Waterfront becomes a hive of activity as fishing season opening nears

Throughout the length and breadth of the British Columbia coast fish boats are being hastily readied for the opening of the halibut season on May 10, particularly since the threat of a coastwide strike involving the United States, has been averted.

Wherever there are vessels moored the sound of hammer and chisel, the smell of paint or the sight of nets and lines is a constant reminder of the approaching exodus of fishermen for the grounds.

Packers, gillnetters and trollers are looking spic and span as they preen themselves on the swell of passing boats in the new coats of paint—a bright start to a season which will see them sea-stained and weatherbeaten.

Below decks engines are being conditioned and power take-offs checked, holds readied for the expected catches and rigging and hulls repaired where necessary to make sure that there are no holdups once the grounds are reached and the nets or lines down.

At Fairview, Cow Bay, New Floats, Port Simpson, Hartley Bay and other nearby points along the coast the scene is the same.

Father and son, husband and wife, brother and brother teams are all working towards the same objective on family boats. Grids were full some weeks ago as underwater checks were made of hulls and new copper paint and antifouling was applied over new caulking.

Around the canneries the gillnetters which were hauled out of the water for the winter have been refitted and lowered back to the water. Staff are beginning to return ready for the new season of salmon and halibut and it is possible a reduction will occur in the unemployed figures for this area as more hands are taken on in the canneries.

The floats around Prince Rupert will soon be notable for the absence of the long-poled outriggers of the trollers as singly and in pairs they make their way to the areas they have chosen to fish.

Reports from up north indicate that the floating fish plants are already in position and are waiting the first loads to be brought in.

Last season the salmon was one of the poorest financial years on record for the coast and fishermen are determined to make up for it this year to the best of their ability and the extent of the run.

CAPTAIN PAINTS the ship ready for the new halibut season. He is Harry Menzies, skipper of the Lois N. The big packer will be one of the large fleet putting out to the fishing areas during the next ten days as the season open on May 10. Behind the Lois N is the Silver Bounty, a portion of whose bridge is visible. Other work was being done on other vessels moored nearby at Fairview Floats Sunday.
— Staff photo by John Pain

HUSBAND AND WIFE team combine to ready a gillnetter for the fishing season. They are Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Helgerson of Prince Rupert. The vessel, the Doreen, has been getting her usual annual overhaul ready for what is hoped will be a better season than last for the fishermen.
— Staff photo by John Pain

AT THE NEW FLOATS Herbert and Neil Bryant put the finishing touches to the troller Carol B. Mr. Bryant was working on the combing of the hatch aft while Neil laid on the paint. They expect to be out in time to catch the opening of the season in their area. Many other vessels of varying shapes and sizes were also being put in first-class shape ready for the big day.
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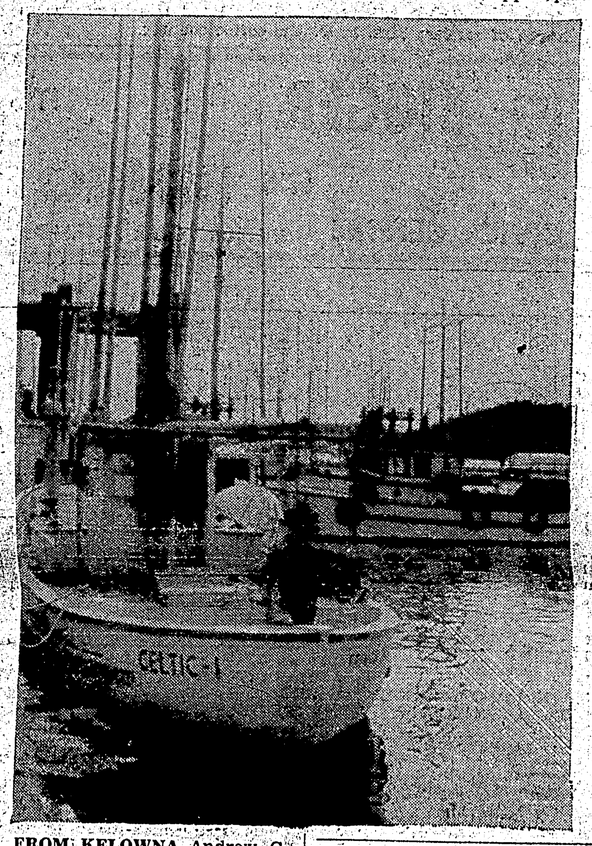

FROM KELOWNA Andrew C. Ness has been working for some weeks getting his troller, the Celtic 1, ready for sea at Fairview. Mr. Ness comes up from the inland town every year for the season. On the right he is working on his 50-fathom mainlines, attaching lead lines. He says he'll be making up north in time for the start of the fishing somewhere in the vicinity of Dundas Island.
— Staff photo by John Pain.

