

Italian Village Doesn't Exist After Big Tidal Wave Of Death

(Continued From Page 1) Men working at the dam, said a small landslide fell into the artificial lake two months ago, sending a small wave over the edge. He added that tests made at the time showed that a large landslide like Wednesday night's could cause a major disaster. Petrini said a number of large rocks fell into the lake Wednesday afternoon.

"It was a warning, but nobody understood," he said. "We were even joking that sooner or later Longarone was going to have a bath. We never thought..."

The 200-foot-wide gorge that leads downstream from the dam enters the Piave Valley at right angles. The water came out of the gorge "like it was coming from a high pressure hose," one witness said, and splashed on the wall on the other side before roaring down the valley.

The huge dam, 50,000 tons of concrete as high as an 86-story building, was built several years ago by the Adriatic Electric Society to catch rain water. This is

the first year that officials have let the water build up behind the dam.

Nearly 150 million tons of water were believed unleashed by the disaster, and mountains on their side kept the tidal wave spreading or losing momentum as it swept down the valley.

Mario Lavader, secretary of commune of Longarone, said "Longarone doesn't exist any more. It was completely canceled and in its place there is only a mass of mud."

"We were awakened by the rumble of the water and everybody ran out into the streets," he said.

These are other villages along the Piave River that were hit by the flood.

U.S. Army units stationed at bases in Verona, Vicenza, and other north Italian towns sent helicopters, medical corpsmen and medical supplies into the stricken area in response to a request from Italian authorities.

Although the main wave unleashed by the slide was steadily lessening in intensity, police warned people away from the river all the way down to its mouth northeast of Venice.

—January, 1959. A dam went out at Vega de Tera, Spain, flooding the village of Rivadela and killing 144 persons, half of them children.

—December, 1959. France's Malpasat Dam broke, flooding the French city of Frejus and killing 421 persons.

—March, 1960. The dam at Ores, Brazil, broke, and its waters killed more than 1,000 persons.

—March, 1961. A dam broke outside of Kiev, Russia, killing 145 persons.

—July, 1961. A dam in central Korea broke, killing at least 250 persons.

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Alabama Racial Situation Moves Toward Crises

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI)—Birmingham's troubled racial situation moved toward the crisis stage again today with the rejection of Negro desegregation demands by city officials.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other Negro leaders had given the city two weeks to hire 25 Negro policemen and begin talks aimed at upgrading city employment of Negroes or face a resumption of racial demonstrations.

Mayor Albert Boutwell and the City Council Wednesday night turned down the ultimatum, presented in a registered letter from the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth.

Councilman John Golden said the letter represented "a gun at our heads and I resent it."

Boutwell said "I have never dignified any of these frantic messages and demands with a reply or answer."

King and Shuttlesworth said a massive desegregation campaign would begin in two weeks if the demands were not met. They said if the city showed signs before the deadline that the demands would not be met, demonstrations would begin immediately.

King led a month-long drive here last spring that brought more than 2,500 arrests and saw racial tension reach the boiling point. He said "higher and more determined" protests could follow, and threatened a huge civil rights march.

Three white men with Ku Klux Klan backgrounds were free on appeal bonds here after conviction on misdemeanor charges of illegal dynamite possession.

In a brief hearing Wednesday R. E. Chambliss, 59, and John Hall, 36, were fined \$100 and sentenced to 180 days in jail for dynamite possession the night a Negro lawyer's home was bombed.

The previous day Charles Cagle, 22, received a similar sentence.

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Myrtle Creek School Board Has Two Vacant Positions

At Wednesday night's meeting of the Myrtle Creek School Board, members were informed that two vacancies will need to be filled on the budget board.

According to Lorraine Birenbaum, correspondent, one will be the one-year unexpired term of

Automobile Pins Lad Seven Hours

HOUSTON (UPI) — Donald Vlashek heard the braces giving way and tried frantically to get out from under the car that was settling down on top of him in a garage.

The University of Houston student felt the rear axle against the side of his head and the full weight of the vehicle slowly pinned his skull to the concrete floor Tuesday night.

For more than seven hours, the 21-year-old former high school football player screamed and banged the side of the car with his arms. No one heard him.

"I thought I was dead," Vlashek said later.

Finally, his brother Travis Vlashek, came into the garage early Wednesday morning and found him — still conscious.

"When we found him he was so hoarse from screaming you could hardly hear him," the brother said. "Donald said in a very calm manner to get the keys and open the trunk and jack the car up. His ear was hurting him so we had to be careful."

Travis, another brother, Forrest, 23, and the father, Frank Vlashek, raised the car, freeing Donald.

Doctors at a Houston Hospital where he was taken said Vlashek received head injuries and a mild case of exposure from lying on the cold concrete all night.

He was in fair condition today. Travis said his brother was working on the rear end of the newly purchased car and had it supported by braces and a jack.

"He moved the jack and the braces couldn't hold up the car," Travis said.

Donald was an all-state end at Spring Branch High School in 1959. He played football at Houston until a knee injury put him out of action a year ago.

