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# Will Present Case For Drydock To Cabinet Promises Sinclair

## Fisherwoman Found Dead Near Floats Coroner Called From Terrace

The body of well-known commercial fisherwoman, Mrs. Jessie Jensen, of Dodge Cove, Digby Island, was found this morning on the shore near the federal government floats beyond the drydock.

The dead woman, described by police as being about 40 years old, was found on the rocks 25 yards west of the floats. Police say that apparently the body had been left there by the tide as it went out.

The discovery was made by an unidentified commercial fisherman who phoned police. Her death is thought to have occurred overnight as it is reported she was seen as late as yesterday.

Police substantiate this theory, saying that the body did not appear to have been in the water long.

Mrs. Jensen lived aboard the gillnetter "Daily," at the federal floats.

Police investigating the death say that Mrs. Jensen is believed to have relatives living in Ontario. Her husband, Olaf Andic Jensen, died in 1952.

Larry Pruden, coroner from Terrace, is expected in Prince Rupert this afternoon to hold an inquiry. Coroner George Dawes is at present in eastern Canada.

The body was taken to B.C. Undertakers.

## Ocean Falls Man Gets Hard Labor

An Ocean Falls man was found guilty yesterday on a charge of gross indecency and sentenced by County Court by Judge W.O. Fulton to one year hard labor at Oakalla Prison Farm.

Found guilty was Ralph Clark Dunn, who along with Gordon Konrad Hedman also of Ocean Falls, elected speedy trial before Judge Fulton on Wednesday.

Hedman was found not guilty of the charge which arose from an offence July 17 in Ocean Falls.



ONE OF MANY THRILLS in store for Prince Rupert children and their parents at tonight's opening of the Odysseus Circus will be acts such as this by these three trained elephants. Competing with the jumbo-sized trio for circus-goers' attention will be monkeys and tigers, and human daredevils of the trapeze and tight rope along with the much-loved clowns and other acts. The Legion-sponsored show will go on at Roosevelt Park tonight and Saturday night, with a matinee Saturday afternoon.

## Circus Sets Up Big Top For Two Day Stand Here

Youngsters flocked to Roosevelt Park this afternoon to watch the big-top in preparation for the opening show tonight of the Odysseus Circus.

Flocks of boys lent a willing hand on the setting-up job for a chance of a free look at the three elephants and other animals which will perform in the three shows here. The circus is sponsored here by the Canadian Legion Branch No. 27.

Circus officials announced that there would be no pre-circus parade here. A parade had been planned but officials decided that the hill up to Roosevelt Park would be too hard on the elephants' tender feet, and called off the display.

The fishery official said Thursday that such conditions indicate a large number of the fish in the area, and added that the Adams River run may arrive in the Straits of Juan de Fuca during the next week.

Fishing in the Active Pass was reported as good, although the Georgia Strait catch was considered "light."

## Operators Reject Award

British Columbia's fish companies have rejected a conciliation award on an agreement for fresh fish and cold storage workers on Crete Island today as excited Greeks prepared massive demonstrations and symbolic bloodletting to support their claim to British-held Cyprus.

In a wire to a local company, a spokesman for the B.C. Fisheries Association said that the conciliation award, which recommended wage boosts and shorter work week in a two-year contract, was unacceptable to the companies and that negotiations on the contract "will have to be continued in an effort to reach a sensible settlement."

Earlier, UFAWU bargainers had recommended acceptance of the conciliation award by the fresh fish and cold storage workers. Bargainers have also recommended acceptance of the companies' latest offer for the cannery, net loft and reduction workers and voting on both issues is now underway by union locals along the coast.

## B.C. Favors Yukon Union

WHITEHORSE, Y.T.—Premier Bennett said here Thursday that British Columbia would favor a political union with the Yukon and a Northwest Territories instead, but nowhere else in Canada is this being done. There is always bitter complaint when the government moves into competition with private industry.

Referring to the plan that the shipyard handle industrial jobs under private management, Mr. Sinclair pointed out that Burrowes Shipyards had recently gone

## Makes Proposals For Continued Work

Fresh hope for continued operations at the Prince Rupert drydock and shipyard was created today when Fisheries Minister James Sinclair declared that, in view of new facts brought to his attention, he would refer the matter again to the federal cabinet.

Speaking at a meeting of the city-drydock committee, Mr. Sinclair said that since his arrival yesterday he had received information on industrial needs in this area which had convinced him the whole question should be reviewed.

He said that on the strength of this information he will ask the cabinet that operations at the plant be allowed to continue after September 30 closure date.

At the same time Mr. Sinclair said he will make two firm proposals on what course of action can then be taken.

He said he would:

- Propose consolidation of certain ship repair facilities on the property so that a small boatyard can be established to service the fishing fleet and meet other similar needs.

Explaining that he had met the evening before with various representatives of the committee, Mr. Sinclair said he had been impressed by the need for a plant in this area which could handle the structural steel work and other requirements of industries such as Columbia Cellulose. He believed that with the Alcan project going into operation, and the Frobisher development taking shape in the north, the picture described to him at that meeting might take on more promise than ever.

Introduced by chairman Orme Stuart, the fisheries minister prefaced his proposals with an outline of the government's position in the matter.

## Value Fell Off After Last War

"Although the shipyard served an important purpose during the last war, after that its value fell off," he remarked. "For one thing, much of our shipbuilding was being done in Britain where it was much less costly and where it had its trade value in encouraging that country to do business with us."

He pointed out that when Donald Gordon took over direction of the CNR he had instructions to make the railway pay and that one of his first tasks was to eliminate all those operations which were not in the transportation category and were showing a loss.

"The Prince Rupert shipyard and drydock, was one of these," he said. "To keep it going, the government agreed to pay its operating losses for a period of two years, which was later extended to another two years. But the position steadily deteriorated so that in four years the annual operating loss rose from \$60,000 to \$213,000."

## Estimates of Business Decreased

"But when I saw them at the end of June, the amount of business that each thought it could do at the shipyard was much less than previously estimated," he said. "At first they were quoting amounts in the neighborhood of \$100,000 to cover their repair work, but when we really got down to it, the figures were closer to \$30,000."

Mr. Sinclair said the Fishermen's Co-Operative was the only company actually prepared to put up capital to keep the operation going.

In answer to a question by James Prusky whether it would be possible for the CNR to set up a board of directors and a manager to operate the drydock, Mr. Sinclair said it was against the railway's policy to compete with private industry in this manner. He pointed out that a major problem facing local personnel in operating the plant was that they had no final authority over costs and were prevented by CNR policy from functioning for business.

Answering a question by Eric Pedersen on the estimated \$3,000,000 needed to repair the installation, Mr. Sinclair said this figure represented the cost of a complete overhaul. He added that the cost of "functional" repair would be considerably less.

Mr. Applewhite said he was of the opinion that "it is essential to the economy of this area that we maintain these facilities upon which local industry is based."

"Primarily, though not only, this applies to the fishing industry. I shall continue to do everything I can to see that these facilities are maintained here," he said.

After the meeting, Mr. Sinclair left for Vancouver by plane.



NO MIRRORS are needed to duplicate this lovely brand of German glamour—as exemplified by the gorgeous Koslow twins, Alice (left) and Helona. They are dancers in a Paris night club, and everything they do is just naturally twice as good as a single.