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3-day blackout ends in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Electricity flowed downtown again Sunday after a three-day blackout that hid elevators in high-rises, thawed frozen food and shut down air conditioners during one of the hottest weeks in Seattle history.

Power was finally restored to much of the 50-block area Saturday night, but Seattle City Light asked customers to conserve power and not turn on air conditioners until two more fire-damaged cables could be repaired.

Three days without electricity had taken their toll.

"Too many problems, too many problems," Dae W. Kim said as he slowly began turning on the dozen

coolers in his grocery and deli. "I've got a headache."

About half the blacked-out area's customers began receiving power via four repaired feeder cables at 6:47 p.m. Saturday. More customers were hooked up overnight.

A fifth cable was expected to be fixed by Sunday evening, with the final cable repaired Monday, said Hugh McIntosh, spokesman for the city-owned utility.

Until then, many buildings will have only partial power, since they receive electricity from a combination of the cables, he said.

At the twin towers of the 875-room Westin Hotel, for example, full service was restored to the south

tower early Sunday, while the north tower remained on a generator, rented for \$6,200 a week, marketing director Dell Schooly said.

The six cables were destroyed Wednesday by an unexplained underground fire.

City Light Superintendent Randall Hardy said the fire apparently started in the City Light cables, in which power should have been cut off by automatic current limiters that act when a cable gets hot.

Electricity also continued to flow through a nearby Metro transit cable, powering electric trolleys, and that may have made the fire worse, he said.

When the power restoration be-

gan, patrols roamed the area to make sure no fires were triggered by equipment left switched on when outage began.

"It went very smoothly. I have reports of problems other than a sprinkler in the Battery Street tunnel," which apparently began dripping down the tunnel when it was tripped by the power surge, McIntosh said.

"We called the fire department and told them it was their problem."

Air conditioning was lost as temperatures soared to a September record of 98 degrees Friday and a record for the date of 92 on Saturday. Sunday dawned with a cool and a forecast high of only 80 to 85.

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Soviet cargo plane burns No. 2 engine in show, none hurt

FARNBOROUGH, England (AP) — A massive Soviet cargo plane aborted takeoff Sunday when flames shot from an engine 100 yards from spectators as Europe's top aviation event opened under the shadow of last week's West German air show disaster.

Soon after a Soviet MiG-29 fighter thrilled the crowd at the Farnborough Air Show with precision maneuvers, a blue-and-white Antonov-124, the world's heaviest aircraft, began its takeoff.

About 10,000 spectators stood by as a 20-foot sheet of flame shot out of the No. 2 engine.

A pilot cut the other engines and halted the nearly 450-ton aircraft of the Soviet Aeroflot state airline. No one was injured.

An official of the Soviet delegation at Farnborough said the Antonov-124 will fly again before the end of the week. The official, who

spoke on condition of anonymity, did not immediately give the cause of the mishap.

The Antonov, 227 feet long with a wingspan of 240 feet and a cargo bay 21 feet wide, was to have given daily demonstrations during the week-long Farnborough show, Europe's main aviation showcase.

Organizers stressed that Farnborough's safety regulations were stringent.

Their comments came after the Aug. 28 disaster at the U.S. Air Force base at Ramstein, West Germany. Three Italian jets collided during an aerobatics display at a Ramstein air show, and one of the crashing aircrafts hurtled in flames into the spectators, killing 51 and injuring more than 300.

On Sunday, two MiGs, the first advanced Soviet combat aircraft to take part in a Western display, took star billing.

Young families face depressed economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The benefits of an improved U.S. economy have bypassed young American families, who face an era of vanishing dreams, according to a new study by the Children's Defense Fund.

"America's young families are afflicted by an economic depression in the middle of our society's more general prosperity," fund president Marian Wright Edelman said in a statement.

"The question is not whether the economic glass for America's families is half empty or half full but rather, older families have a glass that is mostly full; the glass younger families hold is mostly empty," Edelman said.

