

Pacific Northwest Rocked By Mighty Quakes; 16 Dead In Yellowstone Area

Flaming Gasoline Engulfs Firemen; 44 In Hospitals

TIDAL WAVE OF FLAMES KNOCKS MEN TO GROUND

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (UPI) — At least 44 firemen were injured, several critically, today when they were engulfed by flaming gasoline from an exploding storage tank at a service and bulk station.

Knocked over by a tidal wave of flame, five of the victims staggered to their feet, their clothing ablaze, and ran from the flames. Spectators, police and other firemen tackled them and rolled them on the ground to extinguish the flames.



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Mrs. Marshall New Observer Writer At Cove

Zelda Marshall is the new correspondent for the Observer in the Cove area.

Mrs. Marshall has lived in Cove all her life and graduated from Cove high school. She has one daughter, Marla Anne, 3½. Her husband is a truck driver at Mt. Emily.

Mrs. Marshall has asked that people bring news to her home which is located in back of the Cove Baptist church.

Farmers Urged To Fill Spray Rigs With Water

"If all the farmers will fill their spray rigs with water and keep them handy in case of fire, it will greatly reduce the work of the local rural fire departments," Gene Stockhoff said today.

Stockhoff, president of the Union County Farm Bureau, emphasized the part a spray rig can play in helping to contain the fire before the fire truck arrives and for mopping up operations after the blaze is brought under control.

"With a fire practically every day and in each of the rural fire protection districts, we cannot be too careful," he said.

BABY DELIVERED BY FLASHLIGHT

Large Section Of Manhattan Paralyzed By Power Failure

NEW YORK (UPI) — The worst power failure in New York City history paralyzed a vast area of upper Manhattan for up to 13 hours Monday and early today, leaving half a million residents sweltering during the most intense heat wave of the season.

The power failure, resulting from peak use of air conditioners and fans, occurred at 2:49 p.m. e.d.t. Monday when seven cables of the Consolidated Edison Co. burned out on the West Side, knocking out electrical service in the area. The company in turn decided to shut off the remain-

LOVESICK YOUTH CARRIES 'TORCH'

OROVILLE, Calif. (UPI)—A lovesick high school student has been taken into custody because he "carried a torch" for his girl friend's father.

Sheriff Larry Gillick said the 17-year-old youth from Cico, Calif., admitted that the father wouldn't allow him to date the young girl—so he set fire to the father's house on Aug. 2 and then attempted to burn his car on Aug. 7.

Motorists Marooned By Flood

NEEDLES, Calif. (UPI)—Four railroad section hands were missing today and hundreds of motorists marooned by a desert cloudburst that flushed out highways and bridges east and west of this Colorado River community.

Six members of a Santa Fe Railway road crew dispatched to check a rail washout 15 miles north of here Monday night were swept away by waves 10 to 15 feet high that overturned their truck.

Two of the men, identified by a railway dispatcher as track foreman George Ashmore and Geromino Rodriguez, later were found and taken to Needles Municipal Hospital. Extent of their injuries was not released but a hospital spokesman said they were getting along "just fine."

Santa Fe said the missing men were Charles Sanchez, Francis K. Yazzie, Ben Elthe, and Fred Atne.

The dispatcher said the missing men possibly were drowned in the swirling floodwaters that flashed down desert canyons. Search crews began looking for the men at dawn.

Trains Are Rerouted

East and westbound trains of the Santa Fe system were rerouted around the stricken area because of bridge washouts and weakened structures.

An inch of rain fell in the area during the cloudburst. Police said Highways 66 and 95 on both sides of the Colorado River were blocked and would remain closed for up to 12 hours while detours around the damaged bridges were made.

The cloudburst struck an area surrounding Highway 66 between Kingman, Ariz., and Essex, Calif. Highway 95 connects Needles with Las Vegas.

Yellowstone Park Personnel Moved

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The National Park Service said today all park personnel has been evacuated from headquarters buildings at Yellowstone National Park to avoid the dangers of any more earthquakes.

Director Conrad Wirth said Don Garrison, Yellowstone superintendent, ordered the evacuation. "My headquarters now are in a tent," Garrison informed Wirth by telephone.

Garrison said that "as far as we know now," none of the more than 8,000 visitors in the park Monday night was injured by the quakes.

