

# HUNDREDS DIE WHEN QUAKE ROCKS JAPAN

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Light rain tonight and Sunday.

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## Tidal Wave, Fire Increase Destruction

500 Fishing Boats Lost, 28,000 Dwellings Either Destroyed or Damaged

TOKYO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A violent earthquake—possibly the world's heaviest—and the severe tidal wave it erupted off Wakayama Peninsula today wrecked death and destruction over more than 50,000 square miles of Southern Japan.

U. S. Army and Japanese sources released these fragmentary reports:  
500 Japanese dead.  
612 Japanese injured.  
42 Japanese and one British occupation soldier missing.  
4,500 homes destroyed.  
9,044 homes heavily damaged.  
14,000 dwellings flooded.  
500 fishing vessels destroyed.

Kushimoto, a fishing town of 10,000 on the southern tip of Wakayama Peninsula—at the southeastern tip of Honshu—was reported washed away by seven foot waves.

Fire destroyed one third of Shingu, on the east coast of Honshu, and U. S. Army fliers said flames still were visible there this afternoon.

The temblor was recorded at 4:20 A. M. (11:20 A. M., Friday, PST). Slight tremors followed about every half hour.

Osaka, Japan's second largest city, reported 14 killed, heavy property damage and water three feet deep in some sections.

The famous cities of Kyoto and Nara, both former Japanese capitals near Osaka, appeared to have escaped any but minor damage. Both escaped bomb damage during the war.

The U. S. military government said Osaka has five days food rations for 50,000 people. Large quantities of imported grain recently were released to Japanese at Kobe. Authorities said they considered the food situation good at both places.

However, U. S. Military officials said it may be necessary to supply rickety areas on the Wakayama Peninsula by boat because of communications disruptions.

Although concern was expressed (Continued on Page Six)

## Death Bans 4th Term For Georgia's Talmadge

### Stormy Life Comes to End At Age of 62

Successor in Office as Governor Now Question; Arnall May Stay on Job

ATLANTA, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Eugene Talmadge, newly elected governor of Georgia, died today less than a month before his scheduled fourth inauguration.

The 62-year-old champion of white supremacy succumbed quietly at a hospital where he had lain in a coma since last night.

Death of the governor-elect before taking office—unprecedented in Georgia—presaged a bitter political fight for the governorship. Authoritative sources said the constitution appeared to require continuance in office of Talmadge's political foe, youthful Ellis Arnall, possibly until another governor is elected four years hence.

Sources high in Talmadge councils, however, said the legislature—also by constitutional provision—had the right to name an alternate governor, and forecast election of Talmadge's son, Herman. If Arnall should refuse to surrender office, these sources said, impeachment proceedings would follow.

There is no precedent in the state, but the constitution provides the governor shall remain in office until his successor is qualified and elected. The legislature which meets in January for (Continued on Page Six)



WHEN TALMADGE WAS HAPPY—Above photo shows 'Gene' Talmadge, at left, receiving the news by radio of his victory at the election this year for his fourth term as governor of Georgia. With him and sharing in joy at the returns is Roy Harris, one of Talmadge's campaign aides and former speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives.

## Traffic Snarled By Icy Weather

(By the Associated Press)

Snow, sleet, rain and fog tangled streets and road traffic, halted air travel and slowed rail transportation in many sections of the East, South and Middle West today.

Icy road surfaces and poor visibility caused many highway accidents, and the season's first sizable snowstorm yesterday reduced vehicle movement to a snail's pace in New Jersey.

Newark, N. J., reported the worst traffic jam in history, with a normal one-hour crosstown bus trip taking four hours.

There were heavy falls of snow in Northern New York State and parts of New England and freezing rains in other areas as a band of precipitation extended westward from the Atlantic Coast to Southern Wisconsin. Temperatures in many areas dropped to below freezing but no sub-zero readings were reported. No new cold wave was predicted for any section of the country.

Snow falls were general throughout New York State, ranging from four to eight inches in the northern section and two inches in the New York City metropolitan area. The snow turned to sleet in New York, snarling traffic and resulting in two deaths. Rain was forecast today.

