

Residents Urged To Conserve Water As Rock Slide Cuts City Pipeline

Reservoir Empty; Fire Threat Exists

Acting mayor Alderman Norman Bellis today declared that Prince Rupert was in a state of emergency so far as its water supply was concerned.

The acting mayor said that the slide which last night "knocked out 90 feet of main water pipe at Shawatlans Lake had placed the city in a position where "if there were a fire here we have practically no water to fight it." He said that the city reservoir at the top of Roosevelt Park Hill was empty and that a good percentage of the water pipes in the higher levels of the city were dry.

He issued a desperate plea to all residents, especially those in the lower levels of town, to co-operate by "just shutting off their taps and leaving them off."

LEAVE TAPS SHUT
"Turn the taps off and leave them off," he said. "don't do any washing, take any baths, flush toilets or anything until we can get the pipes filled again," Alderman Bellis said.

He begged residents to only use a minimum of water for cooking and eating.

"It will take at least three or four hours of co-operation from people in the lower sections of town before we can fill the empty pipes again," the acting mayor said.

Alderman Bellis said that it will be Monday, at least, before the five lengths of pipe, knocked out by the rockslide, three-quarters of a mile from the Shawatlans pumping station, are replaced.

PUT OUT PAILS, TUBS
Residents were advised to put pails and pans under eaves of their homes and outside to catch rain water for fire protection purposes and for household necessities such as washing dishes and flushing toilets.

City crews are working feverishly around the clock to free the vital city water line which was disconnected last night by the landslide which covered the pipeline with more than 20 feet of rock.

"It will be four days before the water system is back in working order, City Works Superintendent C. J. Gustafson estimated today.

Only half of the city's usual water supply is reaching the city and in some higher residential levels of the city, houses are already without water.

The reservoir which was full last night with a capacity 1,151,000 gallons is now empty.

Mr. Long said this afternoon that some people were not co-operating and were causing a dangerous situation.

The main cause for alarm lies in the event of a fire," he said. "There is no pressure."

The rockslide occurred around 5 p.m. last night but city engineers did not locate the break until three hours later.

More than five lengths of pipe (90 feet) are under the slide which is halfway down Shawatlans Lake, about three-quarters of a mile from the pumping station.

Emergency pumps are drawing water this side of the break but they are only drawing through 1,250,000 gallons per day, just half of the city's 2,500,000 gallon per day consumption.

Arrangements have been made to supply the Prince Rupert General Hospital if a water emergency hits there.

Hospital Administrator Arthur Rutherford reported this morning that the water pressure at the hospital had dropped considerably but steps have been taken to fill all available containers with water in case the supply is cut off.

FIRE THREAT
Fire Chief Earl W. Becker urged residents to cut down drastically on their water consumption.

"He said most of the water mains will have no water which means in the event of a fire only 400 gallons will be at the fire department's disposal. This 400 gallons is carried between two fire trucks and would last only a few minutes if a major fire were to break out," Mr. Becker stressed.

Advising residents to eliminate fire hazards, Mr. Becker suggests that all hot water heaters should be disconnected, or the hot water coil removed, if the stove is in operation.

All electrically operated hot water tanks should be kept on a low thermostat and if there is no water at all they should be turned off completely.

Hot water furnaces can only be operated as long as there is water and all steam boilers should be watched very closely, the chief warned.

City restaurants have been badly crippled by the lack of water.

Manager of the Gondola Cafe, Peter Moroz, said that there was no water coming through the taps and if the condition still existed by 6 p.m. "we won't be able to continue to operate."

In some districts in the city, residents were already putting out pans and pails to catch rain water.

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PROBABLY THE ENVY of every last one of his female fans, June Janice gets a cheerful bear hug from rock 'n' roll idol Elvis Presley. Reported to be "the one" girl in the quivering singer's romance department, June travelled up from her home town of Biloxi, Miss., to spend some time with Elvis at his home in Memphis, Tenn., before he left to start a new round of gyrations on a personal appearance tour.

Hungary's Puppet Boss Refuses Talks With Nagy

VIENNA (CP)—Russia's Puppet premier of Hungary, Janos Kadar, today rejected neutrality as a future policy for the country and refused any negotiations with former premier Imre Nagy as long as he remains in the asylum of the Yugoslav Embassy in Budapest.

Kadar set the policy of his regime in a statement to a workers' delegation, broadcast by Budapest Radio, which showed clearly that he has no intention of walking out of the Soviet-dominated Warsaw Pact or giving up the close ties with Moscow which set off the revolution three weeks ago.

Kadar claimed he had reached an agreement with Soviet military authorities in Hungary that "no one may be deported," and declared that the government would "hold no one responsible for participating in the uprising of the past three weeks."

This contradicted an earlier broadcast which said the Soviet Army was deporting Hungarians to the east in sealed railway cars in a desperate effort to stamp out revolutionary elements.

