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I have been in this place -- Allen's Dance -- at least a dozen times, several times staying for an hour or so.

It is popular with very young people -- and constitutes a serious problem. The conduct of the place itself is satisfactory and there are no just grounds for denial of this application. The serious problem lies in the fact that parents allow their daughters to attend this dance unaccompanied and they there meet and dance with sailors, who frequently take them home. The San Diego School system (and especially Miss Mary Nichols) is seriously concerned over this condition. The management is not, of course, responsible for the condition, and so long as the place is properly conducted, is entitled to a renewal of its license.

The enforcement of the old, so-called "Curfew Ordinance" of the City, No. 7526, passed on the 16th of October, 1918, would automatically put Allen's (and all like places popular with very young people) out of business.

Practical enforcement of this ordinance, however, would be next to impossible today.

I recommend granting of petition, with this explanation of the problem.

  
Director of Social Welfare.