The power went off. He was transferred to another hospital. At another hospital a baby was delivered by flashlight.

There was a heavy run on candles and flashlights. One dealer reported he sold 3,500 candles in two hours. Other dealers were charging five cents for candles that usually sell for a penny.

Thousands of extra policemen were rushed into the affected area, which includes several high-crime rate neighborhoods in the West Side, to prevent looting Monday night. The police saturation proved effective.



GONNA STAY LONG, KIDS?

Although Ray Roe, seven, left, and Virgil Reeder, nine, have their Oregon road map out and look as though they are just starting out on a long journey, they really aren't going far. They confessed that they were just "playing like we were going on a trip." Ray, who was clutching his dog "Peanuts Roe" tightly added that their jaunt would be to his house which is about a block and a half away. (Observer)

Ike Orders Labor Secretary To Release Facts Of Strike

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower ordered Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell today to make public steel strike statistics in hopes of settling the 34-day old walkout.

Mitchell told newsmen after a 45-minute meeting with the President that publication of the facts and figures was "not intended as intervention."

He said, however, it was hoped that the move might speed up a settlement.

The secretary, who had been serving as a one-man fact finding board for the President, said he would present the statistics to newsmen in a press conference Wednesday.

Eisenhower drove here from the summer White House at Gettysburg to get Mitchell's up-to-date report on the steel strike and to confer with New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller. His busy morning schedule also included a meeting with the National Security Council and a personal chat with Paul G. Hoffman, former foreign aid chief.

Mitchell said the administration hopes publication of the "background statistics" in the steel strike will encourage both sides "to bargain a little harder and reach a settlement."

Mitchell said it would be "for the public to judge" whether the material favored the steel industry or the striking United Steelworkers Union.

He said the "statistics relate to wages, prices, productivity and profits. He declined to amplify in advance of releasing the report.

Faubus Asked To Help Block Federal Order

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (UPI)—Gov. Orval Faubus was under pressure today to use "all of the forces at your command" to oppose a federal court order for desegregation of a school district 42 miles south of Little Rock.

A petition was being circulated in the Dollarway School District, situated outside of Pine Bluff, asking Faubus for "relief from the illegal federal court orders and injunction," ordering the desegregation Sept. 8. A spokesman for the group behind the petition said it would be presented to the governor next week.

Federal Judge Axel J. Beck of Elk Point, S.D., Monday rejected a motion that the integration of three Negro students be postponed.

Historical Society Sets Meet At Cove
The annual picnic of the Union County Historical Society will be held next Sunday, August 23, at the Ascension Grounds at Cove.

TOLL MAY REACH 75 IN QUAKE AREA

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (UPI) — A series of mighty earthquakes smashed into southern Montana near Yellowstone Park Monday night and early today and a reported 16 persons were killed.

Montana Highway Patrolman Robert Spears said there could be 25 dead in the main slide and the toll "could go even higher." Mayor Charles Bower, of Ennis, a community about 50 miles downstream from Hebgen dam, told United Press he thought the death toll would be between 50 and 75.

Six persons were reported injured at Rainbow Point near Hebgen Lake.

The quakes brought an 8,000-foot mountain tumbling down, threatened to shatter a dam on the Madison River and endangered upwards of 150 campers in the river valley.

Helicopters from the western states, some carrying para-medics, were sent to the scene. The park is located mostly in Wyoming and also extends into Montana and Idaho.

Copter pilots were expected to try to lift to safety the campers marooned downstream below Hebgen Dam and trapped by the 200 to 300-foot slide that closed off the only avenue to safety from the box canyon.

Reports On Fatalities
Four of the reported dead were members of the Purley Bennett family of Couer d'Alene, Idaho, buried when the quake split the mountain and triggered the main slide seven miles downstream.

Another couple nearby also were killed.

The Montana Civil Defense headquarters said it had been informed by Idaho State Police that eight dead had been found in Reynolds Pass on the south fork of the Madison River in Eastern Idaho.

Two more unidentified persons were killed in a rock slide at Cliff Lake, 12 miles west of Hebgen Lake.

The first quake hit at 11:39 p.m. p.d.t. Monday with a magnitude of 7.8 on the Richter scale. The San Francisco earthquake of 1906 measured 8.25.

