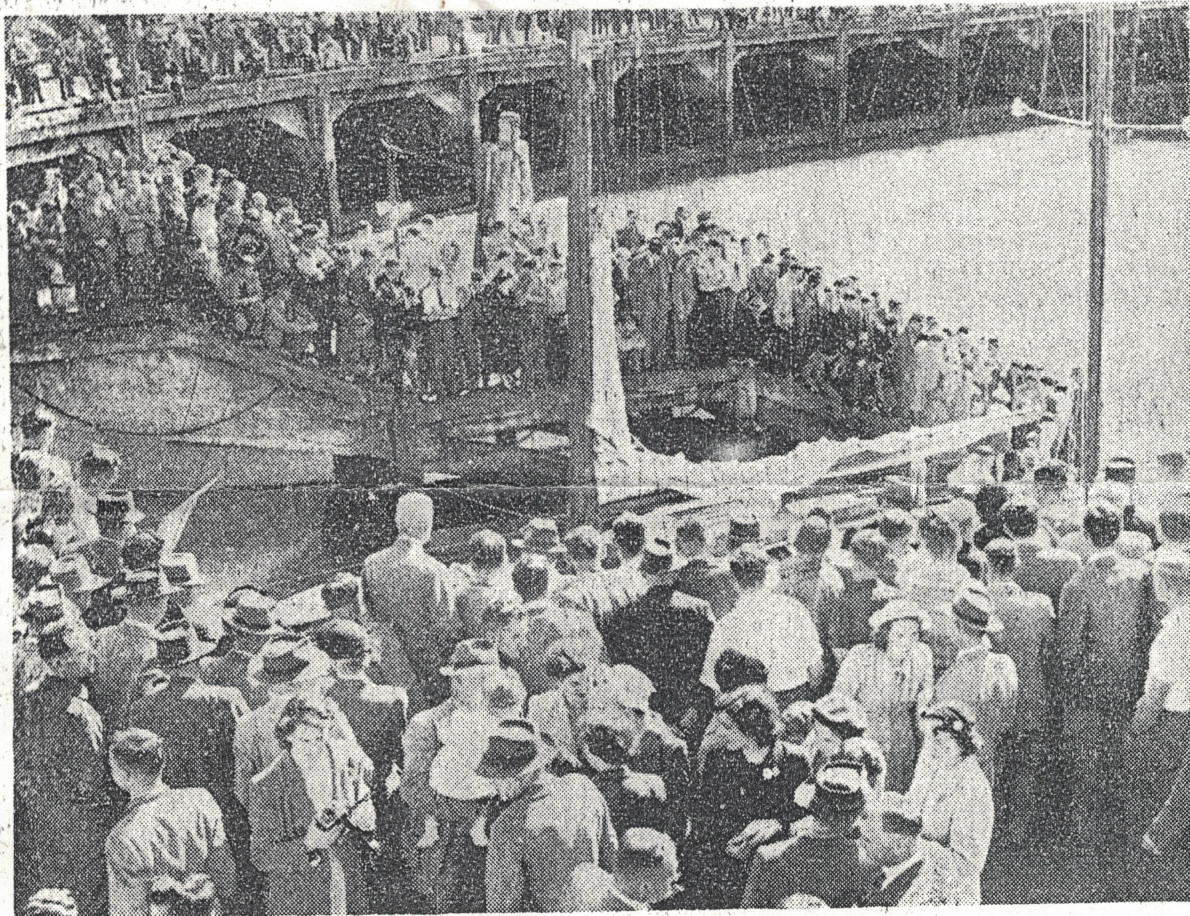


Crowds Farewell Ocean Voyagers



A section of the lunch-hour crowd of over 1000 which watched the crews of the yachts Leda and Blue Water make their final preparations before sailing today. The Leda is bound for America via the Islands. Blue Water, (right owned by Messrs L. Vitali and K. Kirkland, is on a cruise to the Islands.

Leda Sails On Pacific Cruise

The yacht Leda left Auckland shortly after 1 p.m. today on a 7000-mile cruise, which will take her to Fiji, Tonga, Tahiti, Honolulu and San Francisco.

No ocean-going yacht has ever left Auckland more spick and span. Below decks was none of the jumble of sails, ropes, cases of food, that normally clutter the cabin in that immediate pre-departure hour.

Aboard the Leda are brothers and co-owners, Messrs C. G. and W. A. Wilson and their wives, and Mrs C. G. Wilson's three children, Janet, 6, Ruth, 4, and Nicholas, 4 months. Mr D. Woolf, of Tauranga, is a member of the crew.

Mrs C. G. Wilson and her children will leave the yacht at Fiji and spend some months with friends there.

The 31ft cutter Blue Water also sailed this afternoon on an Island cruise.