

Crest Expected To Hit City In Week

Winnipeg: Sunny except for brief cloudy intervals. A little warmer. Winds light. Low tonight and high Saturday 25 and 45.

Level Jumps 6 Inches

High water mark of the flooding Red river will not be reached in Winnipeg for approximately one week, provincial authorities estimated Friday.

Meanwhile, the river at Winnipeg climbed six inches in the past 24 hours. Level at the James avenue pumping station at 1 p.m. Friday was 21.8 feet above datum. This is less than 18 inches below the 1948 peak.

This week-end, however, loomed as a critical one for towns along the Red to the south. A steady rise of the uncontrolled stream broke flood records at Emerson, Letellier, St. Jean Baptiste and other points along the river's winding course.

Sunny weather Friday eased the tension for southern Manitobans awaiting a week-end flood crest that might surpass anything they have seen so far.

This is the calm-before-the-storm picture that emerged from a Free Press survey of the river towns—

EMERSON — Flood waters rose three inches overnight to 20 inches above the 1948 peak — predictions were for a further eight inch rise — the peak was expected Saturday or Sunday. **Red Cross headquarters** sought higher ground as flood levels rose, a move was made to the United church — Canadian Pacific Railway gages labored to keep the still intact Winnipeg-Emerson service running.

MORRIS — surrounded by water residents waiting crest while Red rose 10 inches overnight — Friday stood at 15 inches under 1948 level — 400 persons in temporary accommodation — schools closed — just waiting.

LETELLIER — Waters of combined Red, Marais and Roseau up inch-and-a-half overnight — dike holding them back intact peak expected Monday — townsmen fear result of runoff of water draining into Marais five miles south — six farms inundated by runoff of old No. 14 under eight feet of water for a two mile

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Sun Rise 5:12 a.m. Moon Rise 3:13 p.m.
Sun Set 7:41 p.m. Moon Set 3:49 a.m.

FORECAST: SUNNY, LITTLE WARMER

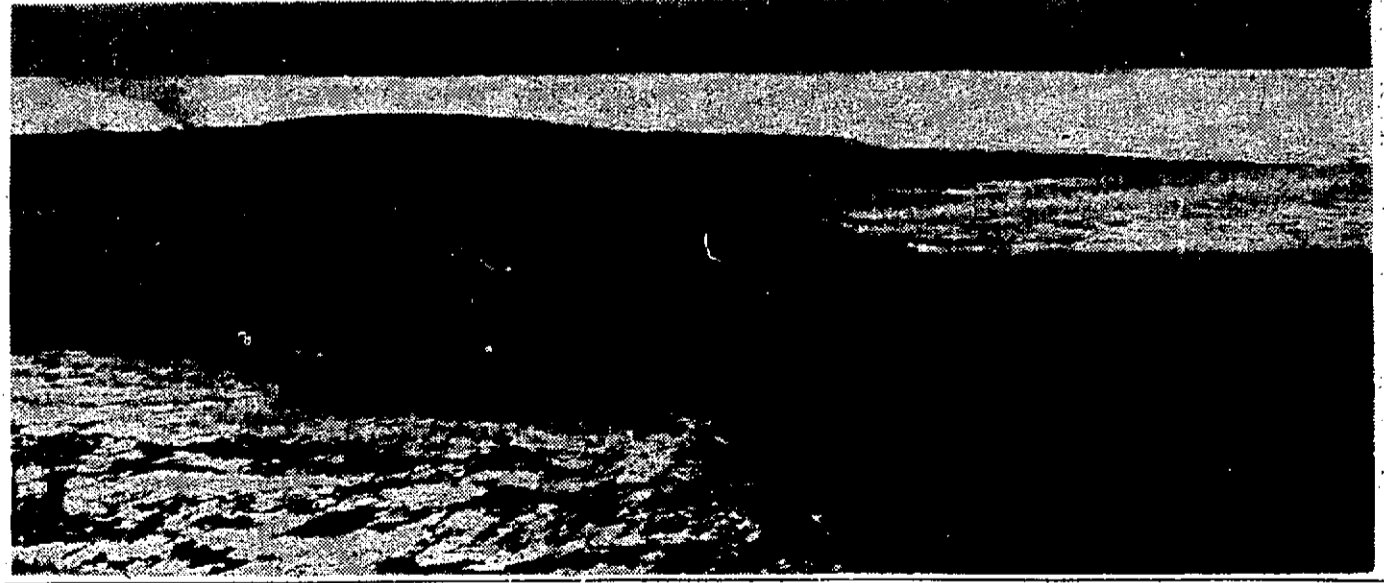
FEDERAL FLOOD ACTION SOUGHT

Torrent Hits Lake Winnipeg



This is what Lake Winnipeg and the mouth of the Red river looked like Friday morning from the air. The river was completely clear of ice all the way from Winnipeg to the confluence. South from Winnipeg the river is said to be clear of ice until below Morris where a big frozen stretch is reported. This picture is looking south up the river channel. In the foreground is the rim of the ice around the open water. Into this the river is rushing, steadily breaking up the solid surface. All this helps ease the flood situation at Winnipeg and further south. Below is another view of the confluence, looking north. In the foreground is the river and the open water of the lake, and in the background hundreds of miles of ice.

