

# American Embassy In Tokio Haven For Earthquake Victims

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TOKIO, "Never in the history of the American Embassy in Tokio was the staff called upon for such quick and intensive action as was the case on the morning of September 2, two days after the great earthquake," said Hugh B. Wilson, Councillor of the American Embassy in Tokio, several days after the effects of the greatest catastrophe Japan has ever known had somewhat lessened. "The American Embassy, quickly established at the Imperial Hotel, reminded me very much of the Embassy in London in August, 1914. Over 400 Americans, including many stranded tourists, had to be attended to—clothing, food and lodging had to be provided in many cases, and, as was the case in Europe, there was the difficulty of getting enough money to handle the situation until something like normal conditions might be established."

Indeed, the American flag which flies over one wing of the Imperial Hotel in Tokio denoted to the stranded refugee American in Tokio, the first week in September, more than merely the symbol of American diplomatic service in the Far East. It guaranteed the Americans, who were many of them without homes, without clothing, without much in the way of food, that Ambassador Cyrus Woods and his staff of approximately thirty were preparing to arrange, not only for food, lodging and clothing, but for transportation, general delivery mail service as well. And when they were finished with the preliminaries of seeing that their own nationals were cared for the American Embassy staff in Tokio began to aid in assisting British, Poles, Russians, French and other nationals also. It was a great triumph for an American group which only a few days before had been burned out of its own home places.

**Barely Missed Death.**  
Ambassador Woods, Military Attache Charles Burnett and Mr. C. H. Wells, Japanese Secretary, were seated in the Ambassador's room at the Embassy at 11:53 o'clock on September 1, the time when the first great earthquake came. Ambassador Woods, experiencing his first earthquake, supposed to remain where he was and was only persuaded to leave his room when Colonel Burnett led him from the room. Once in the yard of the Embassy, the Ambassador realized that his mother-in-law, Mrs. Marchand, and was on the second floor of the Embassy, and Colonel Burnett, long a resident in Japan, returned to rescue Mrs. Marchand from the shaking building. As Colonel Burnett passed with the Ambassador just a short while before he saw that a beam from the side of the wall had fallen directly across the Ambassador's chair—a beam of sufficient weight to have killed the Ambassador instantly had the party remained sitting where it was at the time of the quake.

**Embassy Is Burned.**  
First indications were that the American Embassy would stand, despite the fire which began sweeping toward the Embassy compound late in the afternoon of September 1. First, aid in increasing the danger to the Embassy property, as their clothes and household effects were piled in the street outside the Embassy and in the gardens which divide the buildings of the compound. The main buildings, including the chancery and the Ambassador's residence, burned before midnight, and during Sunday calls were sent to all absent members of the staff to report at the Embassy grounds at 9 o'clock Monday morning, September 3. Arrangements were made on Sunday to move the Embassy to the Imperial Hotel, and when headquarters American returned, many of them so clothed as to appear ridiculous, began to arrive from seaside and mountain resorts on Monday morning they found the entire staff of the Embassy there to look after their needs.

**Burnett in Charge.**  
Colonel Burnett was named by the Ambassador to be in charge of relief work, while Wilson was asked to take over the management of the temporary chancery established at the Imperial Hotel. Working under these two Americans were not only the members of the Embassy staff, but many Americans whose homes and business were lost, and who desired to give their every moment those first days to the care of those of their countrymen who were without the necessities of life. Trucks, motor cars, foodstuffs, clothes—all these were called for by the Ambassador on the first day of his new work. Those who had saved their motor cars had American Embassy signs placed on them, so that the Japanese could not commandeer them; those who had by some good fortune laid in a plentiful supply of canned goods were told that they might transfer them, or part of them, to the house of someone else who was not so fortunate. Everyone brought clothing when they could, for

many of the American community were left with only the clothes they wore on the fateful Saturday.

**Tourists Aided.**  
On Tuesday 140 stranded tourists were handed by the Embassy and were taken to Shinjuku—port for Tokio—where they were placed on lighters to be handed over later to two American Shipping Board boats leaving east and west. This was done with very little difficulty, the Embassy taking all responsibility, as no cables were forthcoming from the United States. By Tuesday night, when the Stewart, first destroyer, arrived, the Embassy had arranged a mail service and branches that handled general relief and information for the refugees. It is estimated that arrangements had to be made for handling at least 400 Americans, in addition to scores of other nationals who found the American Embassy their best chance for assistance.

## FATHER & SON WEEK TO BE OBSERVED

Father and son week, to be observed nationally November 11 to 15, will not be slighted in Eastern Oregon. Statewide preparations are being made to properly celebrate the period, the object of which is for the father and son to become better pals and "know each other better."