Missing aircraft found after northern search

WINNIPEG (CP) — Four men whose plane disappeared in an Arctic flight 700 miles from the North Pole were found safe and well at 3:45 a.m. CDT today, the RCAF reported.

A civilian aircraft that had been searching for the missing single-engined Otter north of Ellef Ringnes Island, 2,200 miles north of Winnipeg, sighted the aircraft.

The RCAF said no details were available immediately.

The plane disappeared late Saturday with only a brief distress signal providing a clue to its whereabouts. By late Sunday, search planes had covered 2,000 square miles of the Arctic. Four planes and two helicopters took part in the hunt and it was an Aero-Commander aircraft which located the missing plane.

The Otter was on a 90-mile northward flight from Isaachsen site of the Canadian government polar shelf project. The search area was northwest of ice-capped Meighen Island, where the Otter was headed.

ON FIELD PROJECT

The plane occupants were embarking on a field project.

Owned by McMurray Air Service of Uranium City, Sask., the plane was believed to have been piloted by Bert Burry, 55, operator of the bush line.

Temperatures were around zero while the search was under way. However, it was broad daylight in the land of the midnight sun.

Search planes included two civilian Dakotas, an Otter and the Aero-Commander. An RCAF searchmaster was sent north from Winnipeg by air late Sunday to take charge of operations.

DEPUTY MINISTER—Toronto born Brig. James A. Roberts, 54, former commanding officer of the 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade, has been appointed deputy trade minister. Mr. Roberts left a business and investment career to enter government service as assistant deputy minister. (CP Photo)

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Fisheries will aid plans to combat world need

TORONTO—R. E. Matthews of Toronto, President of the Fisheries Council of Canada, recently told nearly 300 industry leaders that plans are being put into action to have the fisheries play a much more important part in combatting hunger around the world.

Speaking to the 16th Annual Meeting of the Council, Mr. Matthews said it was probably hard for Canadians, living as they do in a land of plenty, to realize that a great number of people in the world today are only half fed, or in dire need of protein foods.

Citing figures compiled by North American fisheries experts, Mr. Matthews said it took about a million years for the first billion human beings to appear on earth but only 100 years to double that number. Another doubling of the population to four billion, is expected by 1930.

Two-thirds of all human beings are underfed, Mr. Matthews said. The minimum number of calories required daily for the average human is 2750. Before World War II the average ration was 2380; in 1950 it had fallen to 2200.

Mr. Matthews said it had been found that the ocean is as fertile as the best farmland and it was apparent that scientists were looking to the sea to nourish the world's increasing numbers.

The President of the Fisheries Council, dealing at length also with the domestic situation, said the continuing low per capita consumption of fish still has to be overcome and said there is an urgent need to educate the Canadian consumer about the advantages of eating protein-rich Canadian fish and shellfish products.

Mr. Matthews called for the immediate removal of the 12-mile restriction on large Canadian fishing vessels "as more and more nations are turning to the North Atlantic to find food for their expanding populations and it is only right and proper that Canadian fishing vessels should not be barred from waters which are open to foreign vessels."

Later, the subject of the 12-limit also was raised in an address by Federal Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean.

Said Mr. MacLean: "Section 55 of the Fisheries Act—the provision which prohibits large Canadian trawlers fishing inside a 12-mile zone off the Canadian mainland Atlantic coast—has been in the legislation for many years. It is, I think, unnecessary for me to review the historical background of the legislation and the bitter controversy which was generated about the use of trawlers in inshore waters, because I am sure these aspects are familiar to most of you. I do wish to say, however, that during the past three years careful study has been given to finding a solution to the problem which would make it possible to propose an amendment to Section 55 of the Fisheries Act."

Mr. MacLean added that he was hopeful that "before the current session of Parliament is over I shall be able to introduce an amendment to the Fisheries Act which will bring about a greater element of justice to the situation in which a number of Canadian trawler operators find themselves as compared with foreign trawlers, and yet at the same time protect the rights and interests of inshore fishermen in smaller boats."

Advertising in The Daily News Brings Results

No fatalities over weekend

By The Canadian Press

Only Saskatchewan and British Columbia were free of fatalities during the weekend, while other provinces suffered heavy tolls.

Traffic mishaps accounted for 23 of the country-wide total of 30 fatalities in a survey by The Canadian Press from 6 p.m. local times Friday to Sunday midnight.

Road accidents took seven lives in Ontario, five in Quebec, four in each of Alberta and New Brunswick, two in Nova Scotia and one in Manitoba.

Sixteen other fatalities connected with weekend activities were counted. Six persons died in fires, three in Ontario, two in Quebec and one in Nova Scotia.

