

University And Veterans' Village Lay Evacuation Plans

Surging River May Force 150 Families To Quit Area

The University of Manitoba and the veterans' village Monday were preparing for possible evacuation, following a flood warning issued by Mayor L. R. Fennell of Fort Garry.

W. Crawford, University of Manitoba controller, said the university buildings were prepared against two more feet of flood waters. During the past three days, water level has risen 36 inches.

The point east of the university is now completely covered, with water over 157 acres of land. The water itself is within 100 feet of the main university buildings, Mr. Crawford said.

The river has moved across the road and has filled the laboratory and other buildings with two feet of water. There are three and a half feet of water in the basement of the science building, he said.

Other buildings in the area had water generally 20 inches below the basement level, he said. There were no power lines working in any of the buildings with the exception of the residence building.

"The danger right now is that we're getting very close to the point where the sewers are not working," Mr. Crawford said.

"We are placing all the property up from the basement to the first floor, and are preparing for possible evacuation," Mr. Crawford said.

The water service was in excellent condition and there was no fear of contamination. In the Fort Garry veterans' village, most of the furniture from 102 homes had been moved to safer areas.

Nearly all the homes were in "imminent danger" of being filled with water. Mr. Crawford said he had prepared a new list of numbers for his staff members, since practically all of the university phone numbers had to be discarded with the loss of power.

Food and other daily requisites are still in good supply at the university, Mr. Crawford emphasized.

Another 50 families in Fort Garry Monday were warned by Mayor Fennell to be ready to move. He told the Free Press families living in low land areas would probably be the ones affected by any sudden increase in the water level.

"These are mostly people living in agricultural communities," he said. Although sandbags were in good supply, there was "definitely" a shortage of sand, Mayor Fennell said.

With the assistance of the Red Cross and community organizations, everything necessary has been provided for the residents of Fort Garry in the way of food and accommodation.

"We have placed a large number—it would be difficult to estimate exactly how many—of evacuees in the parish hall, the legion hall and other shelters," Mayor Fennell declared.

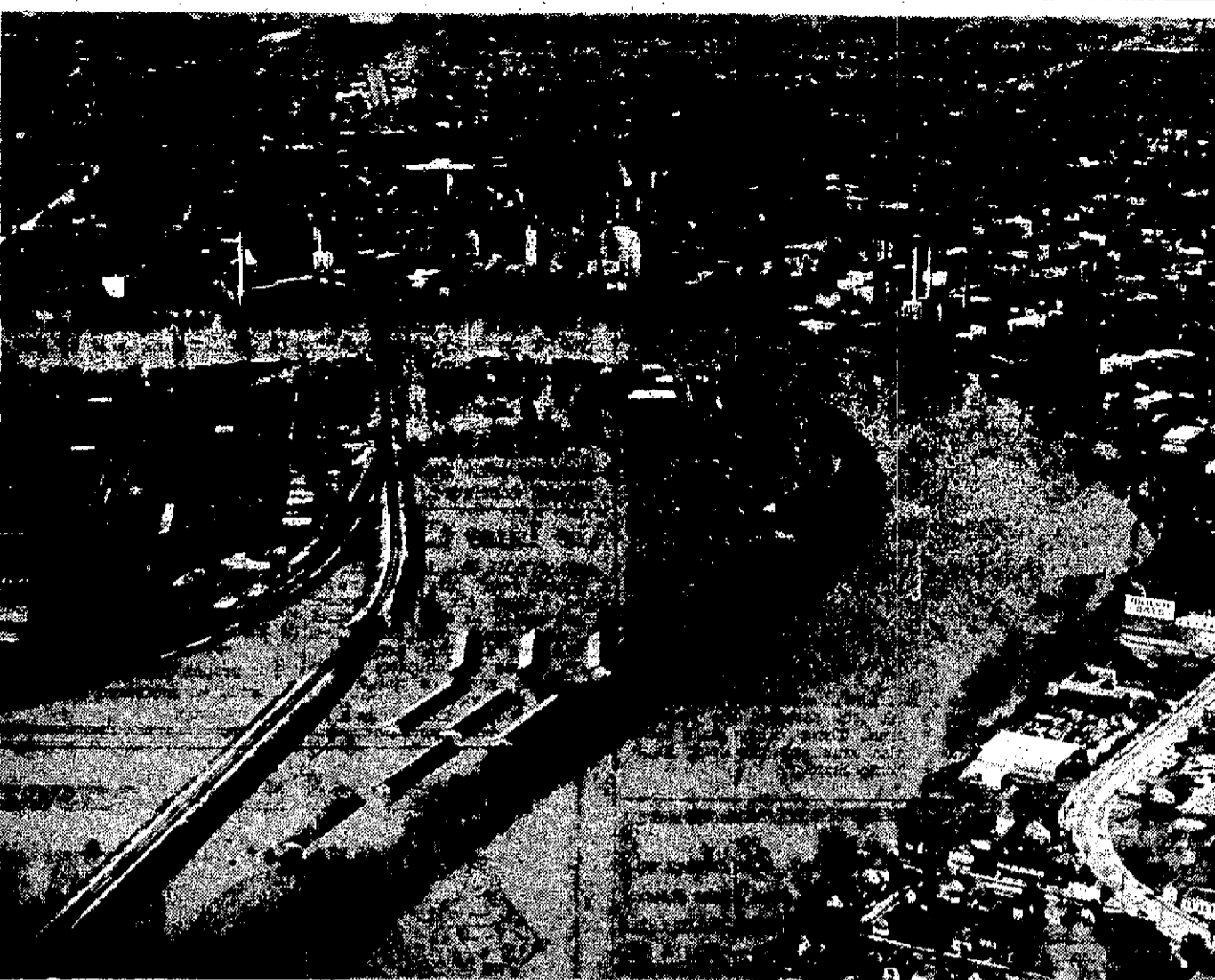
Many other arrangements had made for private arrangements and the situation was well in hand. The mayor felt the big worry at the present was the expected surge of flood waters.

