

# Chapman Urges Pro League Sponsorship Of Okanagan Juniors

VANCOUVER (CP) — Vancouver Canucks were urged to take advantage of upsurge in junior hockey interest in British Columbia and sponsor one of the teams being established.

The suggestion was made Monday by Art Chapman, former Vancouver coach, who this year volunteered his services to the team's new owners—the Pacific National Exhibition—until rookie coach Phil Maloney successfully launches his club in the 1961-62 Western Hockey League season.

The PNE accepted Chapman's offer and named him general manager, a post he will fill until he feels the club is off and running.

Chapman said at a press conference here that National Hockey League teams "pay \$3,500 a year to sponsor junior teams in their player-development programs."

"I've long believed minor professional teams must follow suit, especially if they hope to continue operation. They can easily afford the cost."

"A lot of hockey talent is going to waste in B. C. because there are not enough junior teams. Vancouver and other WHL clubs should step in and sponsor teams. It would go a long way in providing a nucleus of future talent."

## MANY TAKERS

"If a player of NHL calibre is produced he can be sold readily to any NHL club for the

\$20,000 draft price and this would cut the cost of farm operations."

"Right now any of the four teams in the new Okanagan-Mainline Junior League would be glad to have a WHL sponsor."

"Jack Perrin of Winnipeg Warriors showed the value of such operations last year. His WHL operation lost money, but he was able to make it up by selling his good junior players when he dropped out of the league."

Professional clubs are allowed to sponsor two junior teams and Vancouver now share the sponsorship of teams at Prince Albert, Sask., and St. Hyacinthe, Que., said Chapman.

But B. C. clubs want help, too, and this "is a great opportunity for WHL teams."

"B. C. teams now may not be strong. They operate on a non-import basis and that's the right way to start out. The calibre will improve."

Most Canadian junior teams import players from other provinces, but are restricted by Canadian Amateur Hockey Association regulations in the number brought in.

Chapman, veteran minor-league coach, said the collapse of senior teams in Western Canada has been more than offset by new clubs "popping up all over the East, especially in the United States."

Probably the only hitch in the whole deal at the moment is

the fact that Okanagan Junior Hockey League president Bill Brown of Vernon has already publicly stated that his organization isn't interested in any tie-ups with Western League clubs. However, it is doubtful whether a sound offer would be turned down by any team.

## EASTERN NATIVE

The small wild ex. anoa, is found only in the Celebes islands of eastern Indonesia.

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first recorded Yacht Club was the Water Club of Cork Harbour, established in Ireland in 1728.

copper

was the standard of monetary value in ancient Egypt and the early Roman empire.

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who enjoy a good smoke prefer to roll their own with Ogden's Cigarette Tobacco.