

# Nip Cities Lie in Ruins, New Rumbles Felt

## Japanese Count Dead In 60,000 sq. mi. Belt



KOBE Japanese shipping center located on the inland sea that bore the brunt of the damage caused by the recent earthquake and tidal waves off the southern coast of Japan. Scenes of many B-29 attacks during the war. It is bounded by the prefecture of Okayama to the south where 384 buildings were destroyed and 2000 damaged. Kobe itself sustained minor damage although 12 casualties were reported in neighboring Osaka.

## Nipponese News Agency Totals 656 Deaths

TOKYO, Sunday, Dec. 22—(AP)—The official death toll of Saturday's disastrous earthquake rose to 656 today, with 300,000 others left homeless after tidal waves and fires followed the quake across a 450-mile sector of southern Japan.

Scores of cities or towns lay in ruins or under water today, hundreds of fishing ships had vanished or were tossed into streets, and many thousands were left homeless along 60,000 square miles of Japan.

Relief officials, speeding food and medicine by boat, plane and rail to zones cut off by shattered communication lines, termed it Japan's worst natural disaster since the great Tokyo quake of 1923.

The Japanese home ministry said its official death list had reached 571, Kyodo News Agency said 592, and the U. S. army's far-from-complete score showed 422.

The greatest havoc was wrought at three points closest to the epicenter of the quake, which let go before dawn yesterday in the Pacific more than 100 miles southwest of Osaka, Japan's second largest city.

These were:

- The southern tip of Wakayama peninsula, where at least three cities were smashed, 18,000 were estimated homeless in the single town of Kainan, and 400 fishing boats were swallowed by the churning sea.
- The eastern shore of adjacent Shikoku island, where the loss of life was the heaviest and where whole sections, as on Wakayama, still were isolated except by boat.
- And Awaji island, between the two, caught in the path of thunderous seas as six successive tidal waves rushed up from the quake center and on into the inland sea, spreading destruction on both shores.

American occupation forces seemed to have come through unharmed, for pilots winging over burning Shingo and Kushimoto, on hard-hit Wakayama, caught "all safe" signals from American planes on the ground.

In the first direct report from the stricken peninsula, Associated Press Correspondent Frank L. White said Kainan was smashed, Kushimoto was under water and Shingo was burned to the ground.

He said most of the peninsula was cut off from Kainan south and it was impossible to get an accurate check of casualties, although there were reports that 63 were dead and 33 others were missing.

The earth still rumbled for a time after the great shock, Kyodo reporting two smaller ones early today on Shikoku and to the west on Kyushu.

British army officers said field reports indicated their occupation area on Shikoku, one of the southern main home islands, was hardest hit by the quake but they were unable to confirm earlier reports that a British soldier was missing.

The new reports spread the picture of devastation far beyond the original scene, with deaths reported in Gifu prefecture, 130 miles west of Tokyo, and to the north of Gifu in Ishikawa prefecture, on Honshu's western coast.

Funeral of Force

Others occurred more than 450 miles southwest of Tokyo in the seaside prefecture of Oita, which is on Kyushu at the west end of the Inland sea. The Inland sea itself became a funnel for the force of the seismic waves, and damage was heavy on both its north and south shores.

Japanese began talking in Tokyo of appealing for allied assistance for earthquake victims, as they did two decades ago.

American and Japanese relief teams rushed into the disaster zone fearful that the death toll might rise from the tidal wave and earth shock, described officially as five times greater than the one which killed 143,000 persons in the Tokyo area in 1923.

BOWDEN JURY RECESSED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21—(AP)—The jury on the first degree murder trial of James W. Bowden in the trunk bomb death of his wife was struck at 11:05 p.m. tonight and ordered to resume sessions tomorrow morning.

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## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Venezuela had an abortive revolution a few days ago. It followed the usual pattern in which the leaders mustered some army support, but it failed when the bulk of the army remained loyal to the regime. The government headed by Pres. Romulo Betancourt was established after a revolution in late 1945 and rode out this threat.

Financially Venezuela is one of the strongest of the South American republics. Thanks to its income from oil royalties and taxes its treasury is well filled at all times. The country has no external debt and its annual budget is balanced. This condition is quite in contrast with the situation during Grover Cleveland's second administration when Great Britain defaulted on its foreign debt. Cleveland dusted off the Monroe doctrine and British negotiators agreed to negotiate its difference with Venezuela.

Although most of the time since its liberation a century and a quarter ago Venezuela has been ruled by dictators—Guzman Blanco, Cipriano Castro and Juan Gomez—it was the first of the South American republics to throw off the Spanish yoke. Simon Bolivar, liberator of South America, was born in Caracas, the capital, and is buried in its Parthenon.

In South America, revolutions have been about as frequent as big strikes in the United States. The people became accustomed to them. When shots were heard about the plaza the habitants would scurry to their homes, bolt their doors and windows and then wait for the shooting and shouting.

