

War Veterans Demand Civilian Defense Corps for B.C.

Leadership Urged To Press Matter

A civilian Defense Corps for British Columbia. That is what the province needs if it is to be prepared for all eventualities, heads of veterans' and other organizations stated today.

B.C. Cities Charge Defenses Inadequate

Lack of action in providing adequate defenses for British Columbia cities in the event of Japanese or other enemy aggression on the Canadian Pacific Coast is evident today in special speeches received by The Vancouver Sun.

Ottawa Leaves Alone

The following cities from Prince George, in Central British Columbia, and Kamloops, vital railway center, are typical of the defense conditions in many other B.C. centers.

Kamloops Has Pumps Sent From Ontario

Without money or supplies and endeavoring to train wardens, etc., on a plan worked out locally but with no aid from province of Ontario.

NO MILITARY FORCES

Major C.E. Scanlan refuses to publicly discuss the situation. There is no military organization here whatever.

TURN DOWN VOLUNTEERS

The ARP organization has not been asked for instructions on organization of training and Victoria headquarters have refused to admit volunteers willing to pay their own expenses to training school there to qualify as instructors.

Chief Vetoes Firemen's Long Vacation Plan

Chief J. H. DeGaves has vetoed a scheme to give firemen an extension from two to three weeks in their annual vacations, aldermen learned Tuesday.

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British Columbia's Nippon Fishing Fleet Held 'for Duration'



Here is the Jap fishing fleet, or most of it. At this jetty... are moored hundreds of fishing vessels which only a few weeks ago were bringing full cargoes of salmon, cod, herring and other fish to market.

The Inquiring Cameraman

The Sun will pay \$1 for every timely, interesting question submitted and used in this column on public opinion.

THE QUESTION

Do you think that Canada should follow the lead of the Australian army in reducing the amount of saluting necessary?

THE ANSWERS

C. F. Mackenzie, miner, 602 Dunsmuir Street: 'It's not for me to tell the shore but I'm sure it would be a little overdone.'

Bill Pupper, metal worker, 136 West Twelfth Avenue: 'In the barracks a d other places like that, I think that saluting should be maintained but in public places it should be dropped.'

Gary Nelson, advertising man, 1406 Nelson Street: 'It's only right to show a certain amount of respect for your superior officers, but for actual saluting I think it's overdone, here.'

Plumbers Refused

City Council yesterday denied the request of Plumbers and Steamfitters (Union, Local No. 170), their charter amendment be obtained giving power to compel all plumbers to wear a metal button to be issued by the city as a badge of competence.

Chief DeGaves, however, now states that it can't be done. He is trying to draft a plan to give firemen 10-day holidays to men, with five years of good service.

The Sun Visits the 'Orient' on the Fraser

860 Jap Fish Boats Taken Away But 3000 Japs Are Still There

By HAROLD DINGMAN STEVESTON, Dec. 22.—Rain-soaked and muddy, swept by wet winds so that it made all its people, white and Jap and Chinese, feel like the misery of the seasoning earth itself—the whole municipally encompassing Steveston—presented and presented a parent of the Orient.

STILL THE ORIENT

Eight hundred and sixty boats had gone to be interned for the duration, so far as the Japanese were concerned. Still the town the Orient was there, squatted down upon the shores of Canada—and offshore the Japs snatched North American shipping.

Walk the streets of Steveston and see its people, and see how well you know them. Generations of Japanese. The Japanese in your care. Everywhere the Orient... and remember Norway, and all the other things of the world that slept while the sword struck.

Remember even the great United States in the Philippines and Japan's navy superiority in the Western Pacific. Hawaii was the most effective bit of fifth column work that has come out of this war except in Norway.

FOUR CONSTABLES

We went along to see a police officer and discovered that only four extra provincial constables had been detailed to investigate what might be the greatest fifth column work that has come out of this war except in Norway.

And so we said: 'Don't you expost any trouble from the Japs. We get along with them fine. But we don't trust them, of course.'

And do you think all of them are loyal Canadians? 'Well, no. If you were here in Japan of British parents it

THE GROUCH

Dear Editor: Yes, I'm a Grouch, but I'm human and like animals. So don't tell me I'm a dog-hater. A dog has been called "man's best friend" and so may be, in his proper place. But a dog's no friend at all he continually "wakes you with senseless persistent yapping and howling at all hours of night."

THIS WEATHER

"The Boss has brought our Christmas gifts," said Oscar. "I took a peek."

BIRTHS - MARRIAGES - DEATHS

HAYNES - TO MR AND Mrs. H. Brenny Haynes and Mrs. Elizabeth Haynes, 2008 West 20th, at St. Paul's Hospital, Sunday, December 22, 1941, a daughter, Barbara Ann.

NORMAN - TO MR AND Mrs. Alex. Norman and Mrs. Mary Margaret Norman, 1440 West 20th, at St. Paul's Hospital, Sunday, December 22, 1941, a son, William Alexander.

MARRIAGES

BRIMSTON - MACDONALD - ON December 20, 1941, Elizabeth Ellen (Bessie), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brimston, 2028 West 20th, and the late Bert Macdonald, 92-2nd St. N.W. West End, Vancouver, B.C.

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Drink Costs Man \$150 He Found in Toe of Old Shoe

A stroke of luck brought a city man \$150 in American currency Monday, but his good fortune didn't last.

Brig. Foster Here

Brigadier W. W. Foster, district officer commanding military District 12, and former Vancouver police chief, stopped off in the city, Monday, after a three-day visit to Victoria.

Not only to donate cats is the catnip plant attractive, but to all members of the cat family: cougars, lions, tigers, etc.

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ANDREWS - DROWNED AT Hospital. Frances Sarah Andrews, 4100 West 12th Ave., in her 66th year, died at St. Paul's Hospital, Sunday, December 22, 1941, at 1:30 p.m. Rev. P. P. Clark officiating. Burial at Abbotsford, B.C., Monday, Dec. 23, at 1:30 p.m. from the home of Mrs. E. J. Andrews, 4100 West 12th Ave., at 1:30 p.m.

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