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EARL ROBINSON FEATURED ON CRUISE

Earl Robinson, composer, conductor and folklorist, will be featured on the entertainment program for the "Lazy Summer Afternoon" Cruise, Saturday, July 22nd aboard the historic Steamship VIRGINIA V. The four hour cruise around the shorelines of Lake Union and Lake Washington is jointly sponsored by the Floating Homes Association and the Eastlake Community Council. (For more details turn to page 4.)

The event will be in the nature of a homecoming for Robinson who was born in Seattle, graduated from the West Seattle High School, attended the Cornish School and graduated from the University of Washington School of Music in 1933. Shortly thereafter he first attracted national attention with his famous cantata "Ballad For Americans" for which he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship. The ballad has been performed by leading symphonies, on radio and has been recorded by Victor, Columbia, Decca and filmed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Another of his cantatas "The Lonesome Train" had a try-out premiere at the Moore Theater in Seattle in 1942 under the original title of "Abe Lincoln Comes Home Again". It has been sung and staged throughout the U.S. and Europe and recorded by Decca. For it Robinson received the Award of Merit from the Civil War Centennial Commission of Illinois.

There has been a recent upsurge of interest in Robinson's "Joe Hill" which was featured in the recent motion picture of the same title and sung by Joan Baez. It was composed more than 30 years ago. Robinson is now working again in Hollywood and has composed for a large number of motion pictures. His "The House I Live In" was the theme of a film starring Frank Sinatra and won an Oscar.



Among his orchestral works is the tone poem for orchestra and tenor, "A Country They Call Puget Sound" which was commissioned by the University of Washington and premiered by the Canadian Broadcasting Co. If you have ever heard "Acres of Clams" you will recognize a portion of it.

The program for the cruise will consist of many of Robinson's compositions as well as those of the late Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger and others. His latest album "Strange Unusual Evening", described as a "talking blues cantata", has not yet been released commercially but may be available on the cruise.

Boarding of the VIRGINIA V at its Fishermen's Terminal dock will begin at 1:30 p.m. The historic steamer will depart at 2:00 p.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. Fishermen's Terminal is in Salmon Bay just west of the Ballard Bridge. If northbound from City Center take Elliott Ave. & 15th to the Emerson St. exit (right overpass). If Southbound from Ballard or North End, turn right at South End of 15th N.W. Bridge onto Emerson St. Turn right at the Seattle First National Bank and look for Sign VIRGINIA V. The phone number at the dock is AT 2-3636.

Tickets are available in advance by mail only and are limited to 300 (Coast Guard regulations). If there is not an advance sell-out, remainder will be available at the gangplank on a first come basis starting at 1:30 p.m.

The VIRGINIA V is licensed to dispense beer. Sandwiches, soft drinks, coffee and other refreshments will be available in the galley.

JOHN SOUTHERN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

John Southern, 2207 Fairview Ave. E., was re-elected to another one-year term as president of our Association at the 10th annual membership meeting May 31st in the Montlake Recreational Center. Other officers re-elected are: Richard Wagner, 2770 Westlake N., vice-president and Esther Carhart, 2207 Fairview E., recording secretary. The positions of treasurer (Verna Cameron, 2822 Boyer E.) and administrative secretary (Terry Pettus, 2035 Fairview E.) are filled by the Executive Committee.

Two new trustees elected are: Mack Hopkins, 1213 E. Shelby and Timothy McNeil, 2460 Westlake N. Three new members of the Executive Committee are: Dorothy Ambrose, 3110 Portage Bay Place E., James Jessup, 2235 Fairview Ave. E. and Sandra Ritz, 2727 Fairview Ave. E. Holdover trustees are: James J. Donnette, 2331 Fairview Ave. E.; Muriel Eklund, 2207 Fairview Ave. E. and Todd Warmington, 2339 Fairview Ave. E.

City Councilman John Miller, chairman of the Planning & Urban Development Committee, was a guest participant in town hall discussion of the goals for Lake Union and Seattle in general. Members approved the policy position of the Executive Committee in respect to the implementation of the "Joyce Copeland & Vaughn Report on Lake Union" which is still awaiting action by the Department of Community Development.

SECOND ANNUAL EASTLAKE COMMUNITY FAIR COMING AUGUST 5 & 6:

With "The Quality of Life" as its theme, the second annual Eastlake Community Fair and neighborhood get-together will be held Saturday and Sunday August 5th and 6th. Hours for both days will be from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. All events this year will be centered in and around the Robers Field, adjacent to the Seward School between Roanoke and Louisa Sts. Both spaces (8 X 8) are being rented for a variety of handicrafts, displays and concessions. This year several will feature demonstrations by experts to show "do-it-yourselfers" how to do it. There will be a musical and entertainment program both days from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will also be a rummage sale for bargain hunters. The event is sponsored by the Eastlake Community Council and the Floating Homes Association. For booth space and/or information call EA 9-0235 or contact the Association.

