

Winnipeg: Clearing briefly tonight. A few showers Tuesday. A little warmer. Winds light becoming southeast at 15 mph Tuesday morning. Low tonight and high Tuesday, 35 and 50.

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Sun Rise 5:43 a.m. Moon Rise 4:25 a.m.
Sun Set 8:07 p.m. Moon Set 8:14 p.m.

FORECAST: A LITTLE WARMER

CREST BELIEVED HERE

St. Boniface Area Clears 5,000

Mothers, Children In Exodus

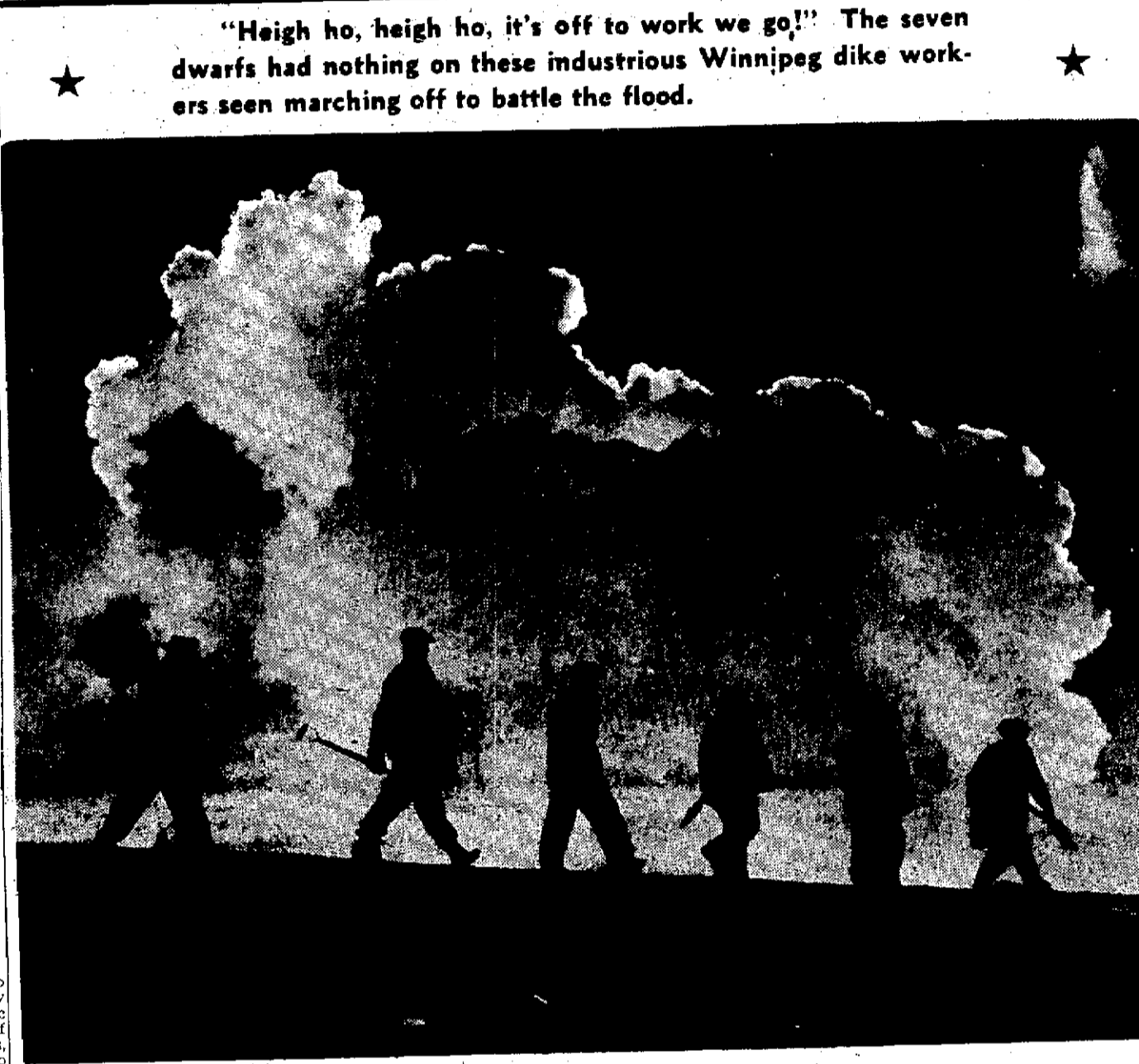
More than 5,000 residents of St. Boniface and Norwood fled from the threat of the rampaging Red river Sunday. They joined the trek out of Greater Winnipeg which by Monday had seen over 80,000 persons leave in the greatest mass movement from a city in the country's history.

