

Frightened Families Seek To Leave Aberfan Village

By Granville Watts
ABERFAN, Wales (AP) — Aberfan is still a place of fear. Frightened families are preparing to leave this small Welsh mining village, unable to live any longer under the threat of the killer coal slag heap that towers above.

The man-made mountain of coal waste slipped Oct. 21, engulfing a school and killed 144 persons, 116 of them children. A generation of youngsters was wiped out in the village of 5,000.

The heap slipped again last Thursday, following torrential rains, bringing fears of a fresh disaster.

As the families got ready to quit the place, bulldozers were brought in to slice the top off the slag heap to make it safer. Officials said 50,000 cubic yards of material would be taken from the top.

The action followed a statement last week at the tribunal in nearby Merthyr, which is investigating the disaster. The Tribunal opened last Tuesday and is expected to go on for six weeks.

PLEAS FOR PARENTS
 Lawyer Desmond Ackner, representing the bereaved parents of Aberfan, pleaded that terrified villagers should be housed elsewhere.

"The nightmare experience has clearly caused in the minds of a number an intense feeling of terror," he said. "In common

humanity, those persons who have that feeling and a desire to be temporarily housed out of Aberfan should be so housed with the utmost dispatch."

Rev. Kenneth Hayes, Baptist minister and chairman of the Aberfan Parents' Association, said at least 10 frightened families are ready to leave Aberfan immediately.

"But the number may be higher; we are getting new reports all the time," he added.

Mrs. Gough, who lost two children, aged 9 and 8, said: "There is no point in them saying 'there's no danger. We don't go to bed at night, worrying about it.'"

STRAIN TOO MUCH
 The people of Aberfan have borne their tragedy with fortitude, but for some the strain has become too much.

It was announced Saturday that sirens similar to those used for Second World War air

Chrysler-Rootes Talks Underway

LONDON (Reuters)—The directors of Rootes Motors said they are holding talks with Chrysler Corp. of the United States which may lead to a closer association between the two companies.

Earlier, £2,000,000 (\$8,000,000) was added to Rootes share market value on the strength of reports that Chrysler might be seeking to gain control of the British firm.

Monday night's statement from Rootes said no discussions were in progress or contemplated concerning an offer by Chrysler for any of Rootes ordinary shares.

Chrysler already owns about 45 per cent of Rootes voting shares and a majority of the non-voting shares following an investment of about £23,000,000 (\$93,000,000) in 1964.

Rootes' main products are Humber, Singer and Hillman cars.

raids would be sounded to warn residents of any new movements of the coal waste heap. Leaflets, delivered by police to householders, said: "This arrangement must be regarded as merely a precautionary measure and not an indication that any fear is felt about the safety of the area."

CHOOSE FREE HOME
 Loggerhead sponges on coral reefs serve as free apartments for small shrimp and sometimes house 16,000 in a single sponge.

SEA FINISHES WITH KNOCKOUT PUNCH

The wreck of the 12,831-ton Panamanian Xpantani lies broken in two on Long Sand Head off the Suffolk coast of England Tuesday. Recent severe gales finished a job the sea began on Nov. 17 when the ship was driven ashore. The new onslaught drove the ship further into the sands and broke it up. (AP Wirephoto by cable from London)

Hollywood Youth Battle Goes On For Three Weeks

By GENE HANDSAKER
HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Thousands of youths blocking street and sidewalks.

One dropping a lighted match into the diesel tank of a city bus. Others rocking occupied cars, climbing over them, breaking off auto antennas, throwing eggs, shouting obscenities.

Thus began three weekends ago the battle for the Sunset Strip. It has gone on, with variations, on Friday and Saturday nights since.

On one side are youngsters including what a police official calls "unwashed, long-haired, bearded, barefooted kooks." The majority, many of them shaven and well dressed, are considered only spectators—yet, an official notes, when they ignore police orders to disperse they become participants, too.

The kids have taken over the Sunset Strip, once the posh playground of movie stars and the wealthy folk who came to ogle them.

Now, says a coffee-house proprietor acting as the youngsters' spokesman, wealthy property owners are trying to push the bearded non-conformists and their long-haired chicks out of the area. Police say he's seeking publicity for his business.

Police have been rounding up curfew violators for months on the strip. Then why the sudden outbreak three weeks ago?

PROTEST BRUTALITY
 Police say it happened this way: Two youths were sitting in the coffee house, complaining of having nothing to do. One suggested, "we ought to protest police brutality," and the proprietor put up \$50 to get pamphlets printed announcing a protest rally.

Arrests total around 500—for loitering, disturbing the peace, malicious mischief, etc.

