

EARLY NRA 'MARTYR' DIES IN JERSEY CITY

John Maged, Jailed for Tailors' Code Violation, Was 54

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—Jacob Maged, 54 years old, a Jersey City tailor, who attracted widespread attention several years ago when he was prosecuted for violation of the State NRA code governing the tailoring industry, died in the Jersey City Medical Center at 4:25 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Maged's exhibition of rugged individualism in pressing suits for 25 cents when the State code specified 40 cents as the price made him one of the early "martyrs" of economic planning by the government.

In Quarter Sessions Court here Judge Robert V. Kinkead sentenced him to thirty days in jail and fined him \$100, while expressing sympathy for his wife and four children. After he had served three days Judge Kinkead suspended the remainder of the sentence on the tailor's promise to comply with the code.

Although Mr. Maged was hailed as a national hero by the Illinois Manufacturers Association and was the subject of several reverent editorials, he later confounded his friends by wiring General Hugh Johnson that the code was protecting him and he was "heartily in favor" of it. But he was not through changing his mind about the code business.

After the Supreme Court had invalidated the NRA he told reporters that the "NRA never was any good and is no good now. Then, after President Roosevelt had been re-elected, he sent a telegram to him expressing the hope that "a new NRA will once again become a law for the protection of the little man."

Mr. Maged lived at 138 Griffith Street. He became ill a year ago and had been in the hospital since Feb. 21.

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