

# EARTHQUAKE HURLS TIDAL WAVE ON JAPAN

## Water, Landslide Gulp Houses and Buildings; Yamashita Line Halved

### Tokyo Hit By Shock Center, Japan Admits

Production Unimpaired, Claim Made; Shipping Thought Heavily Struck

(By the Associated Press)

Radio Tokyo admitted today that the earthquake yesterday caused a tidal wave which covered houses with water, started a landslide and damaged buildings.

After almost a day of denials of major damage, the Japanese news agency Domei admitted that Tokyo was shaken and that a tidal wave inundated houses.

The Domei dispatch said: "The seismic center of the earthquake which hit the Tokyo district yesterday afternoon was in the Sea of Enshu."

The districts affected by the earthquake include Hamamatsu, Shizuoka, Nagano and their vicinities, where some damage was caused to dwellings.

"In Shizuoka prefecture (roughly 125 miles southwest of Tokyo) tidal waves caused some houses to be inundated, while in Nagoya damage was slight, with

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### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PATTON'S 3rd army takes the spotlight again, expanding its Saar river bridgehead and driving through the town of Saarlautern and DEEP INTO THE SIEGFRIED LINE DEFENSES.

The Saar region is rich in steel and coal. Every foot of ground the Germans yield there is given up because they CAN'T HOLD IT.

IN the Aachen-Cologne area, the war of attrition goes on.

Our supreme headquarters in Paris says our big WINTER offensive started off on November 16 at a rate costing the Germans 4,000 men daily in dead and "long-term casualties" and enemy casualties are estimated now to be running much heavier.

That's a serious drain on remaining German manpower—as it IS INTENDED to be.

THERE is again an intimation that OUR losses are heavy—maybe heavier than the Germans'. The military point is that we can afford heavier losses than the Germans—as Grant before Richmond could afford heavier losses than Lee.

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### Infantry Show Scheduled in Roseburg, Featuring Mimic Assault on Nippon Pillbox, Drawing Record Audiences

Glowing praise and commendation follows the showing of "Here's Your Infantry", the army ground forces show, which is to be presented in Roseburg Thursday, Dec. 14. Record crowds have attended the display and demonstration at every point and comments are that the show is a most convincing drama of the infantrymen's part in the war.

Cornoral Dick Keplinger, Fort Benning, Ga., advance agent for the show, was in Roseburg Thursday conferring with Al Bashford, local chairman, to check on details connected with preparations for the arrival of the army troupe Dec. 13.

The army convoy will arrive in Roseburg Wednesday evening and will set up a display of infantry weapons at the Roseburg army. This display will include all of the weapons used by the army ground forces. Visitors will be permitted to view the arms and equipment at close range.

The doors of the armory will be opened at 1 p. m. and the display will be maintained there until after 5 o'clock.

Demonstrations by infantry squads in battle formation will be held at the armory at 2 o'clock and at 3:30.

A most colorful and exciting demonstration will be held at 8 o'clock at Finlay field. The outdoor show, it was reported, will

### Superfortresses Blast Iwo Jima Base of Japs to Halt Their Raids on Saipan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—A sizable task force of B-29's dropped a "record load of bombs" on Iwo Jima, in the Japanese Bonin-Volcano islands yesterday.

The strike was in coordination with attacks by navy surface ships and other aircraft in an obvious effort to neutralize the airfields in the Volcano Islands from which the Japanese have launched raids on Saipan.

The Japanese base is 750 miles north of the Superfortress base at Saipan.

Bombing was done through heavy clouds without interference from either Japanese fighters or anti-aircraft, it was announced.

Iwo Jima is regarded as the likely takeoff point for ten Japanese bombers which raided 21st bomber command headquarters on Saipan Wednesday, destroying one Superfort and damaging two others.

### Maj. G. L. Griffith, Noted Sports Executive, Dies

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Intercollegiate athletics in general and the western conference in particular today had lost by death of one of their best known sports figures and staunchest supporters—Mal. John J. Griffith.

Maj. Griffith, 67 years old and for 22 years commissioner of the western conference, died suddenly last night in his office, a few hours after conference athletic directors had re-elected him to a five-year term.

A heart attack was given by physicians as the cause of death.

