

Water reprieve—no shut-off to-morrow

DECISION IS POSTPONED TILL THURSDAY

"EVENING CHRONICLE" REPORTER

THE water cut in Manchester and 25 other towns has been postponed.

A special meeting of the chairman and deputy chairman of the Waterworks Department and the waterworks engineer decided this to-day. Owing to the change in the weather and the enormity of the preparations necessary, the decision has been postponed until Thursday, when the Waterworks Committee meet.

Only about 300 of the 1,200 have been erected.

First places

Districts where standpipes have so far been erected are Gorton, Denton, Droylsden, Swinton, Pendlebury, Altrincham, Withington, Didsbury, Burnage, Openshaw, Irlam, Cadishead, and Newton.

An important factor the conference had to consider was the comparatively poor response so far to the appeal for 2,000 water wardens, preferably ex-air raid wardens who know their home districts intimately, to assist in the distribution of water supplies to people too old or too infirm to carry their own supplies from the nearest stand pipes.

For this purpose 80 military water lorries are now assembled at Bury, and to-day 21 more were coming from Derby and another 21 from Essex. The remainder, which will make up the required total of 200 lorries, will arrive during this week.

Pipe defects

Principal reasons for the delay in putting up standpipes are:

Defects in the standpipes which have been stated over a long period in many parts of the country;

Lack of suitable labour to carry out the work;

Unexpected snags encountered in the fitting of standpipes with taps.

Because it is essential to continue the waterworks department's normal maintenance work, it has only been possible to put part of the department's workmen on to the job. They worked all yesterday. Another big problem facing the department is the maintenance of the 3,000 danger lamps which have to be placed alongside the standpipes.

The required number of lamps has now been obtained by drawing from all parts of the country, chiefly from N.F.S. supplies, but it will take a small army of men to refuel the lamps once they are in position.

ROLLS TO SHUT FACTORY

ROLLS ROYCE LTD. are shortly to vacate the Waterloo Mill, Clitheroe, where important experiments in jet propulsion were conducted during the war.

In a letter to the Town Clerk of Clitheroe, Mr. T. S. Haldenby, general manager of Rolls Royce, says: "We have been compelled to come to this decision because of the curtailment of the general volume of our activities, and we find it necessary to vacate several of our smaller outside factories."

About 80 people have been employed by Rolls Royce at Clitheroe, chiefly in the assembly and testing of aeroplane engines.

22 CALLS FOR MISS TRUMAN

Margaret Truman, the President's daughter, took 22 curtain calls after she had sung six numbers with the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra in Oklahoma.

A newspaper music critic thought delivery was extremely throaty and "It is our studied opinion after hearing the soprano on three different occasions that she is not equipped with a voice of artistic proportions."

Germans to pray for Big Four

On the German "Day of Repentance," November 19, Protestant pastors of Berlin and Brandenburg, on the advice of their ecclesiastical authorities, will pray for the success of the Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference, which opens in London on November 25.—Rtr.

Burma protests

The Burmese Government has protested to the Chinese Consul General in Rangoon against alleged incursions by Chinese bandits and kidnap gangs into the Shan States, it was stated to-day.

NO RUSH FOR POTATO RATIONS

"Evening Chronicle" Food Reporter

SHARP questions to the Government and an urgent meeting of the Housewives' League executive committee in London were to-day's chief moves in the latest "food-front" battle over the rationing of potatoes.

While indignation ran high among already harassed housewives in Manchester shopping queues, there was no rush to take up the 3lb.-per-head rations.

Retailers believe that most people will hold back until the week-end. "Otherwise," said one city vegetable retailer, "they will have exhausted their allocations too early in the week."

Allocations to wholesale merchants in Manchester's Smithfield Market, which arrived this morning, were distributed immediately, but, said one merchant, "we don't know when our next allocation will reach us."

Questions expected to be put to the Government in the Commons to-day will emphasise the alleged contradictory references made to the possibility of potato rationing by Ministers in the past few weeks.

Atom bomb jet plane ready

The U.S. Navy has "in immediate prospect" a new robot jet plane, designed to carry an atom bomb and capable of supersonic speed, the "New York Herald-Tribune" reported to-day.

One of these planes, developed under the direction of the physics laboratory of the John Hopkins University, is believed to have flown at 1,500 miles an hour, the newspaper said.—Rtr.

FOUGHT STORM SIX DAYS

Glasgow-bound Canadian ore-carrier Luisburg has reached port at St. John's, Newfoundland, after a six-day battle against an Atlantic storm which smashed the forward hold, causing flooding.—Exchange.

Clyde Cook comes back

Clyde Cook, famous comedian of silent films, who has been in retirement, has accepted the role of a bartender in the picture "To The Victor," at Warner