County, Durham, England, an International Farm Youth Exchange student.

County winners of blue ribbons for the best samples of the 1952 tobacco crop were James T. Fowler, Anne Arundel; S. W. Hutchins, Calvert; Joseph Mudd, Charles; Walter S. Young, Prince Georges, and Mrs. L. M. Johnson, St. Mary's.

Both Parties to Pick Candidates This Week to Succeed Collins

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Sept. 27.—State Committees of both the Democratic and Republican Parties will meet next week to nominate candidates for lieutenant governor in a special election on November 4.

State Republican Chairman S. Floyd Landreth of Galax announced today the G. O. P. committee would meet either Thursday night or Friday morning in Norfolk. Earlier, Landreth had said the meeting would be held Friday or Saturday in Alexandria.

Attorney General J. Lindsay Almond, Jr., has ruled the vacancy created by the death of Lt. Col. L. Preston Collins last Saturday must be filled in a special election to be held on the date of the general election.

Meetings of the Democratic and Republican committees will come shortly before the deadline for filing of candidacies for the special

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Turkey's Plentiful, Butler Declares

If there is a "turkey in every oven" today it is because of inflation rather than 20 years of Democratic rule, according to Senator Butler, Republican, of Maryland.

Senator Sparkman, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, "got himself twisted up" in the turkey talk, the Maryland said.

"There was a time before modern methods of food handling were available when turkeys were scarce and expensive. But at that time meat was cheap and plentiful," Senator Butler continued.

"Today, thanks to New Deal inflation, meat costs so much it has become a luxury. Turkeys, good as they are, are almost a drug on the market. So the housewife has to have turkey, turkey."

Federal Hospital Aid For Virginia Nearly \$13 Million Since '47

By the Associated Press

The United States has approved nearly \$13 million for hospital construction in Virginia in the last five years. More than \$325,000 has been allocated to Arlington.

Hits Illinois Mess.

"He is thinking, no doubt, of their 10-cent shares of stock in the Chicago Downs Race Track Association and of the immediate dividends that were paid, following an amendment to the racing laws, to Illinois politicians, including the Governor's own executive secretary, James W. Mulroy."

"Fresh in the Governor's memory is the very recent guilty plea of another appointee, Charles W. Ray, charged with accepting bribes in the Illinois horse meat deal."

"He surely has not forgotten the cigarette tax stamp scandal of last year which cost Illinois \$13 million. Why were there such long delays in prosecuting those involved?"

"I dare say," Gov. McKeldin said, "a scanning of the record of the past four years would reveal more members of Stevenson's Illinois administration involved in bribery and other improper conduct than could be found in any other State, or anywhere in the United States outside of the National Government."

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38 Projects Approved.

The 38 approved projects in Virginia, of which 20 were completed and in operation on June 30, would add about 1,566 hospital beds to those existing before the Burton hospital survey and construction program began in 1947.

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Some Projects Listed.

Among the projects approved under the program and their total cost (Federal share in brackets):

Arlington—Arlington Hospital, 70-bed addition, \$497,481 (\$250,233).

Arlington—Arlington Public Health Center, new, \$155,000 (\$77,965).

Homeowners Form Group In Templeton Knolls Area

Homeowners in the Templeton Knolls development in Riverdale, one of the areas involved in the Teague report on housing, have organized a citizens' association to carry out its fight for improved conditions there.

Its formation as the Templeton Knolls Association was announced yesterday by Thomas J. O'Brien, newly elected president. Other officers named during a meeting Friday night are Carl Roll Seelye, vice president; Robert R. Green, treasurer, and Mrs. Isobel Bryant, secretary.

Major objectives of the group include efforts to remedy discrepancies criticized in the housing report made by Representative Teague, Democrat, of Texas, and inquiry into the inspection system in Prince Georges County.

The association will send a committee to see Mr. Teague as well as the Veterans' Administration central office, Mr. O'Brien said.

Tuberculosis Survey Set

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Sept. 27.—All physicians in Virginia have been asked to participate in a State-wide survey of tuberculosis conducted by the State Health Department and the Virginia Tuberculosis Association.

Blamed Tax Commission.

He said there is a law now requiring uniform assessments but blamed the result on the failure of the State Tax Commission to execute the law uniformly.

Mr. Beall did not make a direct reference to his Senatorial opponent, George P. Mahoney, Democrat, of Baltimore. He spoke instead, for the election of Gen. Eisenhower and Mr. Hyde.

"Truman," he said, "is following his usual policy with his captive candidate—blaming all the bad things on the Republicans."

"Ten years ago," he told his listeners, "we used to hold our Republican meetings in a phone booth. Now look at us today."

More than 1,000 persons came and went during the five-hour rally on the Lofstrand farm. The gathering was sponsored by the various Eisenhower, Beall and Hyde organizations and women's Republican clubs in Montgomery County.

The Democratic administration and Gov. Stevenson were lampooned in a comedy, "Run Madly, Adal," put on by volunteers from the Washington area, including Virginia.

Yesterday saw the first performance of the half hour long play, performed on a movable stage which stood in a natural amphitheater in a meadow on the farm.

One of the directors, Mrs. Patricia Luce, said:

"We try to play Adal as straight as possible but I think we make him more of an idiot than he really is."

Mile Dive Called Off

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SOON OFF SAN DIEGO, Sept. 27 (P.T.)—Orton Barton today called off

an attempt to dive a mile beneath the sea when power to his diving bell, called a benthoscope, failed as he reached the depth of 1,453 feet.