

TAILOR FREE, BACKS NRA ON PRICE RISE

Replaces Cut-Rate Placard
With Eagle and Sentence
and Fine Are Remitted.

SPENT 3 DAYS IN JAIL

Judges Warns That Laws Must
Be Obeyed, Then Promises
to Become a Customer.

The placard advertising a 35-cent rate for pressing suits was gone from the window of Jacob Maged's little tailor shop at 138 Griffiths Street, Jersey City, yesterday afternoon. In its place was a Blue Eagle. Maged, if not quite so ruggedly individualistic as formerly, was a free man once more.

He had been sentenced last Friday by Judge Robert V. Kinkead to pay \$100 fine and serve thirty days in the Hudson County jail for violating the New Jersey State Recovery Act, passed by the Legislature last September to supplement NRA. His offense was in charging 5 cents less for pressing suits than the 40-cent minimum set by his competitors under their code of fair competition.

Yesterday Judge Kinkead had Maged brought from the county jail, where he had achieved a reputation as an expert checker player over the week-end, gave him a little lecture on the importance of cooperation as opposed to individualism and set him free. He never intended to enforce the sentence, Judge Kinkead said, but merely sought to administer an object lesson to "chiselers" and "price-cutters."

Maged listened stolidly to the court's remarks and did not smile even when Judge Kinkead promised to become one of his customers. He promised to raise his rates to conform with those of his competitors.

Longs for Old Days.

Outside the court room, however, he told reporters he could not help hoping for a return of the good old days when a tailor charged 50 cents for pressing a suit, and more if he could get it. But his wife was pleased at the denouement, shook hands with Judge Kinkead and thanked him profusely.

Maged was brought into court after a conference in chambers attended by Assemblyman Samuel Pesin, attorney for Maged, and J. Raymon Tiffany, Special Assistant Attorney General in charge of enforcing NRA codes. Mr. Tiffany prosecuted Maged and asked the court to impose a sentence stiff enough to warn other code violators that the law had teeth in it.

Mr. Pesin informed the court that his client had been ignorant of the meaning of NRA, and had entered a plea of non vult to the charges against him, on the advice of his counsel. Now that the purpose of NRA had been explained to him, Maged was anxious to comply, Mr. Pesin said. Maged signified his acquiescence with a nod.

Judge Proves Lenient.

Addressing him, Judge Kinkead said:

"I am glad you have come into court in a spirit of repentance. You may have thought that you were up against a hard-hearted judge. The idea was to teach you a lesson. It never was the intention of this court that you pay the fine or be sent to prison. But there must be some way of impressing people who break the law that you did and it is necessary to demonstrate to people that the NRA State Act will be rigidly enforced. This court will go along with the State in its war against chiselers and price cutters

"I have told counsel for the State that I didn't have the heart to keep you in jail more than two days in order to educate you. You must conduct your business in the right way, however, or your competitors will complain. You may not know it but you owe your trouble to complaints made by competitors who said they were losing business because of your action.

"The people at large should uphold the President and his plan and General Johnson. If it were not for their action business would be at a complete standstill today. If the plan fails I am confident that the genius of the American people will assert itself again. Until then our citizens must obey the law which this court will uphold.

"I understand you are a good tailor. You may return to your shop with the thought that you've made a new customer of the judge, and as soon as I can get around to it, I am going to have you measure me for a new suit."

Judge Kinkead then remitted the fine and suspended sentence on the balance of the jail term. Free again, Maged told questioners that the case against him grew out of cut-rate pressing charges he had made ten weeks ago.