

Letter of thanks from U.S. President

United States President Jimmy Carter sent the following letter, dated January 29, to Prime Minister Trudeau regarding emergency exports of energy to the U.S. owing to shortages because of severe cold weather:

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"I would like to express my deep appreciation for your Government's quick and generous response to the energy problems brought on by our unusually cold weather. I am all the more appreciative because I know that Canada too has been experiencing a particularly hard winter. I hope that your generous gesture will typify the way both our Governments will address important matters of common concern in the years ahead. I am looking forward to meeting you on February 21 and to consulting with you on a variety of subjects of mutual interest."

Summary of energy exports

On January 19, a press release was issued by the National Energy Board announcing the export of 50,000 barrels of heavy fuel oil from Canadian Fuel Marketers of Windsor, Ontario to the Detroit Edison Company of Detroit, Michigan and of 15 billion cubic feet of natural gas from TransCanada Pipe Lines Ltd. to the Columbia Gas System Inc of Delaware.

Irving Oil Ltd., Saint John, New Brunswick was granted leave to export 210,000 barrels of middle distillate oil to Asiatic Petroleum of New York City on January 21. A further 170,000 barrels were licensed on January 26.

Another press release was issued on January 28 reporting the licensing of 2.4 million American gallons of liquified natural gas from Gaz Métropolitain, inc. to Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania Inc.

Four licences were approved on January 28, allowing the movement of: (1) 50 million cubic feet a day of natural gas to move from the Westcoast Transmission Company Limited to the Northwest Pipe Line Corporation of Salt Lake City; Utah; (2) 210,000 barrels of middle distillate to Wyatt Petroleum of New Haven, Connecticut from Irving Oil Ltd. of Saint John; N.B.; (3) 35,000 barrels of heavy fuel oil from Canadian Fuel Marketers, Windsor, Ontario to Detroit Edison Company,

Detroit; and (4) a pre-delivery of 100,000 barrels of light crude oil from second quarter allocations to Murphy Oil Corp. of Superior, Wisconsin.

On February 3, Westcoast Transmission Company Limited applied for, and was granted, an emergency export order to deliver 1.2 billion cubic feet of gas to Northwest Pipe Line Corporation.

TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. will export an additional 1.3 billion cubic feet of natural gas over 30 days to the Niagara Mowhawk Power Corporation; and Canadian-Montana Pipe Line Co. will export an additional 3 billion cubic feet to the Montana Power Co. of Butte, Montana, for a 60-day period from February 11.

At that date, 23.7 billion cubic feet of natural gas, 1,565,000 barrels of oil products, and 3,786,900 barrels of propane had been approved for emergency exports to the United States.

Yukon celebrates Sourdough Rendezvous

Citizens of Whitehorse, capital of Canada's Yukon Territory, return to the days of the Gold Rush of 1898 in their annual celebration, Sourdough Rendezvous, which runs this year from February 21 to 27.

Bank tellers behind their wickets will be attired in satins and sequins, pink garters beneath their flowing skirts. Businessmen will wear boaters and bowlers, and preen their newly-grown beards. Men in parkas will emerge from the woods to drive their dog teams and snowmobiles.

Indians, kids, and old sourdoughs



Visitors and residents dress up in Klondike Gold Rush costumes during the Sourdough Rendezvous celebrations in February.

will all join to make the colourful week of activity what residents call "the best tonic to get rid of cabin fever."

Visitors arriving at the airport will be introduced immediately to the fun by the Keystone Kops, led by Judge I.M. Tough. The judge will set up a court to impose a fine on returning Yukon males who have failed to sprout fuzz on their chins in honour of the occasion, or returning Yukon females who fail to flash a garter.

Throughout the celebration, Kops will roam the streets and bars of Whitehorse in search of offenders. The Kops themselves have been the butt of pranks over the years. Their portable jail, which is towed by a Keystone Kops paddy-wagon, has twice been found chained and padlocked to the ceiling of one of the hangers at the airport.

The Sourdough Rendezvous program will also include a display of Yukon native crafts, an 80-km cross-country snowmobile race, an ice fantasy, gambling and dancing. The Can-Can is performed by the Sourdough dancing girls.

A sourdough pancake breakfast, a flour-packing contest with contestants carrying up to 360 kg on their backs, men's and women's novelty snowshoe races, a junior one-dog pull, and a fly past, will all end with a huge parade.

Another interesting event will be the annual Meller Drammer, written each year by Robert L. Dunlap.

Themes have included a riverboat docked at Whitehorse, the first farm in the Yukon, and the first school for wayward girls in the Yukon. The play is traditionally set in the period of the 1898-99 Gold Rush.

Whitehorse, situated on the banks of the Yukon River 80 km above the 60th Parallel, is a bustling little city (population 11,215) surrounded by mountains, lakes and forests. The streets are wide and paved and, although facilities are modern, there is still much evidence of its pioneer origins.

Northern phone link-up

Every community in the Northwest Territories will have basic local and long-distance telephone service within five years, Minister of Communications Jeanne Sauvé announced recently.

Under the Northern Communications Assistance Program (NCAP) the Fed-