Four persons were drowned, one in each of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Manitoba. A New Brunswick man died in a fall down a staircase. A Newfoundlander was accidentally shot.

In Ontario, a youth was electrocuted when his model plane hit a high-power line, a child died in a parking lot accident and another was strangled by a drape cord. A man fell to his death repairing his roof.

The survey does not count natural deaths, industrial fatalities, or known suicides.

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Fish council leader warns of Oriental sea invasion

TORONTO — The Canadian fishing industry has been warned that a maritime revolution has been launched by Russia, Japan and Red China.

R. L. Payne, of Vancouver, a vice-president of the Fisheries Council of Canada, said that Russian, Japanese and possibly Chinese fisheries in the decade to 1958 expanded at enormous rates.

He added: "Available evidence indicates no slackening of pace in the last three years. If anything the reverse seems apparent.

"The vast commitment of capital and personnel to these endeavours is changing the complexion of ocean harvesting the world over.

"This is a maritime revolution."

Mr. Payne said this would have tremendous effects on Canada's fisheries. "On the Atlantic, the intensity of Soviet efforts off our shores, already a serious problem, will continue to increase. The availability of stocks for our shore-based vessels will continue to decline under the ever-increasing assault.

"In the Pacific, the problem just now apparent, will spring forward much more quickly and ferociously. On November 10, 1960, Boris Kulikov, a qualified U.S.S.R. spokesman said: 'The Soviet fishing industry is interested in the development and exploitation of all marine resources in the North Pacific'.

"Russian trawlers," Mr. Payne warned, "will fish south of the Aleutians this year. Soviet exploratory vessels which invariably appear a year or two in the van of their organized fishing onslaught, have already appeared off the west coast of Vancouver Island.

"The total Pacific halibut fishery conserved, developed and being rationally harvested by the U.S. and Canada is some 70 million pounds per year. The estimated Russian Bering Sea production was 300 million pounds in 1960. Can we ask them to refrain from expanding a 300 million pound effort to protect a 70 million pound effort?"

Divers say "lucky man"

VANCOUVER (CP)—Scuba diver John Thompson, 22, waiting for sensation to return to his legs after suffering severe bends, says he guesses he is "the luckiest guy in the world." He was diving last Tuesday about 125 miles west of here when he came up too fast from about 250 feet.

A companion rescued him and he was flown here where he spent 44 hours in a decompression chamber before being placed in hospital.

He said he and John Humphries were trying to locate the tug Humphries Six which burned and sank about a month ago at Ripple Rock.

"I was going down slowly, watching the depth gauge on my wrist get close to 150 feet, when I started to get narcosis," Thompson said. "I've had it before so I wasn't worried. You get kind of woozy, like you've had too many drinks . . . maybe you get careless.

"Before I knew it the water was all dark and my flashlight was shining on the bottom," he added. "My depth gauge showed the maximum, 250 feet. Suddenly I realized I was pretty darn deep.

"But when I tried to get off the bottom I had a hook of a time," he said ". . . I finally started getting up and remember watching my air bubbles coming out of my regulator to see that I didn't exceed them. My head started clearing when I got past 150 feet. I got my reasoning back."

Thompson said the boat he was working from was about 500 feet away when he surfaced.

Inquest decided into two deaths

CAMPBELLFORD, Ont. (CP)—A joint inquest will be held into the shooting deaths of a brother and sister and the apparent suicide of a second brother on their farm at nearby Stanwood during the weekend.

Coroner Dr. D. W. Burgess, who ordered the inquest, said he believes the shotgun wound that killed Cecil Rowe, 46, was self-inflicted.

Rowe's body was found by another brother Sunday after the charred bodies of Miss Audrey Rowe, 57, and Clarence Rowe, 59, were found in the fire-swept ruins of their barn. An autopsy showed both had been shot in the back.

Cecil Rowe was questioned by police following the fire, and Inspector Donald Craig of the provincial police criminal investigation branch joined the investigation Saturday night.

Campbellford is 30 miles west of Peterborough.

Boy delivered on jetliner

NEW YORK (AP)—A Pan American World Airways jet took off from New York International airport Sunday night with 113 passengers aboard. An hour and a half later, there were 114 passengers. The addition was a boy delivered to Mrs. Nellie Alvarez of Puerto Rico while the jet was 30,000 feet aloft heading for San Juan. The pilot radioed that child and mother were doing well. The baby, he said, "was delivered by the joint effort of the crew."

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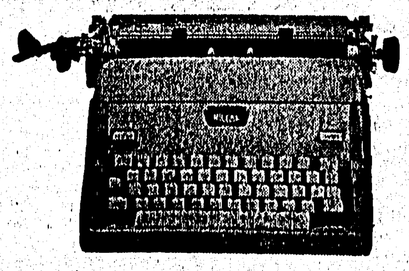

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