"We are warning everyone in the low areas that it might come up very fast, and to leave their homes as soon as possible."

Since a large number of residents of Wildwood decided to evacuate, they had been fortunate in being supplied with accommodation and food, W. Williams, a Wildwood resident, told the Free Press Monday.

He said many flooded homes are being cleared of what furniture was left by residents by using a large barge.

"They have been very well organized here and we have been given lots of help with rowboats and motor boats," he said. In addition to Red Cross assistance, Ted Burch, president of the local community centre, and many other local citizens have been working steadily since the flood hit, Mr. Williams said.



Looking towards Winnipeg from the air, this air photo of Whittier park race track shows stables nearly submerged.

"The army was out here till nine o'clock Sunday night, helping us. The area is now under R.C.M.P. jurisdiction since there has been quite a bit of pilfering in the Kingston Row sections, Mr. Williams said.

Water Supply Safe For Now, Sanger Says

No immediate danger to the city's water supply was seen Monday at a meeting of the city's flood control committee.

Every effort is being made to ensure that the water supply power will be protected in any emergency, J. W. Sanger, general manager of city hydro, declared.

He said that arrangements had been made for three separate services, including the use of emergency service on a moment's notice from the Winnipeg Electric company's station.

CCF's Urge National Plight Call

A telegram urging that the flood be proclaimed a national emergency was sent Monday by seven C.C.F. members of the Manitoba legislature to Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, with copies to Premier D. L. Campbell of Manitoba, and Stanley Knowles, M.P. (C.C.F. Winnipeg North).

It reads: "Flood conditions here appalling with tremendous losses suffered by people of Red River valley and Greater Winnipeg. Thousands of people losing homes, furniture, and clothing in this major catastrophe. Strongly urge declaration of national emergency and provision of national assistance for flood victims." Signed: E. A. Hansford, Lloyd Stinson, Donovan Swales, George Olive, Gordon Fines, John Hawryluk, M. A. Gray.