Kadar declared in today's statement only persons arrested during commission of "acts of terror" and crimes would be prosecuted.

Kadar said that a neutral Hungary—which Nagy had proposed during his brief tenure as premier—would be "exploited by the imperialists and lead to war." The international political situation, he added, does not favor a policy of neutrality.

As for the man the revolt had made premier briefly, Kadar said an agreement with Nagy "could be possible only if he changes his attitude and comes out of the Yugoslav embassy to negotiate."

Meanwhile, in a desperate attempt to end the general strike paralyzing the country, the Soviet-imposed government announced a mass purge of former top Communists and expressed approval of limited "free" elections "at a later date." But the only parties allowed to participate would be those which "stand for socialist principles and serve the interests of the workers."

The premier reiterated his previous stand that negotiations for the withdrawal of the Russian forces from Hungary can only be opened after order and peace have been restored.

The Weather
Cloudy with scattered showers today, rain Friday. Little change in temperature. Wind westerly 25 in exposed areas today and southeast 30 tomorrow, otherwise light. Low tonight and high Friday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 35 and 44.

SOROPTIMIST TB SEAL DRIVE TO FIGHT DISEASE STARTS HERE

The first batch of 2,000 letters, enclosing TB Christmas seals, has been mailed to city residents during the past ten days, to mark the start of Prince Rupert Soroptimist International club's annual campaign, Mrs. William Gordon, chairman reported.

The TB Christmas Seal campaign in Prince Rupert was officially opened today.

The remainder of 1,500 envelopes will be placed in the mail for out-of-town homes in the district this weekend, Mrs. Gordon said.

The colorful stamps provide an opportunity for the public to help further the fight against tuberculosis which is still a major health problem.

Co-chairman Mrs. C. G. Ham reported that some \$700 has already been received through the mail.

Directors assisting in the campaign are Mrs. Alex McKenzie and Mrs. Alvin Dowseley.

UN Force in Egypt In Uncertain Role

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (CP)—The United Nations Middle East force moved into Egypt today with Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold en route to Cairo to guide its early operations.

But to UN members here who worked through eight days of emergency sessions to create it, the force's role in the troubled area appears all too uncertain.

The difficulties caused by the reluctance of Britain and France to withdraw from the Suez Canal zone were increased by Wednesday's Moscow report that Egypt has asked for Russian "volunteers" to move in.

WAR OF NERVES

The Moscow report caused a stir when circulated through the corridors at UN headquarters. But later, in the absence of official confirmation, many delegates thought it might be just another blank fired in the war of nerves.

Egypt has insisted that the UN force must supervise the immediate withdrawal of the Anglo-French forces. But this view is opposed to the British-French attitude that the canal cannot be given back to Egypt without guarantees that it will be kept open to shipping of all countries.

This Anglo-French stand was a switch from their earlier promise to move out as soon as the UN force was set to take over. This move probably was brought about by Egypt's insistence that after the Anglo-French forces move out the UN force itself must withdraw to take its stand on the 1949 armistice line drawn up after the Arab-Israeli war.

HAVE TOP PRIORITY

The Middle East and Hungarian situations had priority on the agenda of the 11th General Assembly, meeting today after a one-day layoff.

Before leaving Wednesday for Cairo, Hammarskjold received a note from Moscow rejecting his bid for assistance in persuading the Hungarian government to admit UN observers. So far Hungary has turned down all UN demands, but has agreed to accept medical aid and food supplies.

Hammarskjold expressed the hope that the Hungarian government would grant his request to visit Budapest on his way home from Cairo.

Although the two major problems have priority, it was not known today when they will be taken up. Some members speculate that they will not be discussed again until Hammarskjold returns to report on the force and has received a reply from Hungary.

The resolution rejected by Hungary called for the UN inspection, the withdrawal of Russian troops and the holding of free elections.

B.C. Reds Await Word From Morgan

VANCOUVER (CP)—Members of the Labor Progressive Communist party in British Columbia are waiting for words from leader Nigel Morgan next week before reacting to the revolt against some Communist parties in Europe.

An executive meeting of the party will hear a report from Mr. Morgan on the national party meeting which has just finished in Toronto.

Said a party member here Wednesday: "Some people think that everything the Russians do is right. Others disagree violently. But everybody is waiting for Nigel Morgan's report from the national meeting before taking any further steps."

Mr. Morgan, told of the resignation of five communist trade unionists in Britain said: "There is no such trouble in Canada."

Man Granted New Trial In Acid Case

VANCOUVER (CP)—A new trial was ordered Wednesday night for John Babich, charged with an acid-throwing attack on a \$140,000-sweepstakes winner, after an all-male, B.C. Supreme Court jury failed to agree on a verdict.

Babich, 61, is charged with causing bodily harm with intent to maim by throwing acid at Mrs. Helen Orsoletts.