As an end to the turmoil is not in sight, for demonstrators protest more assembling if "grievances" are not rectified.

The Strip is 1½ miles—12 blocks—of Sunset Boulevard between Beverly Hills on the west and Hollywood on the east. In ritzy supper clubs of the '30s and '40s the Cadillac-and-mink crowd could spend \$100 for an

Indian Voting Set For Feb. 15

NEW DELHI (Reuters)—India's 242,000,000 voters will begin elections for a new Parliament and new state legislatures Feb. 15, it was announced.

The elections, for 521 members of the House of People and 3,488 representatives for local state legislatures, will last one week.

These will be the country's fourth general elections. In the previous three, the ruling Congress party won between 42 and 48 per cent of the votes and gained overwhelming majorities in both the (lower) House of People and the (upper) State House.

Only in the south Indian state of Kerala, where Communists won in 1957, has the Congress party ever been beaten at the polls.

But a tough fight is expected this time, with left and right opposition parties braced to oust the Congress party, already weakened by dissident members in its ranks.

The general elections will be followed May 5 by an election for president and vice-president of India.

Capital Investment In N.B. Is \$1 Billion In Four Years

FREDERICTON (CF)—Nearly \$1,000,000 in capital has been invested in the last four years to develop primary industry in New Brunswick.

The amount may seem trivial in times when a government agency is offering plums to big business to establish in "have-not" areas, but the quiet development taking place in the province is seen as significant.

The capital represents investments by the private sector of the economy in 30 new industries never before considered.

H. A. Fredericks of Fredericks, president of Atlantic Area Consultants, Ltd., and one of the men who helped develop the New Brunswick Industrial Development Corp. for Premier Louis Robichaud, heads a team of consultants who look for "gaps" in the economy.

Fifteen firms have emerged in the last four years as the result of feasibility studies by Atlantic Area Consultants and Mr. Fredericks says all are on their way to making a profit.

The firms, which have started up since 1962, employ 117 persons and have a ready market for their products, ranging from labels for clothing to hot-house vegetables, produced by a unique method by Lindsay Growers Ltd. of Lincoln, N.B.

TOMATOES AT CHRISTMAS
 The plant, capable of producing two crops a year, is typical of the "gaps" Atlantic Area Consultants are finding in their surveys. Using a polyvinyl substances instead of glass and peat moss and vermiculite instead of earth, the Linda Green - houses will have fresh tomatoes and other vegetables on the New Brunswick market during the Christmas season.

"One of our difficulties," said Mr. Fredericks, "is that we don't produce enough to feed ourselves."

He cited the green-house industry as an example of an area where there is room for growth. At least 12 more green-houses could be set up in the province without overloading the market.

Atlantic Area Consultants, a centennial project, wants to establish a new industry a month in the province during 1967 and Mr. Fredericks said the project is not "an unrealistic one."

The firm charges its clients a fee for the feasibility study.

Much of the initial financing in the new industries is done through the Industrial Development Bank.

SMALL PRINTERS TO RAISE FUND

CAMBRIDGE, England (Reuters)—Thousands of small printers are being asked to help raise money to keep one of 15th century printing pioneer William Caxton's most valuable manuscripts in Britain.

Dieffs, a New York publishing house, bought the manuscript—first half of a translation of Ovid's Metamorphoses—for £50,000 (\$270,000) in June.

But the government is withholding an export licence until Jan. 6 while ancient Magdalen College here—which has the other half of the work—tries to raise a similar sum and buy back the manuscript from Dieffs.

A Magdalen College spokesman said Friday the manuscript—reputedly in Caxton's handwriting—was a precious example of the English language in the formative days before Shakespeare and Marlowe and could not be studied properly if the two halves were on opposite sides of the Atlantic.

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Ungodliness Of Christmas Protested

OTTAWA (CP)—Nearly 2,000 years ago, Joseph and Mary travelled from Nazareth to their hometown of Bethlehem to be enrolled for possible taxation ordered by the Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus. This was shortly before the birth of their son, Jesus.

That journey was re-enacted during the weekend as a protest against the "over-commercialization and ungodliness" surrounding the Christmas season.

Draughtman Bernard D'Eon of Ottawa, led Philip Boileau, 12, and his nine-year-old sister, Sharon, dressed as Joseph and Mary, and a donkey along Montreal Road in nearby Eastview.

"People are fed up with the commercialism of Christmas," Mr. D'Eon said Monday in an interview. "What makes them angry is that such commercialism starts so blessed early."

He said he had wanted "to do something for Christmas for the last 10 years."

Mr. D'Eon said he plans three further demonstrations before Christmas and that the weekend display was well received.

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