The temblor was felt throughout the northwest but hit hardest near the juncture of Montana. See EARTHQUAKE On Page 5

Old Faithful Still Spouts

MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS, Wyo. (UPI)—Old Faithful Geyser, one of the top attractions of Yellowstone National Park, was roped off as a safety measure today in wake of a series of earthquakes. Wyoming rangers said the geyser was "still spouting normally."

Frightened tourists took shelter throughout the park as the area's famous bears hid in the woods as tremors continued.

The office of Park Superintendent Lemuel Garrison said small tremors were still being felt at headquarters here. Authorities were directing all visitors off the roads.

Park officials expressed concern that the quakes might plug Old Faithful Geyser or that steam would start spouting in other sections of the park.

"It is still spouting normally," was the report from Garrison's office.

Paramedics Are Flying To Aid Quake Victims

HAMILTON AFB, Calif. (UPI)—Four paramedics left Hamilton Air Force base north of San Francisco today to fly to West Yellowstone, Mont., to aid quake victims.

Mission Commander Capt. Andrew S. Champion of Novato, Calif., said he would try to land his twin-engine Albatross in the area. He said the paramedics would parachute in, if necessary.

Baker Man Tells Loss Of Batch Of Home Brew

BAKER (UPI)—One local resident reported "damage" Monday night when an earthquake was felt in this area.

The resident, unidentified, called a local radio station and reported his loss.

His entire batch of "nearly ready home brew" was spoiled when the vibration stirred up sediment in each of the capped bottles.

La Grande Is Shaken By Tremor

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Several La Grander felt waves of the earthquake which shattered southern Montana killing 16 people last night. Rumbles of the quake hit La Grande about 10:30 p.m.

Citizens reported varied reactions to the "shift" the earth took last night. A few people reported that they felt nothing, but most of the people contacted said that they felt something "strange" last night.

Mrs. A. M. Lee who lives at 703 O Avenue said that her daughter Heloise had just made a trip up from Palo Alto, Calif., to visit them. They were standing in the living room talking when Heloise felt the quake and leaned against the door, Mrs. Lee said. Her daughter thought that it was probably a case of "rubberlegs" after the long drive, but when she found out that it was an earthquake Heloise said she thought this would be "the last place in the world that they'd have an earthquake," Mrs. Lee reported.

Look For Prowler
Another couple thought that the tremor was a prowler on the front porch. They have a glass mailbox and it sounded as though someone had leaned against it. They went outside and looked around checking for a prowler's footprints and when they found nothing, the couple came back into the house. A short while later they heard the earthquake report on TV.

Mrs. Carl Webster said that she has venetian blinds all over her home and they all shook. Mrs. Webster's son was upstairs and when the windows and walls shook he thought someone was "coming right up the wall." "All the neighbors lights came on," Mrs. Webster said. "It's such a funny sensation that you don't realize for a while what it is."

One woman ran upstairs and then down to the basement searching for a prowler that she had mistaken for the earthquake.

An English girl, Betty Barnett, who was traveling through La Grande with a group of youngsters stayed at a local motel last night and she said that all of them felt the quake.

Quake Rocks Car
Four youths who attended the drive-in movie last night felt the tremor. When the earthquake hit the car began to shake. The driver of the car turned to the boys in the back seat and demanded that they, "stop shaking the car." The boys denied that they were the culprits.

City Police said that there have been no damage reports turned in to their office.

Arlington Burial For 'Bull' Halsey

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Fleet Adm. William F. (Bull) Halsey will be buried with full military honors Thursday at Arlington National Cemetery, final resting place for the nation's heroes.

Halsey, 76, died in his sleep Sunday during a vacation of Fishers Island off the Connecticut shore.

The Navy said that the body of the famed World War II fleet commander would be flown from Fisher Island to nearby Anacostia, Md., Naval Air Station Wednesday.

The body will lie in state in the Bethlehem Chapel of the Washington Cathedral from noon Wednesday until noon Thursday, with final funeral services conducted at Arlington.

The late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was the last national figure to be buried with full honors at Arlington.



MILES OF BOOKS—Donna Smith, clerk at the EOC book store, checks in another stack of new books for fall term studies. The books begin coming in around August 1. Then they are checked-in and priced. Registration at EOC will be Sept. 26. (Observer Photo)