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Weatherman's Forecast Reads Much Warmer

Prospect of "much warmer" weather—and probable break of the cold spell that has held Vancouver in its grip for the past two weeks—has led observers to believe that the impending sawdust famine will be averted.

While several dealers stoutly deny that there has been a shortage—they say merely they lack the necessary equipment to handle all the deliveries—fear was expressed early Tuesday that the Fraser River might freeze thus closing the mills and choking off the main source of city sawdust.

This unhappy situation seems unlikely now with the prospect of milder weather.

300 Families

C. A. Munro, civic supervisor of sawdust deliveries, said Tuesday that at least 300 families in Vancouver were experiencing the inconvenience of empty sawdust bins.

He added that several sawmills on the Fraser had closed down due to ice conditions on the river.

H. J. Mackin of the Canadian Western Lumber Co. Ltd., which operates the Fraser Mills, said he thought the situation would be alleviated somewhat by the rising thermometer.

It was learned from dealers that a not too happy situation exists also as far as wood supplies are concerned. Dry wood, particularly, is becoming scarce due to the heavy demand by householders.

Rationing

A city rationing system for sawdust and other fuel during the present shortage was asked by J. W. Burns, Street Railwaymen's delegate to the Trades and Labor Council, Tuesday night.

He urged the action because, he said "THERE ARE PEOPLE WITHOUT FUEL WHILE OTHERS HAVE THREE OR FOUR UNITS IN THEIR BINS."

"People who have no sawdust to keep their children warm would appreciate even half a unit.

Fuel companies, he believed, "would not mind the rationing. All they want is someone to tell them not to deliver sawdust where there is already some in the bin."

He said that because of present sawdust shortages, "PEOPLE ARE ALREADY TAKING OUT THEIR SAWDUST BURNERS AND THEY'LL ALL BE TAKEN OUT IF SUCH CONDITIONS CONTINUE."

In Uniform For the Last Time



"LOYAL"—BUT—There was a wistful touch in the smile of Michiyoski Symiya, U. B. C. first year student Tuesday when he stepped into the campus C.O.T.C. order room. He wore his C.O.C.T. uniform for the last time and carried his army greatcoat over his arm. In a few minutes the uniform would be in the quartermaster's hands for the duration. Michiyoshi Symiya was out of the C.O.T.C. because U.B.C.'s Senate decided to end military training of Japanese students. "We are loyal," said Michiyoshi, "and the last thing we want to do is cause trouble to the authorities. However, all of us wish that we could go on training and take our place in defense of Canada."

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U.B.C. Japs Banned From C.O.T.C.
'For Own Protection', Says Klinck

Ban on military training of Japanese U. B. C. students was imposed "for their own protection" and to avoid the "unfortunate sight of Japanese in uniform", university officials said Tuesday, as over 70 Japanese trooped in the C. O. T. C. orderly room to turn in their uniforms.

They went sadly, wistfully, but without rebellion.

"All the Japanese at the university feel that the best way they can show their loyalty is by obeying orders without protest and without resentment," said Edward Yoshioka, second year arts student and son of the Japanese United Church Minister at Kelowna.

Cancellation of Japanese training was decided upon after lengthy discussion at a meeting of U. B. C. Senate, said Lieut.-Col. Gordon M. Shrum, officer commanding the C. O. T. C.

"It is a ticklish situation and the problem had to be solved," he declared. "Action has been taken and now criticism cannot be levelled at the university."

No alternative to the six hours a week formerly spent in compulsory military training has been devised for the Japanese students, he said.

"IT IS FOR THEIR OWN PROTECTION AS WELL AS OURS," said Dr. L. S. Klinck, university president. "Feeling runs high down in the business sections and Japanese in uniform would be an unfortunate sight.

HOUSEWIVES MEET ON A.R.P.

The Housewives' League of British Columbia announces "an important and timely meeting to be held in Burrard Hall Friday at 8 p.m. on air raid precautions.

The meeting will be addressed by Lieut. N. Akins, of the Vancouver Fire Department, who will speak on the handling of incendiary bombs. A film will illustrate his talk and an address will be given also by a speaker from the Red Cross. The meeting is to be open to the public.

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classes will be held at 2 p.m. in Collingwood United Church hall and Ryerson United Church gym.

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Courses

Skills valuable to a warring nation are covered in three new courses included in the 1942 program of the University Extension department. They are a course in plastics given by Prof. R. H. Clark;