

CENTRAL HEATING BANNED UNTIL 1st NOVEMBER, 1943

Major Lloyd George, Minister of Fuel and Power, desires to draw general attention to the fact that the prohibition on central heating until 1st November which was made in March of this year, is still in force. The ban was established by the General Direction (Central Heating and Hot Water Plants) No. 1 under the Control of Fuel (No. 3) Order, 1942.

This Direction applies to all controlled premises, including shops, offices, blocks of flats, non-industrial establishments of all kinds and private houses containing more than ten furnished rooms used as living rooms or bedrooms.

It provides that no fuel may be consumed in any central plant used for heating such premises before 1st November except under written permit from the Minister or from the Regional Controller for the area in which the premises are situated.

The ban on central heating does not apply to hospitals, institutions for the sick, infirm or aged, to premises which are under the Railway Control Order, 1939, or to those used wholly or mainly for industrial purposes. Schools and other educational establishments for children under 18 years, orphanages, children's homes and wartime nurseries are also exempt.

Any general relaxation of the central heating ban will be made by a permit which will be broadcast and published in the Press and which will be subject to revocation in milder weather conditions. Any individual permit will be issued in writing by a Regional Controller of the Ministry.

The general prohibition, under the Direction, on the starting up or re-fuelling of central heating and hot water plants between the hours of 9.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. except under permit, remains in force even in circumstances in which a permit to use central heating may be given.

Major Lloyd George appeals to all concerned to make no attempt to evade the spirit of the central heating Direction by using other forms of heating while the central heating ban is still in operation. He also appeals to private householders to save coal by not lighting fires of any kind for domestic heating at the present time, except in the case of illness.

Central Heating Direction, Statutory Rules and Orders 1943 No. 451 may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, or through any bookseller, price 1d. Any contravention of the Direction constitutes an offence under the Defence Regulations.