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Fund Administration Discussed

Priority For Destitute Urged By Labor Group

A resolution passed at a meeting of the trade union committee of the Manitoba Flood Relief fund Tuesday afternoon requested that in the administration of the fund "priority be given to the most needy and those made destitute by the flood."

The same resolution also requested the responsible body that "a declaration be made that the fund is to replace essential household furniture and personal belongings the loss of which will not be covered by assistance from the senior government."

Declaration Essential

Representatives of the three central labor groups on the committee felt that declaration of such policy was most essential if the maximum collection possible is to be made among the workers.

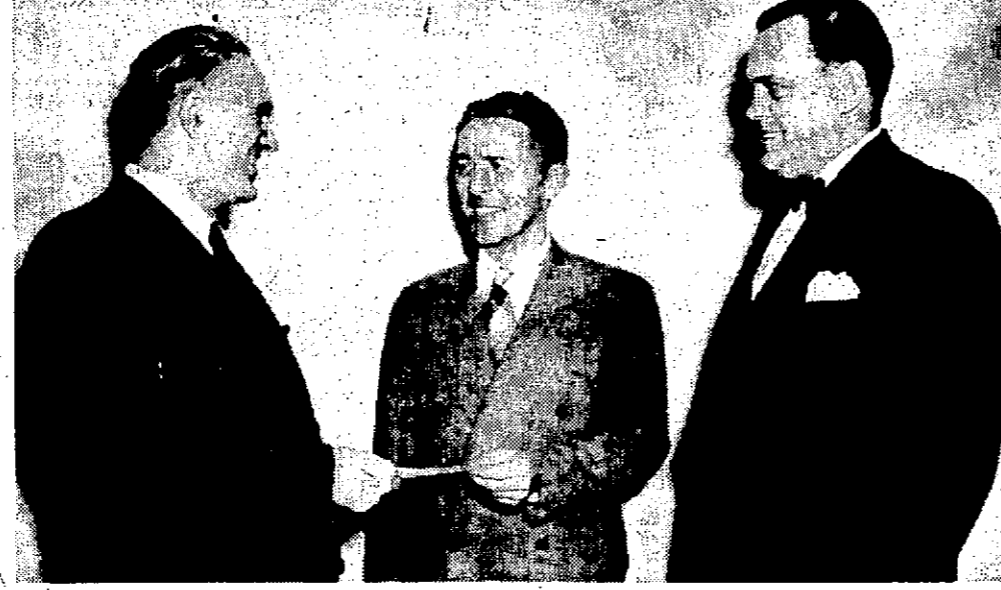
In another resolution the provincial government and some employers were strongly criticized for flat refusal to accommodate their employees by making payroll deductions in order that larger sums can be contributed by that method.

"My information is that the provincial government has placed a ceiling of \$100 on all government departments to the proposal that government employees make their contributions to the relief fund on the payroll deductions basis," R. R. Russell, secretary of the O.B.U., told the committee.

Andrew Murphy, labor's representative on the Manitoba Flood Relief fund, who presided over the meeting, was instructed to take this question with the general committee of the fund. He was asked that the general relief committee make a representation to the provincial government.

It was agreed that if the general committee failed to make representation to the government, a delegation from labor group would be sent to see Premier D. L. Campbell.

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First of Winnipeg's 42 community clubs to make a contribution to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund was Sir John Franklin, whose president, Rupert L. C. Randall (centre) is shown presenting a cheque to Cecil Lamont, honorary organizer of the fund. At the right is Norman Bergman, vice-president of the club. During the crucial days of the flood fighting, Sir John Franklin members turned out to man six daily four-hour shifts, with 40 to 100 men in each shift. All food and hot beverages were supplied by the ladies' auxiliary of the club.

Schools Start Clean-Up Job; Half May Be Open By Monday

Half of Winnipeg's 68 public and high schools will have re-opened for classes for Monday and all should be in operation for the fall term "with the possible exception of some shops," according to a report read by Dr. Herbert McIntosh, assistant superintendent of schools, at a Winnipeg school board meeting Tuesday.

