

DPA Chief Fears Major Winter Power Shortage

SEATTLE (AP) — The head of the Defense Power Administration (DPA) said Tuesday the possibility of power shortages next winter is greater than it has been for three years.

Administrator James F. Fairman surveyed the future outlook in an address prepared for the American Public Power Association.

He conceded, however, that accurate predictions are difficult this early in the year, and said power

supply is essentially "a regional or local matter."

Estimates by power suppliers just compiled by the DPA, Fairman said, indicate a record load increase of about nine million kilowatts is expected for next December, as compared with December, 1951.

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"If the loads forecast are reached and if all the capacity now scheduled comes in," he continued, "the indicated gross margin for reserve capacity between the peak load and the generating capability will be a little over eight per cent."

"May I remind you that the margin was 12 per cent in 1949, 9 per cent in 1950, 10 per cent in 1951, and we now expect a little over 8 per cent at the end of this year."

"In this respect, the outlook for 1952 is worse than it has been for three years. It continues to be difficult to forecast national loads within narrow margins."

"In the past four months, the power suppliers of this country have reduced their estimate of new generating capacity which will be available this year by over 800,000 kilowatts."

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"Our staff in DPA has at the present time a much more pessimistic view. They have given me a study of the probable operating date for 217 new generating units scheduled to go into service this year. Our staff has come to the conclusion that as many as 38 of these generators may not go on the line this year. These 38 units total nearly three million kilowatts."

If loads develop as predicted in regions where new generating capacity is delayed and where margins are tight, Fairman said, "then serious power supply difficulties may be experienced. The only safe course to follow is to make every effort to maintain the present schedule of installations."

Navy Readies Crash Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy arranged Tuesday for a formal inquiry into the mid-Atlantic sinking of the destroyer minesweeper Hobson with an apparent loss of 174 lives.

It was one of the worst peacetime disasters in American Naval history.

Meanwhile, the 27,100-ton aircraft carrier Wasp, damaged in the Saturday night collision that sent the Hobson to the bottom, steamed slowly homeward. She carried the minesweeper's 61 survivors, some of them injured seriously.

Traveling between eight to ten knots, the carrier was expected to reach Brooklyn Navy Yard for repairs on Friday or Saturday.

The original list of 176 missing in the tragedy was reduced by two when two sailors whose names appeared on it turned up safe.

They had missed their ship's last voyage — one man being home on leave, the other in a naval hospital. No casualties were reported aboard the Wasp.

The Navy added two names to the missing list Tuesday, and deleted one other.

It did not, however, change its total missing list, pointing out that other changes may yet be made.

Beethoven's Movements OK

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Beethoven's Second Movement was performed without a hitch.

The composer's 10-ton statue was moved — with truck and crane — from Griffith Park back to Pershing Square Monday just across the street from the Philharmonic Auditorium.

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Businessmen Go Back to School

PORTLAND (AP) — Some 250 Portland businessmen went to school Tuesday, part of the second annual observance here of business-industry education day.

Last year, when teachers visited the city's business places, a storm of controversy was touched off by objectors to beer. Some teachers, they said, had lunch at the Blittz-Weinhard Brewery.

Demands for disciplining the teachers — or apologies from them — were rejected by school officials and the matter died down.

This year luncheons were at the various schools visited.

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SHAH PILOTS PLANE

TEHRAN (AP) — Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi piloted his own converted B-17 plane Tuesday on a flight to Shiraz for ceremonies dedicating a new mausoleum to the famed Persian poet Sadi.

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