

Natural Gas Line Hailed As Northwest Industry Aid

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Government approval of a 1,446-mile natural gas pipeline from Colorado-New Mexico fields to the Pacific Northwest was hailed by gas distributors Saturday as opening a new era of rapid industrial expansion in the region.

But of closer interest to the housewife were these questions: How soon will natural gas be available? First deliveries, said C. R. Williams of Houston, Tex., are expected about December 1955. Williams is president of the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. which was granted Federal Power Commission authority Friday to deliver natural gas to a six-state Northwest area.

How much will it cost? Within three years of the time gas reaches the region, said N. Henry Gellert of Seattle. It will be cheaper than either electricity or oil. Gellert is president of the Seattle Gas Co. which supported Pacific's bid for the FPC franchise.

Williams said the entire 160 million-dollar pipeline system from the San Juan Basin fields of New Mexico and Colorado to the northern terminus at Bellingham will be completed within 18 to 24 months from the start of construction, which is expected within 90 days.

While gas interests associated with Pacific's application were openly jubilant, the FPC decision stunned officials of the competing Westcoast Transmission Co., a Canadian firm, and sent gas stock prices skidding in one of the sharpest breaks in years on the Vancouver Stock Exchange. Peace River gas stocks plummeted from \$6.15 a share to \$3.50 and closed at \$2.70. Other stocks had similar drops.

HST Undergoes Operation

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Former President Harry S. Truman, 67, reported in satisfactory condition today after an emergency operation, probably will be able to leave the hospital in 10 days.

His appendix and gall bladder were removed early yesterday.

The 70-year-old ex-President was able to sit up in a chair for a brief period yesterday. He told his doctor he considered himself just another patient at Research Hospital and didn't want any fuss made in his behalf.

Dr. Wallace Graham, his physician who also was his personal doctor during White House days, said Truman should be able to leave the hospital in 10 days if all goes well.

"Mr. Truman is a perfect patient," he said. "He expects you to know certain things and he expects you to be sure of them. Then he doesn't fuss or worry. He decides to get things fixed."

The physician said he was "very ill" when he entered the hospital but had stood the operation extremely well.

He first became ill Friday night while attending the play "Call Me Madam" at the outdoor Starlight Theater.

Mrs. Truman remained at the hospital during the operation. After a visit with her husband later in the day, she said he was "in good spirits as usual."

During his seven-year stay in the White House, Truman suffered several gall bladder attacks and had periodic X-ray checks. Dr. Graham disclosed. The doctor said these were painful but not very severe.

He described the gall bladder as being in gangrenous condition at the time of the surgery.

French Pound Red Guerrillas

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — A thousand Communist-led Vietminh guerrillas were pounded by French planes, artillery and tank guns in an abortive ambush along the Hanoi-Hoiphong supply lifeline, the French high command reported Saturday.

A French army spokesman said French losses were light. He said 35 Vietminh were killed and 20 taken prisoner in the running battle.

French planes and artillery plastered the Vietminh as they tried to flee the ambush site and "their losses were heavy," the army spokesman said.

Telegraph Break Reported In Asia

SINGAPORE (AP) — Dispatches from Saigon today said radio communication between the Vietnamese capital and Bangkok had been cut off since yesterday, but Singapore's telegraphic traffic with the Thai capital was reported normal.

In London, Cable & Wireless, Ltd., also reported it had received normal traffic from Bangkok today.

Sources at the Saigon post office could give no explanation for the radio break. It aroused considerable speculation there since in recent years such radio silence has several times been the first warning that a coup d'etat had overthrown the Thai government.

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EVEN THE DOG GOT IN THE ACT at the Ronald Carter home, 4755 Clinton Avenue, when a neighborhood group met to plan and start execution of their entry in the Roundup Kiddies Parade scheduled for this Saturday. From left are Mrs. Ronald Carter, daughter Vicki, family Pomeranian Penny, Mrs. Bill Jones and Valerie; Connie Weber and mother, Mrs. Frank Weber. The parade will start at 11 a.m. All entries must assemble in the Balsiger lot at 10:30 a.m. Children up to 14 years of age are eligible to participate.



WALTER A. HOLT, chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, will accompany the Portland chamber's "Grass is Gold" tour through Klamath County Tuesday June 22. Holt will speak at the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday noon at the Willard Hotel.

OPERATION
JERUSALEM (AP) — President Izhak Ben-Zvi of Israel underwent an operation at the Shaare Zedek hospital in Jerusalem Monday.

Communist Guards Shoot Refugee

SCHIRNDING, Germany (AP) — Czech Communist border guards shot and wounded a Czechoslovak refugee crossing into Bavaria near here, then entered West German territory and took him back, Bavarian police reported today.

German officials said they have filed protests with Czechoslovak authorities.

INJURED
LONDON (AP) — The 18-year-old Duke of Kent, injured in a high-way crash, was reported making "steady and satisfactory progress" Monday.

The young Duke, first cousin of Queen Elizabeth II and seventh in line of succession to the English throne, was hurled from the driver's seat to the road when his small station wagon and another station wagon collided.

Grain Storage Problem Told

SPOKANE (AP) — The Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Assn. was warned Friday the nation faces the biggest grain storage problem this year of all time.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Ross Rixley told delegates to the association's two-day convention that "what we will do about this state of overproduction depends on what you, the grain men, along with the farmers and ranchers, do."

Another speaker, Dr. G. B. Woods, of Oregon State College, said soft wheat production in the Big Bend country had gone up from 24 to 35 per cent of the total harvest in the past four years.

He ascribed the increase to rigid price supports, which pay

the same for all types of wheat. Varieties of soft wheat, he said, yield more heavily than hard.

Directors include Leonard Herres, Pomeroy; William P. Martin, Portland; Wendell Haltinger, Moro, Ore.; and J. D. Urquhart, Hill Jr., Pendleton, Ore. Maurice Roe, Dayton, was named vice president. The convention ended Friday.

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