Issued by the committee on the school situation during the flood, the report said a start had been made on rehabilitation where conditions permitted. Cleaning, disinfecting, and painting of all flood-affected surfaces has already begun, it was stated.

Open Next Week

A revised list of schools now open and those expected to be open Monday follows:

Now open: Clifton, Daniel McLeary, David Livingstone, Dufferin, General Wolfe, Gordon Bell, Grosvenor, Inkster, Isaac Newton, Jameswood Place, Machray No. 2, Sargent Park, Sir John Franklin, and Model school, Tuxedo.

Proposed to open Monday: Cecil Rhodes No. 1, Champlain, Elmwood, Faraday, Greenwood Nos. 1 and 2, King Edward Nos. 1 and 2, Laura Secord, La Verandrye, Montclair, Pinkham, Principal Spaulding, River Heights, Robert H. Smith, Rockwood, Sir Sam Steele, Wellington, Weston and William Whyte.

Doubtful: John M. King, Queenston, and Somerset are on the "doubtful" list, while the remainder will remain closed until further notice.

Replying to a suggestion by Joseph Zuken, ward three trustee, that provision be made in public schools now open to accommodate pupils from adjacent closed schools, the assistant superintendent said this was being done where possible.

He also advised that the "double-up" plan for high schools as recommended at the May 16 meeting was now in operation.

The report recommended that the fire department be requested to assist in pumping operations at several schools and that the proposed building plan be postponed "in order to appraise the manpower available for the overall plan required by the city."

Rehabilitation Plan

Caretakers, mechanics, and manual training teachers will all be used in the school rehabilitation plan, the report continued. Special reference was made to Isaac Brock school which is being used as a family evacuation centre during the flood emergency. It was reported "in good condition."

The possibility of returning the school's eight junior high classes to the building is under consideration should the number of evacuees housed there be not too great.

The committee composed of Mrs. E. B. Tonnart, P. M. Petrusson, and David Orlikow was appointed to handle problems relating to the working agreement between the Winnipeg district association of the Manitoba Teachers' society and the board.

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500 Cartons Of Clothing On Way Here

The Salvation Army emergency relief centre in Toronto has prepared 500 cartons of new or slightly used clothing for shipment to Manitoba flood sufferers, according to information received Wednesday from the Salvation Army national headquarters by Lt.-Col. Rufus Raymer, Manitoba divisional commander.

More than 35,000 articles of all kinds of men's, women's and children's clothing and bedding are included in the shipment. Salvation Army officials say the Toronto emergency centre is working on a shift basis to sort and pack the tremendous flow of goods arriving from all parts of eastern Canada.

All Salvation Army centres across the country have been alerted to a large scale drive for bedding and clothing is well under way.

Commercial firms are co-operating by lending their fleets of trucks for speedy collection, so that supplies will arrive in Winnipeg in good time to assist returning families.

No Case Of Looting In City As Police Boats On Patrol

BY NORM DONOGH

Winnipeggers forced by flood waters to evacuate can rest assured their homes are being adequately patrolled by police, service personnel and civilian volunteers, working with boating and wireless equipment donated for that purpose.

The well-integrated and continuous method of property protection was seen at first hand Tuesday night with a visit to all flooded areas within the city proper.

And it has worked to perfection thus far, with no reports of looting to date within the city limits and only one looting case being handled by city police — involving the burglary of an abandoned West Kilbourn home.

Incidence of crime during the Manitoba floods has been "much below normal," Inspector of Detectives David Nicholson reported Tuesday. Compare this record with the opportunities available to looters, and you can judge just what police security work has accomplished.

Taken from point to point in the vicar of a motorcycle operated by Traffic Sergeant Reg Montgomery, we first visited the three patrol boat headquarters — back-bone of the protective system.

Working out of Sutherland mission, radio-equipped motor-boats tour the Point Douglas area on a 24-hour basis. Here, city police, the navy and accredited volunteers prevent any private boats from operating in the region. Persons wanting to get clothing and small articles from their homes are given a permit by the naval officer in charge and are then escorted to and from their dwellings.

The navy has established a wireless detachment in a railway car spotted near the mission and radio contact is made with both the patrol boats and naval authorities at flood control headquarters.

