



# CITY OF SAN DIEGO

OFFICE OF  
SOCIAL WELFARE

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

February 8, 1935

To: City Manager  
From: Social Welfare Department  
Subject: Cancellation of the dine and dance license and  
floor show license of Walter A. Trudeau at  
943 Front St.

The Director of the Department of Social Welfare fully appreciates that due to the difficulty of detecting a minor from appearance, an occasional isolated case of the presence of a minor is not sufficient grounds for a recommendation for the cancellation of the license of an establishment which has thousands of dollars invested. In such a case a degree of consideration and leniency is both common sense and just.

But the condition at Wally's has been entirely different from the condition above described.

Despite repeated warnings and an urgent invitation to appreciate the point of view of enforcing officials and to cooperate with them strictly in the conduct of the dance establishment, within a brief period of time there have been the following series of violations which have shown a gross, deliberate, and willful disregard for both City Ordinance and State Law:

On New Year's Eve your Director of Social Welfare found five boys and girls between sixteen and nineteen years old just in the act of being served beer, without anyone's having asked their ages. On the following Saturday night, January 4, 1936, three minors were found drinking beer without having been asked their ages. On the following Friday night, January 10, 1936, an eighteen year old girl accompanied by her mother and her husband, was found drinking beer, a glass having been furnished her by the establishment.

Increasingly in each of these instances your Director warned the matron, floor man, and Trudeau himself that these were gross violations and that continuance in such laxity could inevitably but result in the cancellation of their license.

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Immediately upon the heels of the last case and warning of January 10th, on Saturday night, January 11th, police officers found two service men with Billie Tanner, aged 15, and Ruby Taylor, aged 18, drinking beer and an arrest was made. Upon trial of this case in Judge Terry's court on February 1st, a conviction was obtained although at the time sentence was not pronounced. While the above case was still pending, Mrs. Ludwig of the Police Department and Mrs. Gausman of the Department of Social Welfare found Lucille Page, aged 17, in Wally's drinking intoxicating liquor and she stated that she had not been asked her age prior to having been served said liquor.

I am convinced by the foregoing definite facts that if, under these circumstances, I hesitated to recommend a cancellation of the license of this establishment I should be remiss and negligent in the performance of my duties as Director of the Department of Social Welfare. I accordingly recommend cancellation of same.

*J. H. Lee*  
Director

JHB:cg

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CITY MANAGER

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Communication  
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Welfare To the  
City Mgr. Rec.  
reopening of Dine  
& Dance and  
floor show licenses  
of Walter G. Trudeau

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Reopening License

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