Decision to call for the voluntary evacuation of St. Boniface was made by flood control headquarters Sunday afternoon. Weakened dikes, undermined by strong currents, prompted the move.

At first the recommendation was for a complete evacuation of the 25,000 residents of the Cathedral city. The request was amended by the authorities later and only women with children were called upon to get out of the St. Boniface and Norwood areas.

Before the order was issued authorities estimated 10,000 residents of St. Boniface and Norwood areas.

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"Heigh ho, heigh ho, it's off to work we go!" The seven dwarfs had nothing on these industrious Winnipeg dike workers seen marching off to battle the flood.

River's Level Drops Slightly

Crest of the Red river flood, which started its destructive course through the city almost three weeks ago, was believed to be passing through Greater Winnipeg Monday. The river appeared to have halted an 18-day rise at 9 p.m. Saturday and since that time has dropped 1 1/5 inches.

Souris Floods Farmland

The Souris river — which feeds its waters into the Assiniboine river — has flooded an estimated 2,000 acres of crop land, reports from Melita, Man., said Monday. Melita is in the southwest corner of the province.

The land involved is in the Lauder-Napinka district. The river was reported surging over its banks in the Sourisford area and on the flats southwest of Melita. Rise since Saturday has ranged from eight to 10 inches.

Dams Inspected
Last week, an inspection tour of the flooded area between the Napinka and Hartney dams and east to the dam near Souris was made by J. R. Pitt (M.L.A.—Arthur), accompanied by four Melita residents.

The inspecting party said it was felt the dams were holding back the water flow considerably. Last year, flood waters hit approximately 5,000 acres of farmland in the Souris valley.

Increase Feared
While district farmers did not believe the flood would be as extensive this year, they felt that the acreage of flooded land will increase between now and May 24.

The provincial government is being asked to take action to prevent recurrent spring flooding, Melita reports said.

That's Basic, Not Bob Downbeat, Not Uproar Impassario Reports
Bob Hope is not coming to Winnipeg. Count Basie is.

Don Carlos, of Cafe Don Carlos, said Monday he was "puzzled" by a report that Mr. Hope would come to Winnipeg in two weeks' time for a flood relief benefit appearance at Polo Park under his auspices. No such plans had been made, he said.

The Count Instead
Instead, Count Basie will be appearing at the Cafe the week of June 19 and on that day will give a benefit concert at the Playhouse, from which proceeds will go to the Manitoba flood relief fund.

The baffled man adds: "I only wish Hope would come. I'd bring him if I could!"

Level at James avenue pumping station at 1 p.m. Monday was 30.1 feet above datum.

The river level had remained stationary at 30.2 feet, its highest point, for close to 24 hours before it showed a drop of one-tenth of a foot between 8 and 9 p.m. Sunday.

Flood control headquarters said Monday that the coming week will be the most crucial one for these reasons:

1. Water-dikes, still protecting hundreds of city homes from flood waters, might collapse at any moment.

2. If even amount of rain falls anywhere in the Red river valley, the picture would change quickly for the worse in Winnipeg.

3. Civilian volunteer dike workers, still needed to bolster important ramparts, may not come forward in sufficient numbers, thinking the crisis is over.

Supplies continued to pour into the flooded city by both air and rail.

Flood control headquarters said an additional 575,000 sandbags should arrive by midnight to add to the reserve of 235,500 bags now on hand. Seventy-three rail cars of sand are also expected before Tuesday.

A Lancaster plane took off from Dartmouth, N.S., Monday with a load of navy-donated outboard motors, rubber boots and Red Cross supplies for Winnipeg.

Provencher bridge, main link between Winnipeg and St. Boniface, was opened to two-way general traffic Monday. The city engineering department poured more than 20,000 yards of gravel and stone into flooded Water avenue to make a new approach to the bridge.

