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Comptroller File

148494

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FILE NO. 148494

Protest of

R. G. Lewis

Against use of old assay office for  
German Club.

*Received Police Department*

*10-24-35 File to 14-11-35*  
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H. W. CARROLL

CITY COMPTROLLER AND EX-OFFICIO CITY CLERK

BY *CHAS. J. HANLEY* DEPUTY

ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

TO PUBLIC SAFETY

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your Public Safety Committee

to which was referred the within protest

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that said protest be placed on file.

CHAIRMAN

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Oct. 29, 1935

Mr. R. G. Lewis,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

At the meeting of the Public Safety Committee held this day, your protest against use of old assay office for German Club (File No. 148494) was recommended to be placed on file by the City Council.

I am enclosing herewith copy of report of the chief of police concerning your complaint.

Very truly yours.

Austin E. Griffiths,  
Chm. Public Safety Com.

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Enc.

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W. B. KIRTLEY  
CHIEF OF POLICE

W. E. JUSTUS  
CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

## THE CITY OF SEATTLE

WASHINGTON

DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_  
OUR NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
YOUR NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

October 26, 1935

Honorable A. E. Griffiths, Chairman  
Public Safety Committee

Dear Sir:

For your information the following report is submitted re:  
File No. 148494, being a protest of R. G. Lewis against the German Club.

Mr. Lewis in person has protested to me on three different occasions in the same manner as outlined in his letter to the City Council. The sergeant in the district has investigated these complaints with instructions from this office to make arrests if the circumstances warranted such action. No such arrests have been made.

The laws of the State of Washington and ordinances of the City of Seattle relative to liquor are being complied with by the Club. Special attention is now being given to the parking problem on narrow streets.

Mr. Lewis has made some very slanderous statements of the German people. My own experience with men and women of German ancestry is that they are law abiding citizens. Their fraternal societies surely cannot be conducted in the manner described by Mr. Lewis, and when he says police have failed to respond to repeated calls from him he is not stating the facts.

We have, however, failed to take any part in a personal fight that is being waged by him against the lawful occupation and use of the premises known as the German Club.

Yours truly,

*W. B. Kirtley*

W. B. KIRTLEY, Chief of Police

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621-9 Avenue  
Seattle Wash  
Oct 17-35

To The Members of The City Council  
Sirs

I Richard G. Levin a Citizen of The United States for 25 years came to this Country in 1905. 31 years ago in Minnesota the next year came to this City 30 years next Thanksgiving day was born 70 years ago at a small County Mill in Wales a Miller by trade. The day following my arrival in this City got a position as a Flour Miller at the old Centennial Flour Mill then situated on Atlantic Street on the Water front and held that position 11 years till the Mill property on that site was sold to the government for ship building. The time of the war I selected my home at 621-9 Avenue 25 years ago stayed there three years when I was urged to take the home across the street of Thomas A. Prosch who was with his Wife drowned a few months before. I accepted. They were connected with the first early settlers the Lemmer family. After three years I bought the home from them which which I have owned now 22 years. This was the choicest part of the City in early years and there if fine homes still stand, such as the Charles the Chulberg and other home of long standing. The City or City Council a year ago made a sad mistake in allowing the Sons of Hermann to purchase the vacant assay office for a German Club House it being a second Residential district no other but homes should have been allowed to have been created as it is at present it is impossible to get scarcely a good night sleep in the Week. My place is a very large lovely home of 16 rooms we rent and have united at this time 8 rooms

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Is very respectable gentlemen most of them been within several  
 years and since the German Club has been opened they are very  
 much annoyed they cant sleep and I surely dont know what to  
 do about it and the Cause of my Complaint to the Council in the  
 matter there is only 10 feet of driveway between my home and  
 their Building they have a dance every Saturday Night till one  
 o'clock they drink on the premises till 2 or 3 in the Morning and  
 the noise they make inside and out you can hear them a block away  
 it is nothing to see a young or middle aged lady drunk and  
 several men at a time it is like a daylight fair from 12 till 2  
 in the A.M. two weeks last Saturday they held their annual  
 Celebration of the first Germans coming to this country 200 a  
 go they had big doings at the Masonic Temple from 7 till 12  
 Saturday Evening then they came down to 613 on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 and the racket they made till 5 A.M. Sunday it was as full  
 as one could sleep in this section I reported it three times to  
 me to the Police but nothing was done about it at all I  
 have called them up several times since it was opened  
 but no good they have not once heeded my call for them  
 to come and quell the terrible noise shouting and bad  
 language they block up both sides of the street which  
 is a narrow street it is also a dangerous spot for the  
 Ambulance to pass through with the owners of the Car in  
 such a condition I had to call up the Police one evening one  
 of the men in my home could not get his Car out a Car was

blocking the driveway to the street no response I being the one  
 nearest the Club the adjoining Land owners are doing their best  
 to persuade me to get out a protest petition I can get all  
 of them to sign a protest but I feel useless to try more  
 modern ways just but something must be done if it is  
 allowed to continue if the Police is not doing their duty to  
 take abiding Citizens in allowing this racket to continue  
 it is our duty to get such a weekly nuisance controlled  
 by some authority that will act for the property owners is  
 at their suits and because they will be losing those that  
 room with them I have & them with me to convince you  
 what I say is true I would be willing to pay a Notary  
 to come up and take the names of the 8 men so as to  
 commence for that what I have wrote is nothing but the  
 truth on oath, is it not possible that the hours of allowing  
 drink to be served in Club houses could not be the same  
 as the Beer Parlors especially in a residential district  
 like this also I closed the same as them on Sunday it  
 seems Sunday makes no difference to them it was a  
 great mistake for them to come up here at all the  
 way they carry on they should be on the tide flats  
 Gentlemen I have stated the true facts of the case as it  
 exists and hope that you will do all in your power to put  
 an end to such disgraceful conditions which we have to  
 contend with at the present Thanking you in advance  
 R. G. Lewis