### Charge of Arson Faced By Volunteer Firemen

NEW CITY, N. Y., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Eight thrill seeking members of volunteer fire departments in and around Clarkstown, Manuet, and Spring Valley, some of them high school students, have been arrested charged with third degree arson. They, and others still to be questioned, are accused of having set some sixty woodland fires and twenty fires in buildings, for the thrill of riding fire apparatus and fighting the flames.

### Maj. Johnson of Eugene Bags 22nd Nippon Plane

A LEYTE AIR BASE, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Maj. Gerald Johnson, Eugene, Ore., set the pace yesterday as the U. S. 49th fighter plane group shot down 15 Japanese planes during a daylong battle on the west coast of Leyte.

Johnson bagged three Nip fighters in 90 seconds to bring his personal bag to 22. A fourth plane attacked by Johnson was believed to have crashed but was listed as a probable pending confirmation.

### Thief Twice Loots Milk Bottles of Coin

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Police are hunting for a thief who twice this week beat Mrs. Gerald Anderson's milkman to the back porch of her home.

On his first visit, the early rising robber took \$16.23 which Mrs. Anderson told Rogers park police she had left in a bottle for her milkman. Apparently not expecting a return visit, Mrs. Anderson said the \$23 she left in a similar place was gone before her milkman arrived.

### 3,000-Bed Navy Hospital Planned at Camp Adair

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The new navy hospital at Camp Adair will have 3,000 beds and accommodate ill and wounded navy personnel in both acute and convalescent stages.

Lt. J. W. O'Donnell, 13th naval district official who came here to make preliminary arrangements, said the staff of doctors, nurses, and attendants will number nearly 1,000. Most patients will be men whose homes are in the northwest.

O'Donnell did not disclose how soon the hospital would be opened.

### Oregon Townsends Ask for Pension Boost

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The state Townsends council announced here yesterday it would ask the legislature to increase the ceiling on old age pensions from \$40 to \$60 a month. The organization's bill to pay minimum \$60 pensions by enacting a 3 per cent gross income tax was defeated at the general election.

### Tabboo Taboo NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The United Seaman's service, which plans to give cats as Christmas presents for ships' crews, has notified 125 USS centers that mousers will be taboo as gifts for tankers or ammunition vessels.

The reason: static electricity generated by cat fur may cause explosions.

### Yankee 2nd Tramp 13-Ship Convoy

GENERAL MAC ARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 8.—(AP)—One American Superfortress bomber on a weather reconnaissance dropped incendiary bombs on Shizuoka, important Japanese rail center 100 miles southwest of Tokyo, early today.

The crew returning to their Saipan base reported their incendiaries started four fires visible for 45 minutes of flight from the target.

The surprise landing Thursday in Ormoc harbor, under the guns of destroyers and swarms of fighter planes, cut in half the heavily defended Yamashita defense line.

Coming on the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor the Ormoc attack was a bloody and grim reminder to the Japanese that American arms have grown powerful and lethal since that day which plunged the United States into war.

Another Convoy Erased This bold penetration of the Philippines inland seas to west Leyte, made while Yanks on east Leyte were hunting down and killing the bulk of 200 Japanese paratroopers bent on sabotage.

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### McKay Sells Drug Store in Roseburg, Buys at Sutherlin

R. L. Harris, proprietor of the Roseburg Pharmacy, located immediately south of the Deer Creek bridge, today announced completion of negotiations for the purchase of the Pioneer Drug store, owned and operated for the past 23 years by Harold D. McKay. McKay, in turn, reports purchasing the Robertson Drug store in Sutherlin from L. D. Robertson.

Mr. Harris will take possession of the Pioneer Drug store Christmas day and close the business temporarily for remodeling. Soon after the first of the year, he will move from his Deer Creek location and consolidate his present store with the stock of the Pioneer Drug store in the location at 241 N. Jackson St. The Pioneer Drug store was started in 1854 by the late Dr. S. Hamilton and has been in its present location and an adjoining building, since it was first opened.

Mr. Harris plans complete remodeling of the interior and will reopen with a thoroughly modernized business.

Mr. McKay reports he plans to keep his residence in Roseburg during the school year, but after the close of school will move to his ranch at Wilbur. He will take possession of the Robertson Drug store at Sutherlin Jan. 1.

### Markets Reopen Under Revised Price Ceilings

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Nine meat markets, closed for the past two weeks in protest against OPA price ceilings on beef, reopened today on a trial basis under the new price schedule.

Dealers have contended the new price ceilings made their sales unprofitable.

