



B.C. softens war injustice; helps Japanese-Canadians

By PADDY SHERMAN
VICTORIA — The Second World War seems to be over at last, and B.C. is making some amends for the high-handed way Canada treated its Japanese-Canadian citizens 15 years ago.

The provincial cabinet is making a gift to about 150 Japanese-Canadian citizens of the New Denver homes in which they have lived since 1942.

In order-in-council has turned 88 lots over to almost 100 residents of the orchard, one of the Kootenay sites where 7,000 Japanese were interned during the war.

Though many of them had been born in B.C., they were torn from their homes on the coast because the authorities thought there might be spies among them.

They stayed in the Kootenay for nine years and, in 1951, six years after the war ended, they were allowed once more to live where they wished.

Most of them, understandably, wanted to return to their homes at the coast. But many were too old and too sick to stand the strain of part of B.C. and headed east.

Many of them moved from scattered areas into the New Denver site, which had hospital facilities and a community hall.

Government officials estimate there are between 150 and 200 people, mostly elderly, living there now.

The government has done essential repairs to the little homes at the site, and turned them over to the occupants, without charging them renting.

Public meet to air bid by TV firm

A public hearing at Hollywood School at 8 p.m. Thursday will discuss the Panorama Television Company bid on 50 acres of land in West Vancouver.

Residents may then either protest or endorse rezoning measures necessary if the land is turned over to the company for television film production. Panorama has bid \$125,000.

May 24 is the date set for two other public hearings on zoning applications.

These are due to start at 7:30 p.m. in municipal hall. One deals with proposed rezoning of the Alhambra district and the other with an application of Sunset Marina Ltd. to rezone its waterfront property from single-family residential to a waterfront Zone 3 category.

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Boston zoo's 'sad elephant' dies at age 68

BOSTON (AP)—Jennie, a performing elephant once with Ringling Brothers Circus and the Frank Buck animal show, died Monday at the age of 68 in Franklin Park zoo here.

Born in India, Jennie had been at the zoo since 1942.

Waterfront squatters ask another delay in eviction

Burnaby's waterfront squatters have asked for another year's delay in their eviction. The law firm of Rankin & Dean, representing the squatters, asked council to extend the deadline to July 2, 1961.

Request was tabled to Monday so that a representative might appear before council. The 121 residents of waterfront cabins between Boundary and North Roads were first warned two years ago.

Council was told the CPR and National Harbors Board have rejected a request for an extension.

Oklahoma at Strand

NOW PLAYING at the Strand theatre is "Oklahoma," starring Shirley Jones and Gordon MacRae. Rodgers and Hammerstein musical was the first motion picture produced in Todd-AO.

Day in court

Finding farm jobs tough in big city

By PETER VETLIAM
Regardless of the good intentions of those seeking solutions to the unemployment problem, work doesn't come easily to some people.

In the case of the 50-year-old man who pleaded guilty in police court Tuesday to stealing a man's shirt.

"I was hungry," John Tekanoff told Magistrate N. J. Barton.

"You could have done the odd job," said the magistrate. "I was looking for a job," replied Tekanoff.

"There are lots of jobs," said Magistrate Barton. "You could be gardening or on a farm."

"I've tried the churches," said Tekanoff.

"Did you try for a farm job?" "I did, sir."

"Where?" "In Vancouver." "There are no farms in Vancouver," said the magistrate. "I know, sir," replied the man.

"Then the 50-year-old man was convicted of stealing a camera gadget bag from a drug store."

John Taylor said he came to the court.

Doctor may have hit head on log

A friend of Dr. Peter Spohn told an inquest jury Tuesday that the Vancouver pediatrician may have fallen from a log after tying up his boat, and knocked himself out.

Francis Wilhelmson, 4751 Drummond, said Dr. Spohn had an exceptionally strong swimmer and was able to swim in very cold water.

Spohn's body was found early Monday at about 12 feet of water at Palisay Island, Howe Sound.

Mr. Wilhelmson said Dr. Spohn, 47, of 1250 West Forty-sixth, had supper with him at his cottage on the island Saturday, then left in his boat to return to his own cottage about a mile away.

The doctor was wearing smooth tennis shoes and may have tried to balance on the log, he said.

The inquest was adjourned to Thursday.

Ranchers probe U.S. meat label

The Western Poultry Federation is investigating complaints that American poultry meat is being sold in B.C. in Canadian processing plant wrappers.

The Federation was told the meat is shipped in from the U.S. and wrapped here, leading the consumer to believe they are buying a B.C. product.

"I walked through the city of death"

Star Weekly writer Lloyd Lockhart saw rescuers tear aside the rubble of Agadir looking for survivors buried alive by the earthquake's fury. He saw heartbreak and heroism. He saw also politics slowing rescue efforts. Read this vivid account of Morocco's horrifying two-second disaster in this week's Star Weekly.

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