

services now enjoyed by the navy rule — medical schooling, transportation that it would destroy a culture."

desire for self-government still burns fiercely in the heart. If they clearly could obtain it, and obtain all the benefits they under naval administration there is no question that they still would be campaigning vigorously.

their recent shift appears to be a strategic withdrawal, influenced by a number of factors. Among these

personal magnetism and the personality of the present naval governor, Capt. Vernon

postwar shift in navy policy provide greater opportunities for advancement educationally, economically and rule

unbending dignity in most naval governors, friendliness is as welcome as rain to a parched land.

Since the war, the navy has

and most important to Samoans, the navy started in 1946 the first public high school. Before the war there had been a school, supported in considerable part by en-

aspirations for self-government. They feel the school will develop informed and able leaders who will be equipped better than themselves to guide the Samoan people.

Beauty Foregoes Films To Run Havana Casino

By RALPH DIGHTON

HOLLYWOOD —(AP)— Down in Havana, Cuba, there's a tall, willowy, platinum-blond named Elaine Townsend who operates the American concession in "Gran Casino Nacional," Cuba's only legalized gambling place.

Miss Townsend says she is the only woman gambling boss in the world.

An American gambling syndicate, she says, has offered to put up the necessary guarantees to the Cuban government if Miss Townsend will lend her beauty and business acumen to the project.

At 29, this Wyoming-born queen of chance is a colorful personality. Her extraordinary ability for turning dross into gold is about to become the subject matter for a movie.

Elaine Townsend was born in Powell, Wyo. She was valedictorian of her class at Powell High School, and as such won a scholarship to the University of Denver, in Colorado. She was graduated from Denver U. after three years' study, at the age of 19. She majored in commerce.

Despite her rush to complete a four-year course in three years, she held down a full-time job in a real estate office. She also found time to do some modeling. It was easy money and she has the face and figure for it.

After graduating in 1938 with a Bachelor of Science degree, she continued in real estate in Denver and played the stock market.

"Very profitably," she admits.

In 1940, Miss Townsend, just old enough to vote and with a big bag of cash in the bank, went to Honolulu to visit friends. She no sooner had arrived than she saw immediate opportunities for making more money.

First she operated a photographic studio. Then a chain of hot dog stands, and a couple of beauty shops. The war boom opened up in earnest and she returned to her old love, real estate. Later she began publishing a magazine, "The Islander," which she still owns, along with an apartment house and a subdivision in Honolulu.

After the war Miss Townsend went to Cuba, "just sightseeing." She heard that

bids were being taken on the American concession at the Gran Casino, dickered with officials for months, and closed the deal.

Like a lot of other gambling operators, Miss Townsend never gambles. She doesn't believe in it. "I only play sure things," she says. She doesn't run the game at any of her tables, but she is always present. Her cold, silvery beauty is conspicuous in the Latin surroundings.

That's how Hollywood happened to hear about her. A writer, Virginia Kellogg, who worked on the script for Eagle-Lion's "T-Men" movie, learned of her existence through talking with treasury agents.

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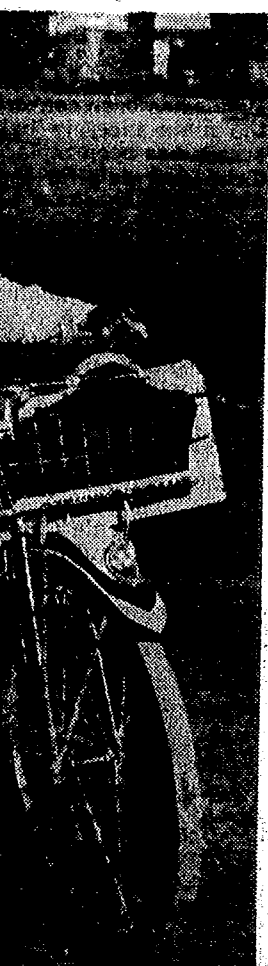


Tall, platinum-blond Elaine Townsend, 29-year-old native of Powell, Wyo., operates the American concession in "Gran Casino Nacional," Cuba's only legalized gambling place. For the past two seasons she has run the dice and chemin-de-fer tables at the Gran Casino in Havana and this Winter she may take over the whole resort. Miss Townsend is shown here in Hollywood, Cal., which she visited recently. Her career is about to become the subject matter for a movie.

agents in Havana today than in any other foreign capital in the world," says Miss Kellogg. "That's because it's the closest foreign capital, and as such is the spy center of the Western Hemisphere.

"In her position in the casino, Miss Townsend can learn much about what goes on in the world of intrigue in Havana. She can, and has been, of invaluable assistance to the Cuban and United States governments. Some of her experiences will form the basis for this documentary film."

The movie will be made by Enterprise Studio. Miss Townsend will not appear in it. The star has not yet been selected but Ann Sheridan is under consideration. Meanwhile Miss Townsend will be busy with her interests in Havana.



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