In terms of constant dollars, the income of families with children, headed by an adult under age 30, fell by about one-fourth between 1973 and 1986, the study said.

As a result the poverty rate for such families nearly doubled, rising from 12 percent in 1973 to 22 percent in 1986, the study said.

New Census Bureau figures for

1987 were released last week and, while not identical to the Children's Defense Fund figures, they do tend to support that group's contentions.

The Census Bureau found that the 1987 poverty rate for children — ages 18 and under — was 20.0 percent, up from 14.2 percent in 1973. And younger families tended to have higher poverty rates than older ones, the Census figures showed.

Poverty rates for children, whether black, white or Hispanic, rose between 1973 and 1987, the figures showed.

"Our children and our young families are this nation's growing edge because we neglect them at our peril," Edelman said.

"These are the children on whom we must rely to be the workers, leaders, parents, taxpayers, soldiers and hope of the 21st century. We are getting them off to the worst possible start."

In the short term, the group called for passage of an increase in the minimum wage and the Act for Better Child Care to improve services for working parents.

World briefs

\$54 million won in Florida jackpot

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — There's a new multimillionaire somewhere out there, as only one Lotto ticket held the six numbers needed to win America's richest-ever lottery jackpot of \$54 million, officials said Sunday.

The winning \$1 ticket for Saturday night's drawing was purchased in Longwood, in central Florida, Lottery Secretary Rebecca Paul said. She declined to name the store until the winner steps forward.

The new millionaire — or millionaires, if several persons shared the ticket — has 180 days to claim the prize, which will be

doled out over 20 years. The earliest the prize can be claimed is Tuesday, after the Labor Day holiday.

The previous national record jackpot, \$51.4 million, was split by two California lottery players in June.

Officials had estimated Saturday's jackpot at \$52 million, but the last-minute frenzy of sales that sometimes topped 850 a second raised the total.

Saturday sales totaled 14.6 million tickets, and total weekly purchases were 44.78 million by the 11 p.m. drawing.

Former officer surrenders hostage

ST. LOUIS (AP) — An ex-police officer convicted in a pension fund scandal surrendered Sunday, 25 hours after taking the man who exposed the scam hostage on the 15th floor of an office building, police said.

Anthony D. Daniele, armed with an unidentified weapon, released John Frank, vice president of the city police board, early Sunday and gave up 10 hours later. A day before the standoff, Daniele was sentenced to eight years in prison.

Daniele, 39, who was once a member of the Police Department's

hostage-response team, was with his attorney when he surrendered, authorities said. He was taken to police headquarters.

A hostage-response team and dozens of officers who had surrounded the building had negotiated with Daniele, police spokesman Linda Hancock said.

Daniele's attorney, Donald Wolf, told radio station KMOX that Daniele gave up after an agreement was reached not to file any further charges against him. Hancock said she could not comment on that statement.

Yugoslavians protest harassment

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — About 70,000 Serbs and Montenegrins staged their largest rally so far to demand arms and protest alleged harassment by ethnic Albanians in Kosovo province.

Saturday's rally was in Smederevo, an industrial town about 25 miles downstream the Danube from Belgrade. About 20,000

Serbs have migrated to Smederevo from Kosovo since World War II.

Tensions recently have increased in Kosovo over allegations by non-Albanian citizens that they are being persecuted and forced to leave Yugoslavia's least developed region by the Albanians, who make up 90 percent of the population.

Soviets to stage military maneuvers

MOSCOW (AP) — Top Soviet military commanders will stage maneuvers in the Ukraine, Moldavia and the Black Sea this month to improve teamwork among the branches of the military, Tass said Sunday.

The official Soviet news agency said Defense Minister Dmitri T. Yazov will direct the maneuvers and that only a few troops will be used in the command post exercise, codenamed "Autumn-88." It will take place during the

second half of the month, Tass said.

"The exercise will be held for the purpose of polishing operational teamwork and cooperation of headquarters," Tass said, without elaborating.

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