In the three-day hearing, evidence told of a squabble over the \$140,000 Irish sweepstakes prize won by Mrs. Orsoletts on a ticket given her by Babich, and of her attempts to get him to leave the house just before the alleged acid attack.

Pastor Seeks Aid To Nab Local Vandals

An appeal for help in trying to track down the vandals who have been breaking the windows of St. Paul's Lutheran church, 7174 Avenue and McBride Street, was made today by Pastor Arthur S. Olson.

Mr. Olson said that the RCMP are co-operating with church officials in investigating at least three incidents where church windows have been smashed.

He said 12 windows in the church were broken on October 23, one more last Sunday and three more Tuesday. Anyone having any information as to who or how the windows were broken are asked to communicate with either the RCMP or himself, Mr. Olson said.



DRILLERS PREPARE HOLES to be filled with dynamite that will blast a giant section of sidehill in the Cran River valley near St. Felicien, Quebec, where Canadian National Railways is building a frontier railroad into the Chibougamau mining district. The 200-mile railway will swing from Beatyville through the Chibougamau district, which is approximately 400 air miles north of Montreal, then to Lake St. John. (CP Photo).

Firm Counsel Denies 'Intimidation' Claim

VANCOUVER (CP)—The lawyer for Wade and Wells Ltd., who are suing provincial Liberal leader Arthur Laing for slander, "warned" Mr. Laing's counsel Wednesday that introduction to the slander trial of testimony regarding Wade and Wells' work on a northern highway would be an "aggravation of the damage."

The remark by the contracting firm's lawyer, Col. C. C. I. Merrill, VC, prompted defence counsel Senator J. W. Farris to interject: "I'm being intimidated."

Col. Merrill denied intimidation, but said "I'm warning him." Mr. Justice N. W. Whittaker of the B.C. Supreme Court adjourned the hearing until next Monday, when he will rule on points of legal argument which have kept the eight-man jury excluded since shortly after the trial began Tuesday.

Basin of the suit is criticism aired before a legislative committee last February of a 48-mile section of the Cassiar-Stewart road in Northern B.C. on which Wade and Wells were the contractors. No action was taken by the legislative group.

Wade and Wells claim that libel and slander were committed when Mr. Laing wrote Mines Minister Kenneth Kiernan a letter last March about the highway and later read the letter to two Liberal party meetings.

Senator Farris argued that the court should rule that Mr. Laing had protection of "qualified privilege" in his comments on the highway project.

Mr. Justice Whittaker will decide on the admission in support of Mr. Laing of some two volumes of testimony given before the legislative committee.

EX-QUEEN DIES

CANNES, France (CP)—Ex-Queen Elizabeth of Greece, a great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria related to most of Europe's royalty, died today after a long illness. She was 72.

MOTION TABLED PENDING REPORT

A move to establish a firm policy on drainage ditches, culverts and natural water courses in the city of Prince Rupert was investigated Tuesday night by city council.

The motion was an aftermath of the big rainstorm two weeks ago which caused considerable flooding in various parts of the city.

A motion by Alderman T. Norton Youngs to have a report made on the possibility, practicability and estimated costs of installing a new drainage ditch on the north side of Seventh Avenue East between Basil Street and Inys Cove Avenue, was tabled on motion by Alderman A. Donald Ritchie.

Ald. Ritchie moved that the project be tabled until Clerk-City Works Superintendent C. J. Gustafson make a report on the city's policy in such matters, establish a policy as to natural waterways before an expensive survey and estimate of costs be made. The tabling motion passed with Alderman Youngs and P. J. Lester dissenting.

City Ponders Drainage Policy After Property Flooding

The letter said that when the street (the old boardwalk street) was completed "nice big open ditches were put in on each side of the street with the ditching ending at the street allowance between the 900 and 1000 blocks with a pipe across the street to connect them up. Then drainage then proceeds along the road allowance (Basil Street) for about 50 feet and then swings in on our properties."

NEW DITCHING CAUSE
The two property owners said that they believed that the newly opened drainage was the reason they are having so much trouble and felt that the situation should be corrected at once with the city paying the cost.

They said "the city engineer Mr. Gustafson was notified previously that this flooding condition would possibly take place and seem to have up to this time ignored it."

Following the reading of the letter, the mayor and council were provided with maps showing the natural water courses, ditches and culverts in the area.

The discussion arose from a letter sent council by Ralph C. Anderson, 987 Seventh Avenue East and William Hunter, 903 Seventh Avenue East. The two men complained "against the use of our properties for draining all the properties on Seventh Avenue East above us."

Thirteen years ago six-inch drainage pipe was put in across one of the properties so as to facilitate the closing of the ditch. On Sunday, October 30, 1956, we had to go out and take this pipe up as it appeared it was possibly plugged as the water was flooding out over our properties. This had never happened before and the pipes dug up were found not plugged."