

ARP Wardens 'Fed Up' With Lack of C

Mayor's Statement Partially Upholds Rumors

Ottawa Will Pay For Damaged Fish Boats---Hume

NEW WESTMINSTER—Indication that reported damage through neglect to impounded Japanese fishing boats is more than just a waterfront rumor was given here Tuesday by Mayor Fred J. Hume, chairman of the standing committee on Oriental Affairs, who told the Kiwanis Club that:

"Any fishing boats that have been damaged will be taken care of by the Dominion Government. We want to be fair to them."

Meanwhile, The British Columbian reported Tuesday that "the Bonnie Lass, one of the most streamlined and fancy gillnetters operating on the Fraser River . . . has been lying waterlogged at the foot of the C. P. R. docks for practically two weeks."

The Japanese owned vessel is "aground at low water but awash with each incoming tide," the local newspaper said.

"There is no guard on the boat, which cost its Japanese owner over \$1000, and it is feared that the gear has been taken from the vessel."

Near the same spot, the report says, a troller worth \$3000 was

permitted to sink and later raised and towed through ice floes to the main impounded vessel mooring spot.

White fishermen fear that "many of the Japanese vessels will be in such shape that it will take considerable money

and time to refit" them, the newspaper says.

Theft and loss of gear from other boats is also reported.

Louisa Obee

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Louisa M. Obee, 81, died Tuesday at the home of her son, Frederick Obee, 535 Nichol Road, Newton. She was born in England and had been living at Newton 15 years coming there from Brandon, Manitoba. Surviving her are four other sons, Alfred Obee, Newton; Harry Obee, in England; Sydney Obee, Vancouver, and R. Obee, Toronto, and three daughters, Mrs. J. G. McIntosh and Mrs. A. Toe, Newton, and Mrs. W. Ingram, in England.

The funeral will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. from the Columbia Funeral Service chapel to the new Fraser cemetery, with Canon Plaskett officiating.

Today will be marked as a Day of Humiliation by the Chinese National Salvation League of Canada, which will hold its annual meeting at 8 p.m. in the headquarters of the Chinese Benevolent Association, 108 East Pender Street.

Leary Heads Labor Council

E. E. Leary, retiring vice-president, was elected president of Vancouver Labor Council Tuesday night. He is council delegate for the Dock and Shipyard Workers' Union.

K. C. Wilson, Operating Engineers' delegate, was elected council vice-president, and Harold J. Pritchett re-elected secretary.

J. M. Smith, Inland Boatmen's Union delegate and Dan O'Brien, Building Workers' delegate, were unanimously elected council trustees.

Absence Of Leaders Volunteers To A

(See editorial "We Are Alone" on page 10.)

A lot of wardens are pre-"fed up" with the A.R.P. organization.

They say there are not sufficient supplies, there isn't a man to control the job properly and too many people have many fingers in the pie.

This situation was brought home forcibly when The News-Herald Tuesday night phoned ARP wardens to ask how plans in specific districts were progressing. Some refused to comment, but others were voluble. All asked have their names withheld.

"I don't think there is an organization," stated one flatly. "We started in with a lot of enthusiasm, but what can you do when there are orders, and the orders counteracting orders? The imperative thing is leadership—someone who knows what out to be done."

Doing Nothing

"What good is it for wardens to sit around every night doing nothing, or to listen to lectures by people who are not qualified to give them? It seems to me the average man would co-operate if he could see some plan developing."

"I know fellows who on their own initiative enlisted the help of their neighbors in the work, but with no authoritative direction. There are lots willing to do the work, but you can get so after a while."

Housewives' League 'Unsettled Con

Several resolutions designed to right the "unsettled condition" of the A.R.P. were passed Tuesday by the Housewives' League of British Columbia.

The league agreed to contact all theatre managers and that a film, now being shown in the fire department, be screened in all theatres. The film should show the destruction caused in London by incendiary bombs, and the proper methods of dealing with the bombs.

A resolution, to be sent to the A.R.P., demanded the organizing of all city blocks in committees, so that the women will know what to do in

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