## Survivors of Bus Crash Dead to Get Yule Money

SPOKANE, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Dependents of the Spokane basic-pass bus crash last June, and six other players injured in the accident, will receive checks amounting to \$114,805.25 as Christmas presents. Individual payments will range from \$11,910.18 to \$3,374.68.

Of the total, \$24,257.27 was raised in the Spokane area while the remainder came from benefit games and donations in other parts of the nation.

It then cautions: "But a policy of DRIFTING in those years, or of being content with less than nationwide high production, could bring on a subsequent period of SERIOUS unemployment."

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE new "council of economic advisers" created by the employment act passed early this year makes its first report to the President.

It is extraordinarily interesting.

THE report asserts that the long-time outlook for jobs and production is "more than ordinarily favorable."

There MAY be a temporary "dip" in 1947, the report says, but it adds: "Courageous and sensible action by business and labor CAN hold this recession to moderate proportions" and could avert it entirely.

THE report goes on:

"After 1947's possible recession, broad, basic conditions suggest that it will be EASY to have some years of high production, employment and purchasing power without the display of any extraordinary economic statesmanship by leaders of industry, labor, farming and finance."

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## Money Gift From Klamath High Students Cheers Family That Lost Its Home by Fire

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Students of Klamath Union High School yesterday handed a surprise Christmas gift of \$500 to Henry V. Munday, hero of a fire last weekend in which the Munday family lost their home and most of their belongings.

Munday, who rescued his 5-year-old daughter, Virginia, from the burning house, suffered severe burns on his body and legs.

The 29-year-old logger broke out into a sweat on his hospital cot and was so overcome with emotion he could hardly speak as the student body officers made the presentation, saying High School students hoped the gift would help to make it a happier Christmas for the Munday family.

When the fire broke out in the Munday house in the suburbs last Sunday morning, Munday helped his wife and 2-year-old

daughter, Lyndelle, through the window of their bedroom. He then rushed to the smoke-filled room where Virginia was sleeping. He felt the bed, found it empty, and began crawling about the room, feeling the floors and walls and calling out.

He found the little girl crouching in a corner, so frightened she could not answer his frantic calls.

The money given the fire-victimized family came out of regular student body funds, which accumulated from student body ticket sales and profits from various school activities. No tax funds were involved.

## AFL Sawmill Union Wins Pay Increase; CIO Considering

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—(AP)—An agreement providing wage increases of 15 cents an hour for approximately 16,000 Oregon and Washington sawmill workers was signed here last night by labor and management representatives ending negotiations that have been under way since August 5.

The new scale, which boosts the basic hourly wage from \$1.16 to \$1.25, will become effective as of December 15 when it is accepted by union locals and individual firms. Amount of the increase was determined at a meeting of negotiating committees from the Puget Sound district Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers (AFL) and the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee, Inc.

At the same time, meeting at Portland, the CIO International Woodworkers of America and employer negotiators agreed to submit the same figure to their groups, with the starting date retroactive to Dec. 1. It affects approximately 21,000 workers in the two states.

A spokesman for the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee said the negotiation agreements now cover all fir operations in Oregon and Washington except for a few small ones not members of the employer groups.

The plan industry is reported to have negotiation meetings set but no agreements have yet been reached.

## Big Power Veto Issue Not Settled

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Delegates to the United Nations atomic energy commission disagreed today over whether they had approved a United States proposal to eliminate the big power veto on punishment for violations of atomic energy control.

This was a major point in the United Nations atomic control plan which was approved "in principle" yesterday by the commission and it appeared at first that the controversial issue had been decided finally—although without the approval of Soviet Russia.

Members of the U. S. delegation hailed the commission's action as a complete victory for Bernard M. Baruch, 76-year-old sponsor of the American proposal, but it became clear today that the question of the veto on punishment as well as some other points in the Baruch plan still faced a bitter fight.

There was no indication that Russia's firm opposition to any limitation of her veto rights had changed.

Meanwhile, it was generally recognized that any plan which could not gain Russian approval was doomed in advance, because Russia could wield the veto on the plan itself in the Security Council, which must approve the proposed treaty.