Officers Posted

A tour of this area in a boat commanded by Constable Tony Golab and operated by Able Seaman Henry Lawrence of the destroyer Micmac revealed that police were posted at defiles such as bridges, subways and bypasses to check on all unauthorized persons, while civilian patrols on foot covered the perimeter of this restricted section.

Refreshments are not forgotten. Women and girls, using the facilities of Sutherland mission, keep food and drink available night and day.

In the Luxton district, private boats are allowed into the flooded areas, although a close check is kept on all movement.

Operating from headquarters in the Luxton school, navy personnel, aided by police and civilians, issue "travel permits" to residents wishing to retrieve personal belongings from their homes. Resident-owners of boats are given permanent passes, but all boat passengers require permits which are handed in to headquarters after each visit. Time in, time out and purpose of the trip is listed on each pass.

Constable Bob Gillespie explained that a ferrying service had been established for persons without boats wanting to reach their homes. Boats for this work are kept in readiness at the makeshift pier which juts out into the street below the school.

"We don't transport persons who merely want to see their houses," he said. "They must have legitimate reasons for entering the area."

When 365 Oakwood avenue, headquarters for the River-view water patrol was reached, a show was in progress for people in the building. The navy had managed to scrounge a projector and naval training films to relieve the tedium of constant patrolling.

Coming into the jetty, put up by the fire department, was Constable Charlie Tully, himself a former navy man, who was completing a water tour that extended from old River park up past the municipal hospital.

Civilian Volunteers

He pointed out a couple of motor-driven punts with a draft of only a few inches that civilian volunteers used to patrol streets and lanes near the water's edge where a deeper-keeled boat would run aground.

Constable Jim Stock on point duty, explained that police and civilians, wearing life boots, skirted the water line checking on people wandering about in the region. The civilians, he said, worked on a two-hour shift, four off basis, and most remained right at headquarters when their shifts were over.

Tied in with the water patrols were policemen on duty throughout the city, posted at strategic points where they could cover wide areas. Additional police were acquired for this by placing the entire force on a twelve-hour shift, instead of the normal eight hours, during the present flood crisis. The intermediate shift was divided into two groups, one going on day duty, the other on night.

Work With Soldiers

Police, co-operating with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, handle the Mayfair dike sector, while other work with the Cameron Highlanders over in the Elmwood-Glenwood crescent area.

And in other flooded areas, such as Armstrong point and Wellington crescent, still others maintain a 24-hour vigil.

Add to this the police who check for unessential vehicular traffic and bridges and bypasses and the motorcycle police who control traffic and tour unflooded but vacated regions, and you have the whole security picture.

Because of this co-ordinated protective measure, police officials say there is no need for evacuees to feel alarmed about their property and consequently should not attempt to return to their homes until such time as flood and health authorities give their consent.

"Looting scares are unwarranted," said one. "Fortunately, we are remarkably free of it."

St. Vital Estimates \$8,600,000 Damage

An over-all municipal rehabilitation plan for flood-evacuated St. Vital was approved Tuesday night at a meeting of residents, called by the St. Vital Chamber of Commerce, in the Nanton building.

Outlining the plan to the gathering of more than 40 citizens, Mayor Elsdon Bole estimated that flood damage in the municipality would total approximately \$8,600,000.

"Nevertheless," he said, "we are looking forward to putting St. Vital on its feet faster than any flooded area is Greater Winnipeg."

The second step will be the actual clean-up campaign to be conducted by volunteer workers organized by the community clubs will render the homes habitable so far as health and electrical precautions are concerned.

Home Re-Occupation

The second step will be the actual re-occupation of homes by evacuated families. This will take place on a sliding scale, the mayor stated, with the least-flooded dwellings being cared for until the water subsides sufficiently to permit work on the "bad" area in the Elm Park district.

Mayor Bole said the \$8,600,000 damage estimate was a "very rough" figure.