(Free Press Air Photo)



Pre-Road Deal Work To Bring \$1.5 Million

Manitoba will receive about \$1,500,000 from the federal government in compensation for sections of the trans-Canada highway already built in the province, Hon. Ernie Willis, deputy premier and minister of public works, disclosed Friday on his return from Ottawa.

The money is the dominion's 50 per cent share of construction done by the province in the past few years, most of it on the section west of Brandon.

"This will be \$10,000,000 which we would not otherwise have had," Mr. Willis said. "It will mean that many highways in other parts of the province will be built much sooner than would have been possible before the agreement."

Regarding the location of the new road, Mr. Willis said there had been three possible routes through the province—by No. 1, 4 and No. 5 highways—and No. 1 had been chosen because it met the route selected by the other western provinces, particularly British Columbia and Alberta.

Highway officials expect that construction which the province had been doing on the other possible routes will be continued at a faster pace in the next few years as a result of the extra money becoming available through the agreement.

Also Benefit — The province has already done considerable improvement work on No. 4 and No. 5 highways. Other roads throughout the province will also benefit.

It is understood the government is considering ultimate construction of a road connecting Beauséjour or No. 11 highway, with the

Huge Sum Earmarked For Controlling Floods

This is the fourth in a series of articles from an address made last year by W. D. Hurst, Winnipeg city engineer, on the Red river valley flood problem.

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Winnipeg City Engineer

It will be seen that about \$1,500,000 has already been spent on works for flood control and improvements for low water flow in the Red river valley, another \$3,300,000 is now being spent for the same purposes, and another \$12,250,000 of expenditure has been authorized and construction work will commence. In addition an expenditure of \$333,000 is being reviewed.

In other words, in the course of the next few years the sum of \$17,000,000 will have been spent on improvements in the Red river and its tributaries.

One's reaction to the expenditure of such a large sum of money would naturally lead to the conclusion that this expenditure would probably solve the flood problem for the valley. Unfortunately, this will not be the case, for as it has already been pointed out there are no suitable dam sites for retention of surplus water on the main stem of the Red which would reduce the extent of the flooding.

The works that are being constructed on the upper head waters of the tributaries of the Red such as Baldhill, Orwell, Homme and Red Lake Reservoirs, will serve two purposes: They will provide strictly local flood protection for such cities as Valley City, N.D., Wahpeton, Breckenridge, Thief River Falls, Park River and possibly Grafton. Their main purpose is not flood protection, but to provide an increase in low-water flows so that each city may maintain a satisfactory water supply and sewage disposal facilities for their citizens.

It will be remembered that in the drought years of 1931-1937 these cities were virtually purifying sewage from the rivers to provide a water supply for their community.

The levees about to be constructed in Fargo, Moorhead, Grand Forks and East Grand Forks will serve to protect the low-lying areas of these cities from floods whose crest is not higher than it was in 1897, (similar flood crests were experienced in Winnipeg in 1918 and 1948).

It would appear, therefore, considering economic factors, that the only satisfactory scheme of flood protection for Winnipeg would be the construction of levees and sewerage treatment plants.

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Province May Back Request

A bid to have southern Manitoba floods declared a national emergency got tentative support from the provincial government Friday as:

- Mayor Harry Shewman of Morris urged Ottawa to recognize the flood as a national emergency, assist victims and investigate control measures.
- The Suburban Municipalities association pressed for control of the Red river to eliminate flood danger.
- Hon. Ernie Willis, deputy premier and minister of public works, declared the situation should receive immediate attention from Ottawa.
- Premier D. L. Campbell, now out of town, said the cabinet would endorse Mayor Shewman's request if it were "just and borne out by other authorities."

Meanwhile, government spokesmen in Ottawa said it was unlikely federal authorities would act in the Manitoba flood situation unless asked to do so by the provincial government.

Requests from individual municipalities to declare a national emergency carry little weight at Ottawa, a government official told the Free Press.

Any action by the Manitoba government probably will wait for Premier Campbell's return to Winnipeg. He was expected back in the city late Friday.

Waiting on the premier's desk in the legislative buildings was a telegram from Mayor Shewman, M.L.A. for Morris. The message was similar to that sent by the independent member to Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and to leaders of the opposition in the house of commons.