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## Yanks Knife Deeper Into Saar



MISSING IN ACTION — Sgt. Millard Rietmann, 21, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rietmann of Sutherlin, has been reported missing in France since Oct. 14. Millard has been overseas with the 104 inf. of a Yankee division for two months. He was stationed in Georgia before being sent across. His twin, Cpl. Willard Rietmann, is in central Pacific theatre, and has been overseas for 10 months. Another brother is with the merchant marine. One sister and two brothers reside with the parents in Sutherlin. Also a sister, Marlis Vang, resides at 810 Hoover St., Roseburg. Millard is well known in Sutherlin, having resided there before entering the service.

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### Cigaret Gouge, Minus Tax, Halted by Police

SPOKANE, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Cigarets went up here yesterday in price as well as smoke. Police reported they had arrested a 30-year-old waitress on charge of selling smokes without paying the state tax.

Her price, said the officers, was \$3 per carton. Her source of "smokes" was allegedly a soldier who bought at army post prices and wholesales at \$2 a carton.

### House Denies Funds to Operate Mine Laboratory

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The house of representatives refused today to appropriate \$160,000 for operation of the recently built mining laboratory at Albany, Ore.

Representative Ellsworth asked for the appropriation as an amendment to the supplemental appropriation bill, but it was rejected by a 50 to 31 standing vote.

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### Churchill Defends British Intervention in Greek Mess As Athens Strife Continues

LONDON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The house of commons gave the Churchill government a vote of confidence today.

The vote was 279 to 30. Simultaneously British Ambassador Halifax announced in Washington that the American and British governments had achieved an understanding on the Greek and Italian issue—without defining the "understanding" further.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill staked the fate of his government today on a defense of British intervention in Greece and Italy, and declared all Britain wants in liberated countries "is governments which will guarantee us the necessary security for our lines of communication."

Upholding the use of tanks and troops against left-wing forces in Greece, Churchill said Britain acted to insure that gangsters did not "descend from the mountains and install themselves with all their bloody terror and vigor in power."

As for a American-supported Count Carlo Sforza, Churchill told commons Britain simply did not trust him "nor would we put the slightest confidence in any government of which he is a dominant factor."

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The slain girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lindstrom, now are residents of Salem, Ore.

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### Patton's 3rd Now 8 Miles Inside Reich

Two Russian Armies Closing Their Pincers On Hungary's Capital

ATHENS, Dec. 8.—(AP)—British patrols in tanks and armored cars pushed out from Athens today to meet 700 insurgent ELAS militia-men advancing on the Greek capital, where general firing was resumed.

Clearing skies broke the... overnight lull in the civil strife.

From heavy machinegun positions atop the royal palace and captured communist headquarters, British parachute troops covered patrols fanning out through the wooded park behind and east of the palace.

The ELAS strategy appeared to be to bring up forces from the southeast suburbs around back of the royal palace to re-force insurgents engaging a Greek mountain brigade barracks to the northwest. Reserves also were reported coming in from the northwest to join the engagement.

ATHENS, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Fighting continued on a much reduced scale in Athens today as Greek leftist resistance faded before British patrols spreading out from the center of the city in a steady rain.

Snipers were reported giving considerable trouble in some residential areas.

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### Layton Executed In Gas Cell For Murder of Girl

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Protesting his innocence until poison gas reached his nostrils, Richard Harry Layton died in the lethal gas chamber today for the rape-slaying of 17-year-old Ruth Hillebrand in June, 1943.

Layton, former Monmouth police officer, was the seventh man to die in this chamber, and the first to expire insisting he was innocent. The execution was witnessed by 75 persons.

The Rev. S. Raynor Smith, prison chaplain entered the chamber with the condemned man. Likewise he spent the night with him. He said Layton was not afraid—had never been afraid. He ate a fried chicken dinner last night, and a few minutes before entering the death chamber was given soft-boiled eggs.

His mother and father, residents of Monmouth, spent more than an hour with him yesterday, and a sister saw him the day before.

Layton was convicted of raping the Hillebrand girl on a bank of the Willamette river near Wells landing in Folk county. The spot is known locally as "Lovers' Lane." The state charged that he gave her a ride from Rickreaf, attacked her, and knocked her into the river.

When police investigations led to Layton, they found him in jail at Hillsboro, accused of assaulting a Washington county girl.