Included in a breakdown are:

3,000 homes with flooded basements only at \$2,000	\$1,500,000
1,500 homes flooded above the first floor	3,000,000
\$2,000 for structural damage to furniture, clothing and furniture	3,000,000
Damage to roads	200,000
Damage to sewers	200,000
Pumping and disinfecting	200,000
Flood fighting, food, stock	27,000
350 market gardeners and farmers at \$2,000	300,000

J. R. Racine, chairman, explained that the meeting was called on authority of the emergency committee.

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Bedding Plants To Be Scarce; Most Large Growers Flooded

A "very small" supply of bedding plants and potted plants will be available this year due to the "drastic effect" of the flood and the lateness of the season, it was learned Wednesday. "I don't think there will be nearly enough plants to go around," one grower told the Free Press. He added that growers that have not been flooded out have found it difficult to obtain plants. Orders have been placed as far west as Medicine Hat, Alta. One farmer said there were approximately 10 large growers in the Greater Winnipeg district, all affected by the floods. "I've lost 5,000 plants myself, at about \$2 each," David Connery of St. Vital said. The total loss was placed at \$70,000. About 12 acres in Bird's Hill have been made available for two Winnipeg growers to plant cabbage and cauliflower, Mr. Connery said. Any bedding plants, however, growers felt, would be in short supply and at a slightly higher price than usual.

ST. JAMES FLOOD COSTS NOW BEING ESTIMATED

Compilation of flood costs in St. James is under way and figures will be made public next week, Mayor R. F. Wightman told a council committee meeting Tuesday. Mayor Wightman said the Manitoba Flood Relief fund contributions received by the St. James committee were "gratifying in their extent and number" and he was confident the municipality would make a good showing. He declared it would be necessary to maintain the dikes for some time, adding that volunteers were still needed for dike patrols in the St. James area.

Soldier's Condition Serious After Attack

Condition of Pte. Frank Lowther, 28-year-old reserve army soldier with the R.C.A.S.C., who was knocked to the ground by a hoodlum Thursday night, still remains serious, detective officials said Wednesday. Pte. Lowther is in Deer Lodge hospital, suffering from a fractured skull and brain lacerations. Detectives say the soldier, who lives at 872 Talbot avenue, had run to a parking lot at Higgins avenue and Maple street on hearing a woman scream. When he arrived a man jumped out of a truck, knocked him down, and ran into the vehicle and drove off. Police are holding 49-year-old Leo LaValle, of 418 Breacher avenue, St. Boniface, on a charge of assault occasioning grievous bodily harm in connection with the attack.

AIR FORCE RESERVE TO RESUME MEETINGS

First meeting of the City of Winnipeg 402 reserve (fighter bomber) squadron since the beginning of the Winnipeg flood crisis will be held at Stevenson field headquarters Thursday at 8 p.m. The squadron, which was mobilized during the emergency, will resume its normal activities, Lt. W. Breckon reports.

City Hall Lawn May Face Parking Lot Future

When grass won't sprout, cars can, according to Ald. H. B. Scott. He recommended to the city's public works committee Tuesday that a lawn area at one side of the city hall be converted into a parking ground. In the absence of Ald. Scott, James Kinneer, assistant city clerk, explained the recommendation. The parks board had great difficulties every year with the area in question, he pointed out, and was forced to re-seed year after year. "Well, I don't know whether the citizens are going to like us cutting down more trees," said Ald. E. E. Haddock, committee chairman. He suggested, with the committee's approval, that the matter be referred to the city engineer for report.

WINNIPEG HADASSAH URGES FLOOD DONATIONS

The Winnipeg Hadassah council Wednesday appealed to all its members to contribute to the Manitoba Flood Relief fund without delay. Collection depots have been set up on the fifth floor of the Hudson's Bay company store, and at Hadassah headquarters, 1127 Main street, Mrs. S. R. Shinoft, 84 Bannerman avenue, treasurer, stated.

THREE CITY LIBRARIES WILL REOPEN FRIDAY

Three of Winnipeg's four public libraries will be re-opened Friday, A. F. Jamieson, librarian, said Wednesday. The main library on William avenue and the Cornish avenue and St. John's branch libraries are the three opening. Only the Osborne street branch will remain closed.

Mayor Heads Committee To Collect For Fund

Plans for setting up an organization to handle contributions from Transcona residents for the Manitoba Flood Relief fund were discussed at a Transcona town council meeting Monday evening. A committee including Mayor E. G. Matheson, and M. J. G. McMullen, chairman of the finance committee, was formed to complete plans for the organization.