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NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS AVAILABLE FOR LAKE FIX-UP JOBS:

Participants in the Neighborhood Youth Corps program, operated under the City Youth Division, are available for clean-up and fix-up projects on public lands around Lake Union and Portage Bay during the remainder of the summer.

Jeff Perkins, coordinator, met with the Executive Committee on June 27th. Projects for immediate action include: the "People's Park" at the foot of Newton St.; the Lynn St. Park on Waterway No. 10 and Waterway 18 on North Northlake Way which is of particular concern to the Wallingford area. The Wallingford Community Council is being contacted on this.

The Program provides work crews not only for clean-up but tree planting, paths and other amenities requiring a minimum amount of materials and construction. Those who have suggestions or who want further information can contact Mr. Perkins by calling 583-6030 or the Association office.

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WATERS OF LAKE UNION—PORTAGE BAY SCORE GOOD ON METRO TESTS:

In water quality tests made in four areas of Lake Union and three on Portage Bay taken by Metro before, during and after the May 5th week end (opening day of the boating seasons) the level of pollution was found to be far below state standards for fresh water.

The state standard for waters safe for swimming is not more than 240 fecal coliform organisms (bacteria found in the intestinal tract) per 100 milliliters of water. On May 5th tests at all points on Lake Union and Portage Bay tested a low 20. On opening day there was little change. On the day after one point on Lake Union increased to 120 and one on Portage Bay to 55. On the day after Lake Union tested 58-20-140-39. Portage Bay tested 69 190-69.

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BE ALERT: REPORT ALL OIL SPILLS PROMPTLY TO COAST GUARD:

Residents of the Lake community are being urged to report all oil spills promptly to the U.S. Coast Guard which has primary responsibility for the enforcement of federal laws in this field. The number to call is MA 4-2902, Extension 343. An illegal spill is defined by federal law as one which:

"Causes a film or sheen upon, or discoloration of the surface of the water or adjoining shorelines, or causes a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface of the water or adjoining shorelines."

While chemical analysis can often help in tracing the course of the spill the Coast Guard urges a prompt report. If necessary it will contact other concerned governmental agencies such as the State Department of Ecology and the Corps of Army Engineers.

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MEMBER SAYS "THANK YOU" FOR FIRE REGULATION VICTORY:

A member, who asks to remain anonymous, has sent in a \$15.00 "thank you" contribution for the work of the Association in getting reasonable fire regulations adopted for our moorages. He wrote in part: *"As I see it by defeating the proposal for wet standpipes and other useless but expensive paraphernalia the Association has saved all of us on the longer docks from \$500 to \$1,000 each. That is a lot of money and we would have paid in with another whopping moorage increase. As I would have had to pay out this much every month, this \$15.00 is no big deal but I wanted to do something. I think all of the beneficiaries should say "thank you" even if they only say "thank you". This most recent clear and present danger to my pocket book made me realize how much we take the Association's work for granted."*

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A YEAR AGO: "It is imperative that this report serve as a spring-board and framework for immediate action. There are many recommendations which must soon be implemented by both public agencies and private enterprise if the Community is not to lose this valuable resource to contradictory development." Lee G. Copeland in submitting the "Joyce, Copeland & Vaughn" report, June 25, 1971.

POLICY: "In considering the economic impact of floating homes, we believe that it is important that controls be established so that no single usage, because of profitability, should be allowed to drive out other water-needing uses associated with the commercial boating industry Our Association has long supported the concept of Lake Union as "active working lake with a diversified marine environment. The Joyce, Copeland & Vaughn report indicates how many shorelands could be used in a diversified manner." Floating Homes Association Policy Statement submitted to municipal government.

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FROM THE MAIL BAG: Some communications from members of the City Council: From Jeanette Williams, "The Floating Homes Association does have a right to feel proud of its community. You have worked hard for your accomplishments" . . . From Bruce Chapman, Chairman Parks & Public Grounds Committee, "Regarding the May NEWSLETTER, if you would like any help with the proposed Mini-park for Hamlin Street, please let me know" From George Cooley, "I was happy to support your organization in its efforts to maintain safety standards for houseboats and their moorages" From John Miller, Chairman of the Planning & Urban Development Committee, "I enjoyed exchanging ideas with your members and will be getting back in touch with you on Lake Union" From Glen A. Crandal, Program Development Division of the State Department of Ecology, "Thank you for your interest and cooperation in publishing an article on the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 in your Association's publication (April, 1972 NEWSLETTER). Additional material is enclosed for your information. The main goal behind this effort is to help the citizens of our state to be aware of the Act, which will ultimately enable them to be a more informed voter in the general election in November of 1972. It is through your Association and others that we can obtain this most important goal."