### Dr. G. L. Nicholas Will Relocate in Roseburg

Dr. George L. Nicholas, veterinarian at Roseburg for many years, who moved recently to Lakeview, where he purchased a general merchandise store to be operated while serving also as veterinarian for a large stock-raising concern, is preparing to return to Roseburg to reside, according to a letter received this morning by Harold McKay of the Pioneer Drug store.

Dr. Nicholas reports the higher altitude at Lakeview affects the health of Mrs. Nicholas, forcing their removal from that community. He plans, he states, to construct an animal hospital in or near Roseburg.

### Roosevelt Names 2 More As State Dept. Aides

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today signed legislation creating two new assistant secretaries of state, then nominated James C. Dunn and Brig. Gen. Julius C. Holmes for the posts.

Dunn, of New York, has been serving in the state department as chief of the division of European affairs.

Holmes, of Kansas, has been assistant to the army chief of staff at supreme allied headquarters in charge of political affairs.

WITH U. S. THIRD ARMY, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Fort Driant, near Metz, which successfully resisted attack several weeks ago, fell to the Americans today.

(By the Associated Press) American artillery hammered Saarbrücken ceaselessly today as U. S. Third army forces pushed a steel ar against the Saarland capital, driving 11 miles into the Siegfried line and biting into Forbach, French town 3 1/2 miles southwest of the city.

Northwest of Saarbrücken Lt. Gen. Patton's troops welded three bridgeheads across the Saar river at Saarlautern. Three miles above Saarlautern, Patton's crossing of the river reached the Pachtener-Buchwald forest eight miles inside Germany, his deepest penetration of the reich thus far.

Infantry broke into Furstenhausen, 4 1/2 miles west and Grand Roselle six miles northwest of Saarbrücken. Nine miles south-east of the Saar capital, the Germans clung to a third of the French border city of Saarguemines east of the river. But American infantry was beating up from captured Etting, seven miles to the southeast, and the German position at Saarguemines became increasingly precarious.

The Germans on the allied northern flank appeared to be preparing to fall back on the Colmar salient, almost to the Rhine for an all-out stand.

On the southern sector of the western front U. S. Seventh army forces pushed north on a 35-mile front west of the Rhine, reaching Encheberg, seven miles below the Saar border and 43 miles west of Bitch, Marinet line town.

Other Seventh army units surged northward.

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### King Given Vote Of Confidence on Draft Proposal

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Canadian parliament gave Prime Minister King a decisive vote of confidence today in a move endorsing his decision to conscript troops for replacements in Europe and apparently burying the nation-splitting conscription issue for the duration of the war.

The vote was 143 to 70, with nationally opposed to conscription for fighting overseas, dividing to give the government a measure of support regarded as a personal triumph for the veteran prime minister.

After an eloquent pleas for unity by King, 21 members from the French-speaking province of Quebec and from other French-speaking constituencies abandoned the historic French-Canadian position and voted for the government, including the five Quebec cabinet ministers. Thirty-six Quebec and other French-speaking members voted against the government.

The vote climaxed a 38-day crisis over the conscription issue during which the ancient racial cleavage between English and French Canada had burst emotionally into one of the most threatening situations in the dominion's modern history.

### Gilliam County Exceeds Quota on E War Bonds

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Gilliam county joined Sherman today in the ranks of Oregon counties which have exceeded their E bond goal.

Meanwhile lagging E bond sales were boosted in Portland by a victory center sale of a carton of cigarettes to every purchaser of a \$50 bond. The method, declared an illegal tie-in sale by the national OPA, sold some \$250,000 worth of bonds.

Another Pearl Harbor anniversary scheme started elevator and streetcar riders. At intervals operators stopped still, turned to occupants and demanded "buy that bond today!"

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SUPPLIES THAT JAPS SAID WE COULDN'T DELIVER—LST's, under General MacArthur's command, nose up to Leyte island beach to discharge their huge cargoes of ammunition and supplies in an unending stream at the end of a world-girdling supply line that the Japs claimed we never could maintain. A look at this picture should prove disheartening to the sons of Nippon, should picture graphically to every U. S. citizen the vast amount of material necessary to keep our invasion armies going. Photo by Thomas L. Shafer, NEA-Acme photographer for picturepool.

**Levity Fact Rant**  
By L. F. Retzsch

The earthquake that scourged Japan shows that even the favored Son of Heaven can incur the wrath of his Father.