'MINK' AT \$100

NEW YORK, May 24 (BUP) — A nylon "fur" coat priced at a little more than \$100 will be available at retail this fall in the United States.

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Dredge Works In 3 Feet Water

Heavy silt layer halts river to lake shipping

Despite its depth behind Manitoba dikes the Red river is only three feet deep at its Lake Winnipeg mouth.

Silt deposits have blocked the mouth-channel for a 1,000-foot stretch into the lake, Selkirk observers stated Wednesday.

Walk Across

They claim that in hip-waders it would be possible to walk across the river's 200-foot wide mouth.

Suction dredge Red River, under Helgi Christensen, left Selkirk Wednesday to work on the silt deposits.

Selkirk fishing fleet captains, ready to sail into the lake for the June 12 season, expect to be held up for a week while the dredge copes with the barrier.

S.S. Keenora Delayed

Also delayed is the S.S. Keenora, in the province.

Homes To Be Inspected Suburbs Discuss Plans To Restore Electricity

Representatives of suburban municipalities met with department of labor and civic electrical officials Tuesday night to discuss local plans for restoring electrical services cut off because of the flood.

Representatives were also present from the Manitoba power commission and the Winnipeg Electric company. W. Elliott Wilson, Manitoba deputy minister of labor, presided.

Municipalities reported estimates of the number of flooded homes where electrical service was disconnected for precautionary reasons. A major problem, it was agreed, will be access to most homes, because of washed-out roads.

Nothing can be started until the homes have been given a chance to dry out. As soon as this stage is reached, a first inspection will be made and faulty and dangerous circuits will be tagged.

A later inspection will try to pinpoint the trouble, so that electricians can be called in to remedy the difficulty. All applications for reconnection of service or for inspection are to be addressed to the local municipal office, it was decided.

An encouraging feature was the extent to which volunteer police chief reported that electrical equipment beyond flood water," stated the deputy minister of labor.

Representatives of the Winnipeg Electric company outlined their plan for rehabilitation of flooded homes, including stoves, refrigerators and washing machines in a central depot.

Mr. Wilson emphasized on behalf of the minister that the department was offering assistance, and that it was for municipalities to indicate how the assistance could be given.

The initiative will rest with the local municipal authorities, but where provincial organization or facilities are available, the department will work to minimize loss of time, money and effort," said the deputy minister.

Chester Raps Pumping Halt At Subway

Ald. Frank Chester Tuesday protested the discontinuance of pumping in the Higgins avenue subway.

Because pumping operations had been stopped at the request of the Canadian Pacific railway, he told the city's public works committee, nearby properties were being flooded with sewer water.

"Theber's lots of flour stored in the Soo Line Flour Mills and it would be too bad if that smelt got into the flour," Ald. Chester complained.

Pumping had been stopped after railway engineers declared that water pressure was weakening the foundation of the railway bridge, he said.

"But that flour company pays taxes, and the railway doesn't, isn't it more important to serve the taxpayer?" he queried.

The public works committee agreed that the question should be referred to the city's flood control committee.

He expressed confidence that the committee, working through community clubs in the district of St. Vital, would carry off its tasks of patrolling and general rehabilitation "in fine fashion."

The meeting unanimously approved a vote of thanks to Mayor Bole for "a stupendous job" carried out under his leadership during the flood crisis.

Group Urges 10-Day Wait

Winnipeg's flood control committee Wednesday warned citizens not to return to their homes for 10 days. Evacuated citizens should wait until the river level drops to at least 25 feet above datum.

In 10 days the major danger should be past in diked areas, it was pointed out.

The Armorial bearings of the Dominion of Canada were authorized Nov. 21, 1921.

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BIRTH RATE DROPS

OTTAWA, May 24 (CP) — Canada's birth rate declined to 27.3 for 1,000 population in the first nine months of 1949 from 27.5 in the corresponding period of 1948, the bureau of statistics reported Tuesday.

OTTAWA, May 24 (CP) — Women customs officers "have proven themselves" in the smuggler-hunting business, the senate finance committee was told Tuesday.