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NEWS NOTES: The historic Steamship VIRGINIA V is playing a starring role in the "Klondike Festival" marking the 75th anniversary of the famed Yukon gold rush. Now in its 51st year of service the last remaining passenger steamer on the West Coast is the stand-in for the SS PORTLAND which arrived in Seattle on July 17th 1897 with the immortal "ton of gold". This landing will be reenacted on July 17th and it promises to be quite an event. Then, of course, on the following Saturday we will have the VIRGINIA V under charter for our "Lazy Summer Afternoon Musical Cruise" Home owners ashore who meet certain age and income requirements have been getting a property tax break. Now these benefits have been extended to floating homes. You can get information from the King Co. Assessor (Phone 344-2587) or by contacting the Association . . . Sam Le Clerc, pre-dental student at the U. of W., is also in business as the Olde Grandy Drydock, 2520 Westlake N. on the site of the Grandy Boat Works which burned some five years ago. Provides boaters with a do-it-yourself facility. Can handle craft up to 75 tons and draft of 6½ feet Also a nod to Bob Cadranelle who has taken over the Mc Cray Construction Co. property next to his Marina at 2370 Fairview E. Has a marine railway and lift in service plus boat sales, etc. Good to see marine activities on the upswing Some good news on floating home financing. Have a bank which is very much interested in filling an irritating gap. Members can get details from the office. Same goes for fire insurance which everybody should be carrying . . . Two of our standing committees could use volunteers . . . "Special Events" and Planning & Development" . . . Boat buffs who are not reading NorWesting are missing a lot. This local monthly publication is edited by Tom Kincaid. Subs only \$3.00 a year and can be had by writing P.O. Box 375, Edmonds, Wash. 98020. . . . Reports are that the appeal in the "Roanoke Reef" law suit may be heard by the State Supreme Court as early as Oct. Contributions towards legal costs still needed and welcomed

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FIRST PHASE OF "LAKE UNION ACTION PROGRAM" TO BE UNVEILED SOON

The first steps in a "Lake Union Action Program" is reportedly nearing completion by the Department of Community Development with the probability that public hearings will begin before the Planning Commission by summer's end. Mayor Wes Uhlman is known to have placed the matter on the high priority list.

For some nine months the Department has had under consideration the official Joyce, Copeland & Vaughn report. The Floating Homes Association has submitted its policy statement (See NEWSLETTER, April 1971 copies of which are available.) In April the Lake Union Association, made up of real property owners, submitted its proposals under the title "Lake Union 72".

While there is seeming agreement on general objectives the Lake Union Association makes a sharp departure from the Joyce, Copeland & Vaughn report on the key issue of zoning and performance standards.

The Joyce, Copeland & Vaughn report on this basic issue is in conformity with federal regulations and the Shoreline Management Act. It proposes that the Resident Waterfront Zone on Portage Bay be retained and that another RW Zone be created on Fairview Ave. from a point south of Louise St. to Newton St. With the exception of one overwater apartment house this area is used exclusively for floating home moorages. The remainder of the Lake would be designed as a "Lake Union Commercial Area".

The Lake Union Association proposes that the Lake be divided into four zones with heavy industry concentrated on the North End, and recreational uses on the South End. Overwater structures up to 12 stories would be permitted along Westlake and up to five or six stories on Fairview E.

This is the issue that has stalled action on Lake Union for the past ten years.

NEW FLOATING HOME INSIGNIA AVAILABLE

The Association now has its new insignia replacing the decals which we have used for the past ten years. They will be mailed out with receipts for dues payment but those who are in a hurry can get theirs by contacting the office.

Also available are:

- Reprints of our policy statement as to the future of Lake Union and Portage Bay.
- Copies of the official "Information Guide for Citizens of Seattle".
- Emergency 911 stickers for your telephone.
- Up to date information on Fire Insurance and Floating Home Financing.

a Lazy Summer Afternoon



on the STEAMBOAT



with
EARL ROBINSON

FOLKLORIST, COMPOSER ("JOE HILL"), and SINGER

SATURDAY JULY 22nd

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