"On The Peak"
D. M. Stephens, provincial deputy minister of mines and natural resources, said Monday that

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Flood Group Demands Province Announce Rehabilitation Plans

A demand that the provincial government make an immediate announcement on its flood rehabilitation plans was made Monday at a meeting of Winnipeg's flood control committee.

"I'm very much concerned... we don't know where we are at," declared Ald. C. E. Simonite, city's finance committee chairman. It was agreed that Mayor Garnet Coulter contact flood-affected

Greater Winnipeg municipalities and that Premier D. L. Campbell be approached as soon as possible for a clear-cut statement of policy. "The whole business of restoration hinges on an announcement of policy by the provincial government," said Ald. Simonite.

He urged that municipal authorities press as vigorously as possible for a declaration from the premier on the burden the provincial government was prepared to assume. "Further delays will simply com-

licate and confuse the entire programme of restoration. It is vital that Premier Campbell act at once." It was pointed out at the meeting that restoration of electrical, water and sanitation services would not only be confined to the city of Winnipeg but to surrounding municipalities also.

Severe Handicap
These outside municipalities would be severely handicapped by lack of equipment and trained personnel, W. D. Hurst, city engineer and committee chairman, added.

He informed the meeting that a session of municipal representatives with provincial officials on flood finances Sunday night had "gotten nowhere."

"But we have to get somewhere right now. It will be only three or four days before the problem of rehabilitation must."

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Temperatures

Temperature readings during the 24-hour period ending at 6:30 a.m. Monday were:

	Min.	Max.	Prec.
Vancouver	44	60	.02
Calgary	38	67	Tr.
Edmonton	38	67	Tr.
Swift Current	45	67	.02
Saskatoon	42	66	.02
Regina	35	66	.02
Brendon	24	60	.10
WINNIPEG	20	68	.04
Port Churchill	21	25	.04
Port Arthur	25	63	.05
Port Charles	44	64	.02
Toronto	41	61	.07
Ottawa	41	61	.07
Montreal	44	67	.04
Halifax	35	53	.02

Red Cross Paying For Needy Evacuees

Persons ordered to evacuate flood-endangered areas in Greater Winnipeg and who, because of unfortunate circumstances, are unable to face costs of transportation, are being cared for by the Red Cross, it was announced Sunday night.

"Our main concern is to get people out of the city," a Red Cross official said. "Needy evacuees who have nowhere to go should apply to Red Cross headquarters at the auditorium. We will provide them with accommodation out of the city and arrange for their transportation," he stated.

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Small Talk



"Inoculation? It's not so bad."

Province Plans Special Session

A special session of the Manitoba legislature will be called during the next few months, to approve emergency measures for flood relief, it was reliably learned Monday.

The session will be called as soon as the government prepares its plans and special legislation for flood relief and control.

All measures taken to date have been made under the cabinet's authority during a provincial emergency.

Money Problems
It is expected, however, that even with substantial federal financial aid considerable money will have to be raised through legislation by the house itself. Together with those of municipalities and the city of Winnipeg, expenditures for flood relief are now running into several hundred thousand dollars a day.

commission, which is expected to be appointed within the next few days, will probably make specific recommendations for flood relief and permanent control measures, at least part of which will have to be borne by the provincial treasury, in addition to substantial sums already spent.

Diversion Hinted
There is considerable speculation that substantial items in the government's 1950-51 expenditure estimates will have to be cancelled and diverted to flood relief.

A government spokesman Monday indicated that the cabinet considered it inadvisable to call a special session of the legislature until the present emergency is over and a programme of rehabilitation and permanent flood control is mapped out. This might postpone the session until late summer or early next fall.



These two young ladies were among the 5,000 persons who left St. Boniface Sunday night in response to an army request that all women with children leave the city. The girls, left to right, Hope Baldwin, three, and Sandra Baldwin, two, were not at all eager to move — they had been evacuated from

their own home a week previously — but when they were told their uncle's dog "Potty" was going they agreed to join in the exodus. The girls' home is at 123 Ferndale avenue. They were living with their uncle, Bill Irwin, 151 Archibald street, before Sunday's evacuation request.