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OF

Directive of Acting  
Mayor Levine to  
Chief of Police

banning the showing  
locally of motion  
picture "Stromboli".

FILED Feb. 14, 1950.

W. C. THOMAS  
CITY COMPTROLLER AND CITY CLERK

BY John B. Kellum DEPUTY

ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

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TO Directive concurred  
in. (Roll call  
vote of 5 to 1)

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DISPOSITION

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your

Committee

to which was referred the within

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that

CHAIRMAN

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**MAYOR'S OFFICE**

**WILLIAM F. DEVIN**  
MAYOR

**SEATTLE**

February 14, 1950

Seattle City Council

Honorable Members:

Attached hereto for your information is a copy of a letter addressed to the Chief of Police relative to the showing locally of the motion picture "Stromboli". This is in accordance with our conference this morning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Levine", written in a cursive style.

David Levine,  
Acting Mayor

MAYOR'S OFFICE  
SEATTLE 4

WILLIAM F. DEVIN  
MAYOR

February 14, 1950

Mr. George D. Eastman  
Chief of Police  
Seattle, Washington

Re: Motion picture "Stromboli"

Dear Chief Eastman:

As Acting Mayor of the City of Seattle and for the time being exercising all the powers of the Mayor under Article V of the City Charter, I am satisfied that the showing of the motion picture "Stromboli" which is scheduled to begin in Seattle February 15, 1950 at a local motion picture theatre would be inimical to the welfare of our citizens.

It is my duty as Acting Mayor to see that the laws of the city are enforced and that I shall maintain "peace and order in the city". It is my view that such peace and order are menaced by the proposed showing of said motion picture and the advertising and background connected with it. Specifically it is my view that the showing of this picture would be contrary to Ordinance No. 59764, as amended by Ordinance No. 77284, approved August 25, 1948, in that the background of the production of the picture renders it "indecent" and "immoral" in "nature or character"; and further, that the display of said motion picture "tends to corrupt morals" and would be "offensive to the moral sense", all contrary to the provisions of said ordinance.

You are therefore directed to notify the local theatres and management that the display of this picture will be regarded as unlawful and contrary to said ordinance, and that to avoid the penalties provided by law, the picture must not be produced in Seattle.

Yours very truly,

David Levine,  
Acting Mayor of the  
City of Seattle

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