According to announcement by the Oregon Father and Son Movement headquarters, C. E. Short, La Grande, L. A. Wright, Union, Mr. McKenzie, Wallawa, Rev. J. F. Stillwell, Joseph, E. G. Bailey, Elgin, Rev. H. M. DuBois, Enterprise will each be leaders in their respective cities in the week's program.

**PORTLAND**—The National Father and Son Movement will be observed in Oregon during the week of November 11 to 15. The Young Men's Christian Association of Oregon and Idaho with headquarters in Portland is promoting observance of this special week, with Governor Pierce as Honorary Chairman of the Committee which is composed of J. K. Gill, President J. K. Gill Co., Portland, Executive Chairman; Estes Snedcor, Past President International Rotary, Portland, Civic Organizations; Bishop W. C. Shepard, Methodist Episcopal Church, Christian Church Co-operating Committee; J. A. Churchhill, Supt. Public Instruction, Chairman Co-operating Committee, Associated with Bishop Shepard are State men for other leading churches; Rev. C. P. Swander, Supt. of Missions, representing the Christian Church; Rev. E. S. Bollinger, General Missionary, Oregon Congregational Conference; Rev. O. C. Wright, Executive Secretary of Oregon Baptist State Convention; Rev. D. A. Thompson, Supt. Missions, Presbyterian Synod of Oregon. These committeemen have written to representatives in approximately one hundred cities and towns of the State outside of Portland asking them to cooperate in making this an outstanding feature during the week of November 11 to 15.

The purpose of the Movement is to keep alive the very best in American home life for the growing boy; to get fathers to renew their interest and re-consecrate themselves to their paternal obligations; to acquaint fathers more intimately with simple principles of boy psychology; to encourage fathers and sons to accept in a larger way their privilege of citizenship, and to emphasize the necessity for the homes beginning early with boys the training in physical, mental, spiritual, social and economic activities. The above is the purpose, as stated in the National Father and Son handbook sent out by the Young Men's Christian Association. The Father and Son Idea was first used by

### Can He Do It?



Karl Huzar has arrived in this country from abroad to try to fill the shoes of "America's fat screen comedian." He thinks he can do it. He is 5 feet 7 1/2 inches tall.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Providence, Rhode Island, in 1907. Since then it has grown rapidly until 1917 when it was made a week's program. In 1918 it was launched as a National Father and Son Movement, and during the past few years it has become world-wide in its influence.

The following men in the different cities have been asked to head up the local committees to promote city-wide observance:

- Albany, A. C. Schmidt; Amity, A. J. McGowan; Ashland, Homer Billings; Athena, Mr. McEadden; Bandon, P. L. Young; Banks, W. A. Johnson; Beaverton, L. R. Lewis; Bend, Rev. Frank James; Brownsville, G. C. Thompson; Burns, Reed of Reed Bros.; Carlton, A. L. Barnhart; Central Point, E. C. Fisher; Clatskanie, Arthur Steel; Clifton, Rev. G. A. Cheney; Coquille, E. E. Johnson; Corvallis, H. E. Walker; Cottage Grove, P. L. Granby; Creswell, Mrs. J. K. Barnes; Dallas, Rev. C. E. Trimble; Dayton, H. A. Wain; Echo, F. R. George; Elgin, E. G. Bailey; Enterprise, Rev. H. M. DuBois; Estacada, Rev. H. W. Mort; Forest Grove, Dr. H. L. Bates; Freewater, R. E. Glesson; Gold Beach, J. O. Stearns; Grants Pass, Dr. S. Lundquist; Gresham, Mr. Quickall; Harrisburg, A. H. Webster; Heppner, Rev. W. G. Livingston; Hermiston, G. W. Day; Hillsboro, J.

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nonia, P. M. Nash; Wallawa, Mr. McKenzie; MeK. & Allen; Warrenton, W. C. Wickline; Yamhill, W. R. Bunn; Canby, R. G. White; Willamina, J. P. Walton.

Several cities are not listed above that are planning to observe the week, and the Committee stands ready to cooperate in any way it can to help make this an outstanding feature for better relationships between fathers and sons, and a stronger and better citizenship.

**Horemans Bested by Hoppe.**  
NEW YORK (AP)—While Hoppe defeated Edouard Horemans 5-0 to 4-5 and Erich Hagenlacher defeated Welker Cochran yesterday in the play for the 132 world's billiard championship, Hagenlacher beat Cochran 6-0 to 5-2.

The court was so long in deciding that the trial lasted into the late hours of the morning. A large crowd was in attendance and many were the laugh of both sides. However the people are aroused over the affair that the officer who does not do his duty without fear or favor will not last long after the next election. It is reported

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