

# DPW Chief Rescinds Order To Crush Tin Cans, Bottles

Henry A. Nelson, commissioner of public works, today said the matter of dumps and dumping is in the hands of the City Council and until it has acted, rubbish collection regulations will be as they have been in the past.

A notice from the Consumers Co. that it is terminating a lease with the city for a dump near Horlick's Dam, as of Feb. 28, was referred to the Council's streets committee. Termination of the lease leaves the city with only one city dump, at the lakefront and Twenty-first St.

Two weeks ago, when Nelson learned of the close-down, he appealed to Racine housewives to crush tincans and break bottles before dumping them into the ashcan for collection, to conserve shrinking dumping areas.

His request brought on a wave of protest from housewives, members of the Racine County Safety Council and safety leaders in industry. Concensus was that breaking bottles was a potential safety hazard. It was pointed out that in many industries a trained man is the only one permitted to break bottles and burned-out light bulbs.

Nelson said no changes in collection are being contemplated until the City Council decides

what it intends to do about acquiring more dump areas or handling the situation. He emphasized that he had asked for co-operation of housewives and had not issued mandatory regulations.

A meeting between Nelson and officers of the Racine County Safety Council is scheduled for this afternoon.