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## 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, managing director of P. Jorgensen 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 project, and congratulated the men and the sub-contractors 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 inspected by the official party.

Later invited guests joined Mr and Mrs Rowling 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 Zealand'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 association 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, managing director of P. Jorgensen and Sons (the builders), Mr I. J. Brooks, M.P. for Marlborough, Mr Supangat (partly obscured) the deputy Indonesian Ambassador, Mr C. W. Bryant, Mayor of Picton, Mr Rowling and Mrs Supangat.

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

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

## 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 announcement said President Ford cabled his "deepest sympathies" to the Franco family on behalf of the U.S. Government.

The Pope in a delayed tribute, said he would pray for the "eternal rest of the soul" of Franco. Relations between 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 Saturday — 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.