Telegrams Piling Up

Telegrams are waiting for the following persons at the Canadian Pacific telegraph office: Olson — Agricultural division, University of Manitoba; Mrs. H. P. Gatin, University of Manitoba; Walton, 321 Ashland; Victor Ames company, Norwood; Bates, Luxton avenue; Vera Kare, 10 Scotia street; Red Kare, 10 Scotia street; Mrs. E. Jones, 712 Martin avenue; Mrs. W. R. Wayman, lot 178, St. Mary's road; Mrs. B. Fitz, 635 Munroe avenue; East Kildonan; William Patchell, North Kildonan, P.O.; Mrs. Ross Johnson, 327 Braemar avenue; Mrs. W. J. MacDonaid, Fort Osborne barracks; Mrs. N. Resnick, 131 Luxton avenue; Mrs. M. Sparrow, 84 Monck avenue; Mrs. M. K. Caulfield, Moxam crescent; Nancy Moodie, Nurses residence, St. Boniface hospital; Mrs. H. Hellos, 1830 Assiniboine avenue; J. Baber, 315 Machinist avenue; J. Colin avenue; T. Somerville, 128 Claremont avenue.

STE. AGATHE BOY: 'FATHER SENT ME ... I AM HUNGRY'

A brief story of flooded Ste. Agathe, about 20 miles south of Winnipeg, was told by an eight-year evacuee boy, Marcel, to a volunteer Red Cross worker at the city evacuation centre where he was being registered.

"My name is Marcel. My mother is watching the house. My father is building dikes. I want to stay with him on the sandbags. He said it was dangerous. He sent me to the city. We have nothing to eat. I am hungry." He was given a couple of sandwiches. He ate them. "I am still hungry." He got some more.

Newsreel Cameraman Uses Plane, Car, Canoe To Take Flood Movies

By plane, canoe and automobile, a newsreel cameraman is touring the Winnipeg flood scene, taking pictures which will be shown all over the United States and Canada. Warner Brothers officials in Winnipeg revealed Monday that Felix Lazarus of Montreal, cameraman for Warner-Pathe news pictures, had arrived in the city Friday to make movies of the rampaging Red River. Between shots he was helping on the dikes, they said. Lazarus came to Winnipeg on instructions from Warner-Pathe at New York. He is staying at the Marlborough hotel.

Typhoon Warning

GUAM, May 8 (AP)—A typhoon was moving slowly toward Guam Monday. Air force planes spotted the huge, doughnut-shaped typhoon at 8 a.m., moving at seven knots directly toward Guam.

MELVILLE, Sask., (CP) —

The town of Melville, together with neighboring Yorkton, is planning to take up the question of surveying the area between the Qu'Appelle Valley and Yorkton with a view to obtaining water for the two centres.

Luckless Home Owners Watch Water's Attack

Hundreds of Winnipeg residents returned to their flooded-out homes Sunday.

But only to stand and look. In districts such as Elm and Wildwood parks, Lyndale and Kildonan drives and Glenwood crescent, embankments were packed with people who had earlier been forced to evacuate.

Some came back for a reason. "Stand And Stare" Others just came to stand and stare dumbly at the Red's fierce attack on their homes.

Typical of those who returned for a reason were Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sherman, formerly of 31 Wildwood Park.

They were looking for blankets and china. While Mrs. Sherman and the two children — Fred, three, and five-year-old Patricia — stood at the edge of dry road, Mr. Sherman rowed over to their home.

"He's over there now," Mrs. Sherman said, "trying to get a rowboat through a ground-floor window and get us some dishes and blankets."

"Need Few Things" "We have arranged a place to stay, but we need a few things from our own house."

The Shermans were prepared for the flood—but not for four feet of water in the living room," Mrs. Sherman said.

"We put all our furniture up on three-foot blocks. But I guess that's not going to do much good now."

London, Police Arrest 69 In Red Demonstration LONDON, May 8 (AP)—Mounded police and riot squads clashed with crowds making a belated May day demonstration in Trafalgar square Sunday. Authorities arrested 69 persons.

Some demonstrators carried banners with slogans of a Communist flavor. One placard read: "We want peace, stop the American warmongers."

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