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Few mourn Franco

LONDON (NZPA). —
Restrained reaction greeted
the death early yesterday of
General Franco, 83, with few
tributes but widespread hopes
for a new era for the Spanish
people.

Franco died yesterday after
a month-long battle against
stomach haemorrhages, heart
attacks, acute kidney failure,
blood clots and pneumonia
and three major operations
in 11 days. He ruled Spain
for 40 years.

Most European countries
merely cabled condolences to
Madrid. None paid tributes.

A Washington announce-
ment said President Ford
cabled his "deepest sym-
pathies" to the Franco family
on behalf of the U.S. Gov-
ernment.

The Pope in a delayed
tribute, said he would pray
for the "eternal rest of the
soul" of Franco. Relations be-
tween Spain and the
Vatican over state-church
relations and the treatment
of political dissidents have
been strained recently.

In London, one Member of
Parliament spoke of "the
most unmourned corpse in
Europe."

In Tokyo, Foreign Ministry
sources said Franco's death
was regarded as the passing
of the last of the World War
II Right-wing dictators whose
presence was "a disturbing
factor for the balance of
power in Europe."

Spain's Basques, whose
hate for Franco developed
into a passion passed from
generation to generation,
celebrated his death with
dancing in the streets and
toasts in champagne.

Prince Juan Carlos, 37, will
be sworn in as King on Sat-
urday — the eve of Franco's
burial in the Valley of the
Fallen, a basilica and crypt
carved out of granite hills
near Madrid in memory of
those who died in the Civil
War.



Smashing time at Waikawa

"I name these vessels
Kerang I and Kerang II,
and may God bless all who
sail in them."

With these traditional
words, and smashing a
bottle of New Zealand

sparkling wine against the
bow of one of them, Mrs
Glenda Rowling, wife of
the Prime Minister and
Member for Tasman, this
afternoon at Waikawa
launched two fishing train-

ing vessels destined for
Indonesia.

For an official launching,
it would have been one of
the shortest on record.

Apart from Mrs Rowling,
the only other speaker was

Mr Fin Jorgensen, man-
aging director of P. Jor-
gensen and Sons Ltd, the
firm which built the
launches in its Waikawa
yards.

Mr Jorgensen said he
was proud to have been
associated with the pro-
ject, and congratulated the
men and the sub-contract-
ors involved.

Mr Rowling was with the
party, as was the deputy
Ambassador for Indonesia
in New Zealand, Mr
Supangat and his wife.

The launches slipped
smoothly into the calm
waters of Waikawa Bay and
before they went to their
moorings, they were in-
spected by the official
party.

Later invited guests
joined Mr and Mrs Row-
ling at the Picton Motor
Lodge for lunch.

The 27ft wooden launches,
both fully equipped for
training purposes, cost
between \$30,000 and \$35,000,
according to Mr Jorgensen.
They are part of New Zea-
land's bilateral trade to
Indonesia and will be
shipped, probably from
Wellington as deck cargo, to
the Indonesian marine
fisheries training centre at
Tegal, in Java.

They were built in asso-
ciation with Shepherd and
Jorgensen (engineers), Auto
Marine (electricians), and
A. J. Beaton and Co.
(plumbers).

● Above: Crash went the
bottle of sparkling wine
against the bow of Kerang

I as Mrs Rowling launched
the two boats. Others in the
party include (from left),
Mr F. Jorgensen, manag-
ing director of P. Jorgen-
sen and Sons (the build-
ers), Mr I. J. Brooks, M.P.
for Marlborough, Mr Su-
pangat (partly obscured)
the deputy Indonesian Am-
bassador, Mr C. W. Bryant,
Mayor of Picton, Mr Row-
ling and Mrs Supangat.

● Bottom: The two 27ft
fishing training vessels
bound for Indonesia slip-
ping into the water.

● The man at the helm!
The Prime Minister, Mr
Rowling, inspecting one of
the two vessels.

