

# 3 BAY TOWNS IN CAMPAIGN TO CHECK FLU

Oakland to Suspend Dances,  
Berkeley to Don Masks and  
Alameda Adopts Precautions

Belated Reports Charged With  
Apparent Increase in Number  
of New Cases and Deaths

Advice from Dr. Daniel Crosby, Oakland health officer, that dances be postponed and public gatherings avoided; the passage of Berkeley's mask ordinance under orders from Mayor Samuel C. Irving; and orders for the wearing of masks in Alameda, issued by Mayor Greene Majors, developed yesterday in the east bay combat against the influenza epidemic.

Decrease in deaths and cases in both Berkeley and Alameda accompanied the new orders. In Oakland, where the mask ordinance becomes effective next Wednesday, the day's reports showed an increase in the epidemic's rage. With 203 new cases, Oakland had 18 deaths; Alameda had 11 new cases and 4 deaths, and Berkeley but 1 death, with 54 new cases.

**BELATED REPORTS.**  
The Oakland increase is chiefly due to the filing by physicians of belated reports. Both the Oakland and Alameda health authorities are of the opinion that the epidemic has reached its pinnacle and is starting to subside.

To date, Oakland's health reports show 854 deaths from influenza, with 9,764 cases reported.

Postponement of entertainments designed for visiting soldiers and sailors has been made by the War Camp Community Service, following a conference with Dr. Crosby. The health officer said no order would be issued against gatherings, but advised that such affairs be limited and that dances be postponed.

**BERKELEY PASSES LAW.**

On orders from Mayor Irving the Berkeley City Council passed the mask ordinance without the explosion of expected fireworks. C. C. Anton, the Oakland attorney who disrupted Tuesday's meeting by refusing to wear his mask while objecting to the passage of the ordinance, was squelched by the Mayor.

"We have had all the discussion we are going to have," the Mayor said. "The ordinance is up for passage and there is no necessity to debate."

The Alameda police were instructed by Chief Walter Jacoby to enforce the order immediately. In Berkeley the ordinance becomes effective this morning.