The Morris mayor called upon the federal government to declare Manitoba's flood situation a national emergency. He also asked for:

1. Prompt financial aid for flood victims. Many still had not been able to pay their 1948 flood damage bills, he said.
2. Investigation by a royal commission of the cause of the flood and of measures for future control.
3. Income tax reductions for people who have to pay for flood damage to private property.

This was a national emergency, if ever there was one, said the mayor of the flood-ravaged town 40 miles south of Winnipeg. He said more than 1,500 persons were homeless in his constituency. Stretching from Ste. Agathe to Emerson, it is bordered by the ravaging Red river.

"I intend to make an issue of this. I want to get some help for these people," the mayor declared.

Many people in the flooded area would be ruined unless either the provincial or the federal government stepped in to help them, the mayor declared. Farmers' earnings this year would be seriously reduced by late seeding on the thousands of inundated acres.

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France Fires Communist Atom Chief

PARIS, April 28 (AP) — The French government decided Friday to fire Frederic Joliot-Curie, Communist scientist, as chief of France's atomic energy commission.

This action has been demanded ever since Joliot-Curie told the French Communist party's national congress this month that "Communist scientists will never contribute a particle of their science to a war against the Soviet Union."

The cabinet decision was announced by Pierre Henri Tietgen, minister of state. M. Tietgen quoted Premier Georges Bidault as telling the cabinet:

"For all the scientific merits of this scientist, his public statements and his unqualified acceptance of resolutions voted by the Gennevilliers congress of the Communist party made it impossible to maintain him in his functions of high commissioner for atomic energy."

The 50-year-old scientist, Nobel prize winner in chemistry in 1935, was appointed in 1948 by Gen. Charles de Gaulle, then president to head the French atomic energy commission.

Since that time Joliot-Curie's name frequently has been associated with Communist activities.

Temperatures

Temperature reading during the 24-hour period ending at 5:30 a.m. Friday were:

City	Min.	Max.	Precip.
Vancouver	37	54	
Calgary	28	38	.04
Edmonton	31	48	
Swift Current	23	40	
Saskatoon	23	45	
Regina	27	43	
Brandon	18	42	
WINNIPEG	22	31	Tr.
Port Arthur	13	31	.30
Toronto	34	43	.04
Montreal	40	50	.21
Halifax	53	58	

Two Americans Slain By West Java Gang

JAKARTA, Indonesia, April 28 (AP) — A Yale professor and an American correspondent were slain Thursday in west Java — the apparent victims of a murderous gang whose motives could not be determined.

The two were Prof. Raymond Kennedy, 43, of Yale university, a sociologist, and Robert Doyle, 30, a native of Chicago who worked for Time and Life magazines out of Hong Kong.

A spokesman for the American embassy said the two were killed on a paved highway near Tomo. This is in a mountainous area where fanatical guerrilla bands were active during the Dutch-Indonesian war of 1945-49. There was an indication the bodies may have been mutilated.

The two left Jakarta Wednesday for Jogjakarta, capital of the republic of Indonesia, and spent the night in Bandoeng. They had expected to make Jogjakarta in one day's travel from Bandoeng.

Radio Jakarta, quoting its Bandung correspondent, broadcast this version of the killing.

Kennedy and Doyle were stopped in their jeep Thursday noon by a gang of four or five men in uniform. They were taken to a clearing in the forest and were shot. Villagers were forced to bury them. Then the gang made their getaway toward Cheribon in a sedan.

The villagers reported the shooting to Indonesian army units in the area and the bodies were exhumed.

Marshall Plan Help Refused Franco Spain

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP) — The United States senate Thursday blackballed Franco Spain for membership in the Marshall plan and refused to endorse a proposed \$50,000,000 loan to that country.

It took this action in rejecting, 42 to 35, a move to amend the \$3,272,500,000 foreign aid bill to include Spain officially in the anti-Communist ranks.

Chairman Tom Connally (Dem. Tex.) of the foreign relations committee declared that Spain's inclusion would cause "serious interference" in the European Recovery Programme. Furthermore, he said, it would be "very offensive" to the other countries banded together under the Marshall plan.

Small Talk



"I don't like pink."

'Peace Council' Protests Seizure

MONTREAL, April 28 (CP) — The Montreal peace council Thursday night protested a police raid on its downtown Bloor street offices as a "flagrant violation of democratic rights and an evil-intentioned attack on the growing peace forces in Quebec."

Police Oust 7 Disturbers In Commons

OTTAWA, April 28 — One after the other, Thursday, seven men tried to shout statements about unemployment down into the commons chamber from the public gallery. They were forcibly seized and removed by house police.

Daily Traffic Pointer

Every vehicle driven on a highway shall be so equipped that the driver, from his seat, can have a clear, unobstructed view ahead in a 180-degree arc.

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