'Y' Schedules Swim Classes

Adult and high school swim instruction classes were announced this week by "Y" Secretary, Wayne Schultz. These classes are for boys and girls in high school and men and women.

A beginners class meets on Tuesday from 8 to 9 p.m. and a class for intermediate and advanced students on Thursday from 8 to 9 p.m. Gary Smith will be teaching both of these classes.

A special ladies-only class for beginners meets on Wednesday mornings 10:30 to 11 with Margaret O'Neil as instructor. Recreation swim times reserved for adults and high school students are scheduled on Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. A ladies only recreation swim is held on Wednesday from 11 to 12.

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Missionary Bishops Ask Council Approval For Married Deacons

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Missionary bishops from Africa, Asia and Latin America today appealed strongly to the Ecumenical Council for approval of a controversial proposal to ordain married deacons in areas where there is an acute shortage of priests.

"Even if you don't need deacons in your diocese, we do in ours," Negro Archbishop Bernard Yago of Abidjan, West Africa, told the council fathers.

The council also heard similar pleas for restoration of the ancient New Testament order of deacons from Archbishop Jose

Sutherland Youths Get Prison Terms

Irvin Melvin Essig, 21, of Wilbur, and Buster Eugene Simmons, 18, Sutherland, each were meted terms in the Oregon Correctional Institution on appearance before Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodrich for burglary.

Essig was sentenced to two years and Simmons 18 months, for burglarizing the barn and garage of August Hamel, Rt. 1, Box 256, Sutherland, on Sept. 10. Both waived services of an attorney and grand jury action, went before the judge on the district attorney's information, and pleaded guilty to the charges.

The lot recovered by investigating sheriff's deputies, who traced the two men by following footprints through a walnut grove to a home 1 1/2 miles away, included furniture pieces, chain saws, tool box and tools, and numerous other items, which were stored on the Hamel farm property. They admitted making several trips to the farm, after first helping themselves to corn in a cornfield.

In other Circuit Court actions Tuesday, Judge Woodrich placed Robert F. Whitney, 21, of Monroe, on probation for three years with imposition of sentence suspended during that time, on a plea of guilty to larceny by bailment.

He pleaded guilty to a charge of pawnshoping an accordion at a pawn shop, which previously had been purchased for a low down payment at Rickett's Music Store. Conditions of probation are that he make contract payments for the instrument.

Mary Jennings, 24, also of Monroe, faces a similar charge of larceny by bailment in connection with the same case, but her case has not yet come up for disposition. She is free on her own recognizance.

Glendale Girl Scouts Schedule Fashion Show

A high-fashion wardrobe combining the newest in 1963 styles with the latest retail cotton fabrics will be presented in a fashion show at the Glendale IOOF Hall Friday at 1:30 p.m. The style show is being presented by the Glendale Girl Scouts and Brownies.

Along new fashion trends to be featured are shift dresses, drawing string waist, "skinny" coat and western-style sportswear, reports correspondent Mrs. G. B. Fox. The fashion showcase will also include children's and teen outfits.

Plans for the show were announced by Mrs. Dean Swanson, neighborhood Girl Scout counselor. Mrs. Frank Daniels will serve as fashion commentator. No admission will be charged, and refreshments will be served.

Drunken Driver Gets 30-Day Sentence, Fine

Jesse Calvert Cole, 37, Medford, has been sentenced to serve 30 days in the Douglas County jail and fined \$150 from the Municipal Court of Winston, on a drunken driving charge.

In Roseburg Municipal Court Wednesday, Jane Yvonne Hogan, 37, of 1234 NE Fremont St., Roseburg, pleaded innocent to driving while intoxicated. Trial was set for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23. She was arrested by city police early Wednesday and released on bail pending trial.

Jaycees Encourage Tax Bill 'No' Vote

A Roseburg service club has taken a "no" stand on the upcoming tax reform measure.

The Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce at a meeting this week voted as a group to oppose the measure "and to encourage a 'no' vote at the polls" next Tuesday.

A spokesman said the club's position is that "passing the referendum just because there is no better proposal does not constitute a 'yes' vote."

He added the club is hopeful that defeat of the measure would "cause the government to become more efficient and streamlined."

Myrtle Creek PTA Meet Postponed Until Oct. 17

The monthly meeting of the Myrtle Creek PTA, normally held on the second Thursday of each month, has been postponed until Oct. 17, officers reported.

The date was set back to accommodate an appearance by the Rev. Richard Rohrbaugh who will show films and provide narration describing his trip to the Holy Land.

Mortenson's Talk Best At Toastmaster Meet

Lyle Mortenson's speech was voted the best at the Roseburg Toastmasters dinner meeting in the Umpqua Hotel.

Title of the impromptu talk was "What Would Be Your Reaction to a Negro Living Next Door?"

Richard Harris was the other speaker. His talk was entitled "Why Go To The Moon?"

In the 12th topics division, John Skaggs' speech was voted best.

The group meets every first and third Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Umpqua Hotel. The next meeting will be Oct. 16.

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