## Clerks Nab Ex-Convict After Robbery of Store

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Two shoe store clerks yesterday chased and caught a gunman who a few moments before had forced another clerk to hand him \$90 from the cash register.

Detective C. H. Robertson said he was identified by a selective service card as Albert L. Armstrong 43, Walla Walla, who has a record of imprisonment in the Oregon penitentiary for a Multnomah County assault and robbery and a term in the Washington state prison for a King County grocery store holdup.

The clerks making the capture, Oliver Dobie and Dick Rice, returned him to the store and called police.

## Officers Not Fooled as Thieves Use Yule Trees

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Three men with a truckload of Christmas trees outside a Greenwich Village clothing store early today didn't look like Santa Claus and his helpers to Detectives John O'Neill and Thomas Tyrell.

While the detectives watched, the men broke into the store and removed \$1,500 worth of clothing which they carefully stuffed beneath their innocent looking Christmas trees.

The detectives shot and captured one man but the other two escaped.

## Los Angeles Top Buyer Of Oregon Products

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The good neighbor policy applies with California. The Chamber of Commerce reported a survey showed Los Angeles bought \$46,074,926 worth of Oregon goods last year—more than from any other state except California itself.

## Youth Training Plans Stated For Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Recommendations on universal youth training—going into and beyond the military field—will be laid before President Truman by an advisory group in time for Congress to be informed during the next session.

Dr. Karl T. Compton, head of the committee chosen by Mr. Truman, urged the members to follow the idea of "insuring the continuation of our form of government," said the report likely will be ready late in March.

The group, designated as the president's advisory commission on universal training, was told by Mr. Truman that "the military phase is incidental to what I have in mind." He said he wanted young people informed on what the government stands for, and its responsibilities.

Dr. Compton told reporters that "any adequate program must recognize the fact that the nation's security depends not only on its military strength but also the physical, spiritual, religious and moral fiber of its young men. All these aspects will have equal emphasis," he added.

Mr. Truman observed that great republics in history have failed when their people became "prosperous and fat and lazy and were not willing to assume their responsibilities."

He called for the adoption of universal training as the best assurance for the continuation of the republic.

Mr. Truman said that the modern nation "no longer depends solely upon the Army and Navy for its protection."

"I want our young people to be informed what this government (Continued on Page Six)

## Bethlehem Mayor Sends Greetings

BETHLEHEM, Palestine, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The mayor of Bethlehem, who looks almost exactly the way Santa Claus should look, says he expects the greatest throng in history to visit this birthplace of Jesus Christ on Christmas eve.

Mayor Issa Bandak—short, round, ruddy and white-haired descendant of Arabs and medieval crusaders—said last night he expected nearly 30,000 persons in the city Tuesday night, including about 15,000 British soldiers and nearly as many more other persons from Jerusalem and other places in Palestine.

Recalling his visit 16 years ago to the United States and in particular to Bethlehem, Pa., Mayor Bandak declared:

"The people of Bethlehem and myself will appreciate it if you send this message from us. The old Bethlehem of light sends its sincerest greetings to the Bethlehem of America and all other Americans from the birthplace of Christianity. As Christianity is the true light which has no limits, we hope all nations appreciate those high principles of Christianity which will work together for peace and prosperity."

## Plane With Three Men Missing From Troutdale

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—The Civil Air Patrol today offered 15 planes in a search for two mechanics and the plane which they unexpectedly flew away from the Troutdale airport yesterday.

The men, Clarence J. Bauer, 27, and Willard Chase, 22, the latter a licensed pilot, were employed by Western Skyways at the landing field 12 miles east of here.

John P. Miffin, company vice-president, said normally they would have finished work at midnight. They stayed through the early morning hours yesterday until 4:30 A. M. Then they, and a single-engine, two-place trainer disappeared.

Another mechanic reported the plane headed up the Columbia River gorge. Two Western Skyways planes searched that area yesterday without success.

## Assault Victim Loses Unlucky Sum of Money

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Irvin L. Seman, Portland, was critically injured early today in an assault which he was able to describe only in part to police.

He said he had left a night club, then was robbed and beaten by unidentified assailants. They got \$13.

