

PLANT HAS FIRE, EXPLOSION

An Oroville, Calif., lumber treating plant was razed by fire and explosion early Sunday morning, resulting in the death of one employee. The blaze destroyed a major portion of the Koppers Company

Inc., but no definite estimates of the loss have been released yet. The fire which began at 12:30 a.m., was still burning this morning. Arthur McCandless, 48, of Oroville died from injuries sustained from the fire. (AP Wirephoto)

U.S. Gov't Support Of Quoddy Repeated

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (CP)—The United States administration's support for the multi-million dollar Passamaquoddy Bay power project has been repeated here by Kenneth Holm, assistant secretary of the Interior for water and power development. Holm, in an address prepared for the Massachusetts Council of the AFL-CIO, said that in Washington the project is no longer a matter of "if" but one of "when."

He quoted statements made earlier this year by President Kennedy which he said demonstrate the priority placed on the project by the administration, and he added: "The president's great personal interest is doubly underscored, as he intends to inspect the Quoddy site by air this Saturday."

Last summer, Interior Secretary Udall recommended that the U.S. harness the Maine-New Brunswick Passamaquoddy Bay

tides for power. He urged Kennedy to negotiate with Canada at once to launch the estimated \$1,000,000,000 project expected to take 15 years to construct. Kennedy endorsed Udall's stand, saying he was directing the interior department engineers to accelerate work on remaining studies of Quoddy details. "I think this can be one of the most astonishing and beneficial enterprises undertaken by the people of the U.S.," Kennedy said.

Holm, after repeating these remarks, said Quoddy today is not the project envisaged by so many ever since early 1960s. "We are talking about an entirely new project that only shares a common name," he said. "We have moved along overnight into a new era of engineering technology and sustained and growing demand for low-cost energy."

The U.S. proposal would harness the Quoddy tides to produce 1,000,000 kilowatts of steady power one hour a day for "peaking" purposes, which Holm said is the most valuable kind of power. The power for use at periods of peak demands would be tied in with production of 200,000 kilowatts of day-long power to be produced by conventional hydro development at Dickey, Me., on the upper Saint John River.

The U.S. wants Canada to consent to installation of locks and filling gates, the latter on the Canadian side of the bay. Said Holm: "New technology in generation and transmission, the known growth in power demand in New England, the knowledge that planning to date would meet only a small portion of (indicated future power) requirements... all combine to make the immediate development of the hydro-electric potential of (Quoddy) imperative."

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Pearson Has High Praise For Newspapers

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson said here that National Newspaper Week "provides for us all the opportunity to reflect on the vitally important role played by the press in the life of our country."

Mr. Pearson said in a statement the press must remain "free, vigilant and responsible." Today, especially, it is essential for Canada to have a community of newspapers responsive to the needs of the open society in which we live," he said. As the guardian and servant of our institutions, a conscientious and responsible press is seldom finer than when it examines, without fear or favor, the policies and actions of government. The press has been likened to the beam of a searchlight that moves restlessly about, bringing men and events out of darkness into vision. While it informs and records, it cautions, condemns and applauds. "These are at once the functions and the freedoms of the press. With them go the heaviest kind of responsibility, and I am sure the newspapers of Canada will continue to discharge that responsibility with diligence and honor."

NEWSPAPER MAN DIES

HAMILTON (CP)—Tom Mills, 81, a newspaper man with the Hamilton Spectator for nearly 30 years, died Saturday. He started writing editorials for the Spectator a few years ago after a period as a reporter.

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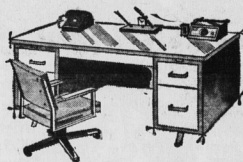
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