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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

1. DATE AND TIME Aug 24, 1986 1930 CDT

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) Neepawa, Man.

3. PATH LENGTH ☐ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF>50mi

4. PATH WIDTH ☐ 5. TORNADO PART OF SQUALL LINE? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN:

6. ANY UNUSUAL COLORATION? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

7. ANY UNUSUAL SOUND? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

8. IF ANSWER TO 6 OR 7 YES, ELABORATE;

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA (Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.) -ping-pong ball size hail -heavy rain

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ 11. TOTAL DEATHS

12. TOTAL INJURED 13. TOTAL HOMELESS

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

b) Damage to farm equipment, screen at drive-in movie theater blown over.

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Officer assigned to protect fish, game from Limestone workers

By Doug Speirs

PROVINCE

Fish and game near the Limestone hydro project are being threatened by a new breed of predator — construction workers.

Up to 1,800 workers are to descend on the remote northern site when construction on the massive project peaks.

And a Department of Natural Resources official says many of them likely will try their hand at hunting and fishing.

"There's definitely going to be some impact (on fish and wildlife)," said Barry Chalmers, a senior department officer in Thompson.

"When you put 1,400 people in an area, there's going to be an impact because people are going to use the resources.

"You've got a small town up there now. You're talking about a town that's now equal to Leaf Rapids or Churchill in terms of population."

To protect fish and wildlife from the influx of workers, the province has stationed a conservation officer in Sundance, a community near the hydro project.

Chalmers said the game warden is keeping a wary eye on Limestone workers to ensure they don't exceed legal hunting and fishing limits.

"One of the concerns is the brook trout in the Nelson River," he said. "It's been declared a heritage species. The brook trout are not in good shape."

While the officer is checking for over-harvesting, Chalmers said no major problems are expected.

"I don't foresee any abnormal amount of raping of the wildlife," he said. "There is a limited amount of time they (Limestone workers) have (for hunting and fishing), too."

He said the officer, who will be relocated once construction winds down, also will survey fish and game populations to determine whether the project itself is damaging the environment.

The warden has the power to place conditions on work permits and ensure roads and quarries are built in locations where problems such as erosion will be minimized.

Manitoba Hydro spokesman Verne Prior said the provincial game warden was placed in Sundance at the utility's request.

"It's being done with the financial support of Manitoba Hydro because we did recognize there might be (environmental) concerns that should be looked at," he said.

However, Prior was unable to say how much the utility is subsidizing the Natural Resources office in Sundance.

He said about 1,400 workers are at the Limestone site, and the work force will hit about 1,800 in 1987-88 when construction peaks.

Hydro provides new workers with information about provincial wildlife regulations, he noted, adding they also can engage in a host of activities other than hunting and fishing.

Prior said the camp has a variety of leisure facilities, including a baseball diamond, hockey and curling rinks, a gymnasium and a recreational hall.

Woman charged with stabbing common-law husband to death

POLICE/COURTS

A Winnipeg woman has been charged with stabbing her common-law husband to death early yesterday morning, the city's 16th slaying this year, police said.

Ronald Alan St. Paul, 34, became involved in an argument with a woman at about 1 a.m. yesterday in his suite at 390 Selkirk Avenue, a spokesman said.

"As a result of the argument, St. Paul was stabbed once in the heart with a knife and died," he said.

The victim's common-law wife, 33, was to appear in court today on a murder charge.

Car crash kills two

A father and son from Winnipeg are dead and three people are in hospital following a two-vehicle head-on collision early yesterday morning near Gordon, police said.

Stonewall RCMP identified the victims as Dr. George Renouf, 43, and his son David, 16.

Police said the accident occurred on Highway 6, 10 kilometres southwest of Winnipeg, at about 1 a.m.

The three people taken to hospital, all from Winnipeg, were not identified pending notification of family.

A police spokesman said he didn't know if any charges would be laid as the accident is being investigated.

Vehicle hits standard

A Winnipeg woman was taken to hospital yesterday after she lost control of her vehicle and smashed into a light standard, police say.

Cornelia Vandenberg, 34, of 401 Grassie Boulevard, was driving south on Lagimodiere Boulevard between Almey and Concordia avenues when the single-vehicle accident occurred at 5:30 p.m., a police spokesman said.

Vandenberg, the vehicle's sole occupant, was listed in stable condition at Concordia Hospital last night, he said.

Fire traced to plug

An early-morning fire yesterday from an electrical short circuit in a wall plug caused an estimated $10,000 damage to an East Kildonan apartment, a fire department spokesman said yesterday.

The blaze, which broke out at about 6:30 a.m., damaged the living room and contents of a suite at 271 Edison Street, the spokesman said. There were no injuries.

Arson angle probed

Arson is being investigated as the possible cause of a house fire yesterday morning which resulted in extensive damage to a north Winnipeg duplex, police said.

The fire, at 290 Boyd Street, extended to the first-floor bedroom and kitchen, a fire department spokesman said.

Damage was estimated at $20,000 and no injuries were reported.

The Fire Commissioner's Office and police are investigating what were described as "suspicious circumstances" surrounding the fire, a police spokesman said.

Hail stones, funnel cloud hit Neepawa

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Hail stones the size of ping-pong balls, heavy rain and a funnel cloud struck the town of Neepawa last night causing damage to an old drive-in theatre and farm equipment, Environment Canada officials said yesterday.

A low-pressure trough developed in the region, about 165 kilometres west of Winnipeg, causing the violent system, a spokesman said.

"Farm equipment was damaged in the west of town and there was damage in the town itself," he said.

He said damage estimates were unavailable.

Neepawa RCMP Const. Dan Sutton said the movie screen at the drive-in was blown over by the high winds and several cars suffered hail-stone damage.

However, he said he has seen worse storms in the area.

"It's not that serious as far as I can tell," Sutton said.

A funnel cloud, which is the beginnings of a tornado, swept through the town, but never touched down, the Environment Canada official said.

He said the hail and heavy rain were heading toward Winnipeg, but dissipated around the Portage la Prairie area.

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