Police said Seeman appeared to have been hit on the head with a bottle and one eye was partly gouged from its socket.

## Wolf Creek Training Camp's Dining Hall Destroyed by Fire

Fire believed to have started near the kitchen range completely leveled the large dining hall at Wolf Creek Training Camp on Little River yesterday afternoon, Forest Ranger George W. Churchill reported today.

Ten minutes after the fire started, it was racing through the building and defying the attempts of fire fighters to extinguish the flames. The mess hall, kitchen, and a vegetable storage building were razed. Other buildings in the camp were endangered.

The pumper unit of the Associated Plywood Mills (formerly Eugene Plywood) camp on Little River came in answer to an alarm. Water sprayed by the pump on the barracks and storage buildings in the camp saved them from possible destruction by the fire, Churchill said.

Fire fighters from the plywood company camp worked under the direction of Paul Bartle.

Loss Around \$10,000

Formerly a C. C. C. camp, the Wolf Creek Training Camp is presently occupied by an eight-man crew of the Helitz Construction Company, contractors for the Little River access road program. The company is in a winter shut-down now. Its normal crew would number more than 20 men, Churchill said.

Mrs. Rexwood, assistant cook, was on duty in the kitchen when the fire occurred. She told the fire fighters that the blaze might have been started by a falling stove pipe.

Churchill estimated that the replacement cost of the mess hall would approximate \$10,000. The building, although old, had been "pretty well renovated" by the Helitz Construction Company.

## Controls Eased to Help School Needs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The office of temporary controls ordered its first relaxation of non-housing construction restrictions under the new housing program yesterday to permit building of urgently needed primary and junior high school facilities.

The civilian production administration division of OTC said the new policy will permit construction of new school buildings if present classroom facilities are insufficient to allow full instruction for a school's enrollment in a one day session.

Heretofore, CPA said, it generally approved such building only if available facilities were insufficient even when two complete sessions were held in the same school daily.

The agency added that it generally cannot approve applications for school building "if alternative facilities can be found within reasonable distance, if enrollment has increased less than 25 per cent since 1940, or if other space within a school building can be utilized."

## Fires 20 Minutes Apart Claim Aged Man and Baby

SEDRÖ-WOOLLEY, Wash., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Double tragedy struck at Sedro-Woolley and the Clear Lake community yesterday morning as an aged man and an infant burned to death in fires within 20 minutes of each other.

William H. Elliott, 83, was trapped in his home and died in the blaze which destroyed the rambling farm structure at Clear Lake.

Bobbie Ford, 9-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ford, Sedro-Woolley, died in his crib in a bedroom adjoining the kitchen of the Ernest Furman home. The firmans were Bobbie's grandparents.

## Utility District Plan in Polk Scheduled for Vote

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—East Polk County will vote Feb. 6 on the proposal to create a peoples utility district in that area, the State Hydroelectric Commission announced today.

The proposed area, 104 square miles, would exclude the cities of Dallas and Monmouth, but would include Independence. Five directors will be elected if the plan is approved.

## Appropriation Sought For Alcoholics Clinic

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The coming legislative session will be asked to approve a biennial appropriation of \$114,710 to set up a state clinic for rehabilitation of alcoholics.

The State Liquor Control Commission made this a certainty yesterday by voting in favor of the clinic.

## Bilbo Ex-Aide May Be Cited For Contempt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Attorneys for the Senate war investigating committee said today they have asked for authority to file contempt charges against Edward P. Terry, former secretary of Senator Theodore Bilbo (D-Miss.).

The action is based on Terry's refusal to tell the committee what became of \$15,000 which he said a New Yorker gave him to use against Bilbo in the Mississippi election this year.

Committee counsel must obtain permission of President pro tem McKellar (D-Tenn.) and then pass the contempt complaint along to the federal district attorney here for presentation to a grand jury.

Penalties for contempt of the senate range up to a year in jail and \$1,000 fine.

Chairman Mead (D-N. Y.) directed George Meader, counsel for the committee, also to push a perjury charge against Terry.

The former secretary testified he got the \$15,000 from Simon Liberman of New York to back any opponent who could defeat Bilbo this year.

