

Trouble Just Keeps On Piling Up—

Anderson Is Crippled By Shutdown Of Power Plant

Explosion-Fire Gives Busy City New Headache

Other Problems Plague Residents

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ANDERSON, June 20—This turbulent industrial city of 46,809 persons today awoke with new headaches.

Its factory activity curtailed, the city was feeling the effects of the fire-explosion in the municipal power plant that paralyzed normal activity yesterday.

Today's headaches:

ONE—Threat that fire might break out while the city is still handicapped by low water pressure.

TWO—Lack of industrial power for 33 of the city's 35 manufacturing plants, idling thousands of workers.

THREE—Intensified turmoil over the hot local issue—now before the Indiana Supreme Court—of proposed \$6.5 million rebuilding of city's 30-year-old power plant.

Bus Strike Still On

FOUR—Continued tie-up of city's public transportation system as bus-driver strike entered the 53d day.

FIVE—Slight realization of Civil Defense problems from powerless, water-hoarding hours yesterday when utilities were knocked out.

Fire Chief Earl Toombs today said, "We certainly were lucky that no serious fire broke out during the night. I don't know what we would have done with the weak pressure in the mains."

"The situation is somewhat improved today, but we still don't dare build up too much pressure in those old mains."

Restoring Service

Meanwhile normal electric service for nonindustrial purposes was being restored to the whole city after one sector in the heart of the city remained blacked out all night.

Power once more was available for the electric pumps that pro-

vided problem in yesterday's crisis was

Six Injured in Head-On Crash as Power Fails

Anderson, June 20—Six persons, injured in a head-on highway crash, were taken to St. John's Hospital here during the middle of yesterday's municipal power crisis.

Auxiliary firemen helped carry wrecks victims into the hospital which had only limited power provided by an auxiliary power unit.

Cars driven by Ira Bush, 25, of Muncie, and Lawrence E. Arnold, 73, of Winton, Cal., crashed head-on in Ind. 67 near Chesterfield.

State police say a tire blew out on the Bush car while it was traveling at a high speed.

Also hospitalized were Mr. Arnold's wife, Eila, and the three passengers in the Bush car. They were Mrs. Juanita Bush, 19, the driver's wife; Nola Bailey, 40, and Max Koger, 12.

Deputies Work All Night

Sheriff Joe L. Brogdon kept his deputies on all-night vigil at the blacked-out county jail. Only the

Police Raid Four Tipton Clubs

Tipton, June 20—Social life at four of this town's fraternal clubs lost some of its charm last night as state police raided them and confiscated their gaming equipment.

The Moose Lodge lost two horse racing machines and two diggers. A digger is a glass enclosed model steam shovel, which can be operated after inserting a coin. A deaf operator can win a prize by the skillful operation of wheels which control the model scoop.

At the Knights of Columbus, two diggers were taken. At the American Legion, two horse machines and one digger. The Elk's Club lost two horse machines.

The Tipton County prosecutor who accompanied state police and excise officers said today he was planning to prefer charges against trustees of the clubs.



SEARED CABLES—Anderson utility officials Frank C. Yarling and Arthur Hosek check flame-stripped cables that caused rupture in city-owned municipal power plant yesterday.

vide the city's water supply from the near-universal rush of local residents to build up hoards of water—filling bathtubs, buckets, pails—despite official pleas to use dwindling water supply sparingly.

Meanwhile, partisans in Anderson's turbulent political scene added to the clamor of the hot local issue of the proposed enlargement and rebuilding of the power plant.

Attempts by the city administration to float a bond issue to reconstruct the utility twice had been stalled by injunction suits by Property Owners, Inc., headed by Hadley Reed, an employee of the Guide Lamp Division of General Motors Corp.

This suit now is pending before the state supreme court.

AUXILIARY power to run Radio Station WHBU, the city's full-time station, was provided by mobile generator provided by the Indianapolis Naval Armory at request of civil defense officials. Station was needed to inform residents of the situation.

Firemen Called Back

Firemen later were called back to the plant to extinguish a flash repeat of the blaze. It was unnecessary to cut off the restored power.

Potentially the most serious

problem in yesterday's crisis was

the power cutoff canceled evening edition of the Bulletin, but the Herald resumed publication this morning.

RUMORS flew thick and fast during newspaper and radio blackout yesterday. Wagging tongues had anywhere from one to four persons killed in explosion.

CASH REGISTERS, gasoline pumps and other electrically-operated devices were frozen by the lack of power. Movies were closed last night also by the power shortage.

A MAJOR traffic jam developed in downtown Anderson's angling streets as all traffic lights were blotted out by the power cutoff.



LET'S TALK ABOUT
Your
Home

By LOUIS RAINIER

FRENCH ACCENT

One reason for the increasing popularity of French Provincial furniture is its adaptability. Its beauty of line and design without the elaborate carving and decoration of the more formal French Period furniture gives it that quality of livability and home-like desirability so desirable in homes of today.

The wood in the originals was usually beech or walnut, and these are used consistently in present-day reproductions. There is a close kinship between French Provincial and our own Early American. The two styles can be combined with a very charming effect.

It is an excellent choice for the dining room. Walls painted in muted tones of red, yellow or blue... or wallpaper simulating the lovely old French papers... would make an effective background for a wide sideboard with open shelves decked with colorful china, an oblong stretch table and ladder-back chairs with luxurious cushions. Draperies might be small-patterned print matching the chair cushions or fluffy white organdy tie-back curtains, according to your choice.

A small serving table with brass candlesticks and tole pieces would fit in beautifully.

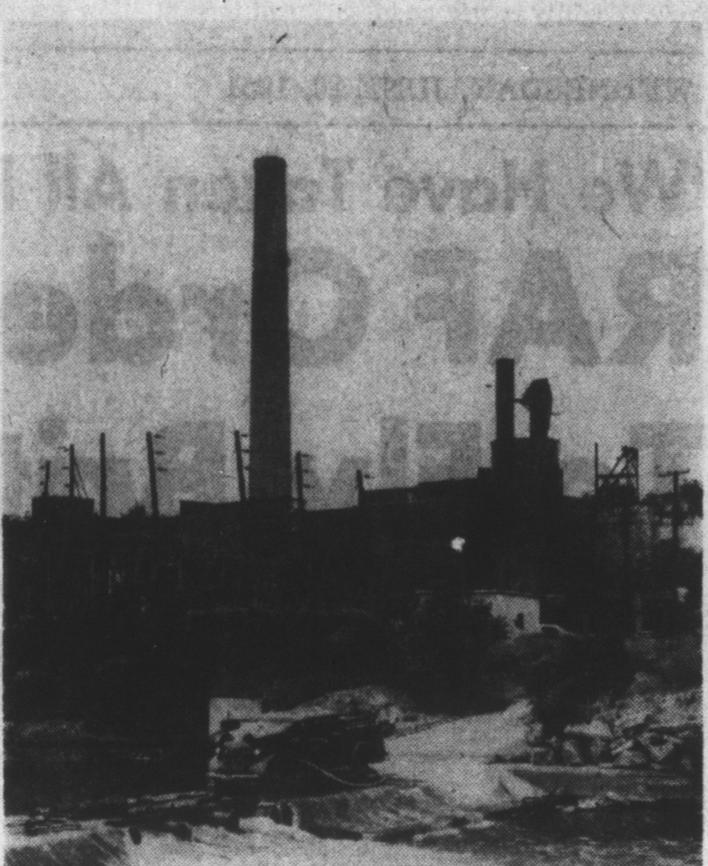
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EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY—Fire trucks pump water from White River to refill boilers of power plant so that big steam turbine generators could be started after emergency cable repair.

Thirty auxiliary police aided regulars in untangling the snarl.

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