Death Bars Falseness

Unable to find such an opponent, Terry said, he then was told to give the funds to anyone who opposed Bilbo in the run-off primary. But Bilbo mustered a majority over his four opponents in the first primary and there was no run-off. So, Terry said,

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## Rain Will Usher in Old Man Winter

Old Man Winter is scheduled to arrive in Roseburg shortly after 5 o'clock tomorrow morning, December 22. He will be ushered in with light rain, according to the prediction of Weatherman J. C. McCallister.

The rainfall predicted for the first day of winter in Roseburg will mean increasing temperatures during the coming week, McCallister said. Temperatures this week have been near or below the freezing point.

Fog blanketed the city this morning. The fog was also reported by other weather stations from California to Washington, the weatherman stated.

A report from Seattle today indicated that heavy fog has cloaked that city for several days. Thursday night it was so heavy that vehicular traffic was slowed because of the low visibility.

Sgt. Paul Morgan of the state police reported at 11 o'clock this morning, a "serious" accident at 11 mile. He also had the report of a traffic mishap at Kelly's Corner. Details of the accidents had not yet been learned. Sgt. Morgan attributed them, however, to the possibility of low visibility resulting from the fog.

## Truman Names 3 Judges For Tribunal in Germany

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—President Truman today appointed three American judges to serve on a military tribunal established by the military governor for the United States occupation zone in Germany to try major war criminals.

He named Walter B. Beals, chief justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington; Harold J. Sebring, associate justice of the Florida Supreme Court, and Johnson Tal Crawford, judge of a state district court of Oklahoma, as the members. Victor Swearingen, former special assistant to the attorney general, was chosen alternate member.

## Pay Dispute May Cost Redmond Coach, Teacher

REDMOND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Redmond High School is threatened with the loss of its coach, Gene Langley, and an instructor, Floyd L. Bond, over a salary controversy.

Each is demanding a \$75 monthly increase and a \$500 bonus. Langley now is getting \$3,000 a year and Bond \$2,700.

A group of citizens said they would finance the coach's demand themselves in order not to hurt the hoop squad's chances.

The school board said it offered the men \$80 increases.

Inn Damaged by Fire

AGATE BEACH, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Agate Beach Inn, widely known resort hotel, was damaged by fire yesterday but all guests' belongings were saved.

J. T. Tatum, manager of the 41-room structure built in 1912, said damage was about \$3,000.

## Rival China Heads Again Spurn Peace

PEIPING, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Clanking weeks of political bickering, Chinese government and Communist leaders today declared full scale resumption of civil war is imminent.

Gen. Li Tsung-jen, director of Chiang Kai-shek's Peiping headquarters, said government armies would resume the offensive if the Communists continue to disregard Chiang's cease fire order.

Six weeks ago, in a truce bid, Chiang ordered his forces to end their offensives. The Communists, demanding a restoration of territories seized by the government since an oft-violated Jan. 13 truce, immediately attacked in several areas.

In Yenan, the Communists' chief negotiator, Chou En-Lai, told Associated Press Correspondent John Roderick:

"The Communists will launch an all out strategic offensive if the government persists in its refusal to follow the interparty conference last January and fails to return troops to their Jan. 13 positions."

Gen. Li accused the Communists of stalling "to gain time in which to extend their sphere of influence over the country."

## Bombed British, German Cities Plan Greetings

HAMBURG, Germany, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Coventry and Hamburg, two bomb-blasted cities, will exchange Christmas greetings of "forgiveness and rebirth."

The provost of Coventry, an English city so hard hit by German bombs that a new verb was coined from its agony, will address a message to Hamburg—target of the RAF night after night raids.

Through radio Hamburg, relayed by BBC, will come the reply from Pastor Bernhard Meckemburg, a Roman Catholic priest imprisoned in Dachau for nearly three years.

## Levity Fact Rent

By L. F. Reinhardt

The social distinction between piebald chickens and aristocratic turkeys has at last won formal recognition. Chickens prepared for consumers are still 'drawn'. Turkeys prepared for the same purpose are now 'viscerated'.