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## Chinese to Pit Strength Soon

PEIPING, Dec. 21—(AP)—High-ranking Chinese government and communist leaders agreed today that all-out civil war was imminent.

Gen. Li Tsung-jen, chief of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Peiping headquarters, declared in an interview that government armies would resume their offensive shortly if the communists continued to ignore the government cease-fire order of November 11.

From Yen-an, communist capital city, came a declaration by Li Shao-chi, communist party vice-chairman, that the government and the United States had driven the communists into arms and "we cannot be beaten; we will never surrender."

## Mistake Fatal To 600 Trees

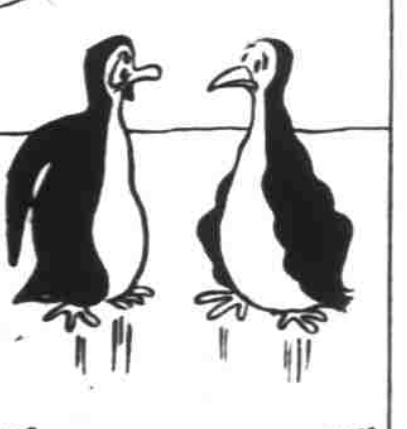
MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 21—(AP)—Bulldozers went to work in the wrong orchard today, and before anybody realized the mistake, 600 bearing apple trees lay in ruins.

Officials, sorrowfully surveying the havoc, explained it this way: American Fruit Growers orchard engaged a contractor to clear 15 acres of old trees preparatory to replanting.

The two bulldozers sent by the contractors got on the adjoining property of Smith Orchard company by mistake and cleared exactly 15 acres of good, live trees.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Why don't you get some of that junk out of your pockets?"

## Talmadge Dies in Georgia

ATLANTA, Dec. 21—(AP)—Eugene Talmadge, 62, one of Georgia's most colorful public figures, died today, scarcely three weeks before he would have been inaugurated for a fourth time as governor.

The red-galussed advocate of "white supremacy," who made 272 speeches against doctors' orders in a bitter democratic primary last summer, succumbed at 7 a.m. to a stomach ailment. An attending physician said Talmadge was aware since Tuesday that he was dying, and voiced anxiety concerning the political future of Georgia after his death.

Governor Ellis Arnall ordered the state capitol closed today and Monday, and said Talmadge's body would lie in state from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the capitol rotunda. As an expression of official respect, Arnall said he and elected statehouse officers would attend the funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Talmadge's farm home on Sugar creek, near McRae, Ga.

Maybe Holdover

Authoritative sources said Arnall, who ousted Talmadge from office four years ago, would refuse to vacate as governor until conflicting views on constitutional requirements are resolved. Arnall was eligible to succeed himself, but the constitution provides he shall serve until his successor "is chosen and qualified." Legal sources said this could mean a four-year holdover, until the quadrennial election of a governor in 1950.

Fred Hand, scheduled to become speaker of the next Georgia house of representatives, advocated a special election "the sooner, the better." But sources high in Talmadge councils forecast the legislature would elect Herman Talmadge, son and campaign manager of the late governor-elect.

Can Elect Alternate?

There was some uncertainty whether the legislature, which convenes January 13, could elect an alternate governor. Constitutionally, as soon as it convenes, it must choose a voter in the general election and declare as governor the man who won a clear majority. Only if no one receives a majority may the assembly elect a new governor from the two top candidates.

Talmadge's son, however, said he would argue that a dead man legally is not "a person," thus avoiding the Talmadge majority.

Status of M. E. Thompson, elected as Georgia's first lieutenant governor under a new constitution adopted Aug. 7, 1945, was unclear. He would have succeeded if Talmadge had died after inauguration, and held office until statehouse elections two years hence.

## Start Dreaming of A Wet Christmas

PORTLAND, Dec. 21—(AP)—No "white Christmas" for northwest Oregon, the weather bureau said today. A wet Christmas, instead.

That was the long range forecast issued today: Rain Tuesday and Wednesday.

Winter arrives officially this year at 2:45 a.m. Dec. 22.

## Courtesy Driving Campaign Prizes

Following is the list of prizes in The Oregon Statesman-Warner Brothers Courtesy Driving Campaign:

MAJOR GRAND PRIZE  
Seventeen-jewel wristwatch, choice of men's or women's (Stevens & Son).

GRAND PRIZES  
1st: New tire and tube (State Tire Service).  
2nd: Dish set, service for 8 (Salem Hardware).  
3rd: Sandwich grill and fry rod (Sears Roebuck).  
4th: Permanent wave (Larsen's Beauty Studio).  
5th: Wool auto robe (Bishop's Clothing).  
6th: Airplane suitcase (Miller Mercantile).  
7th: Table lamp (Elfstrom's).  
8th: Electric room heater (McKay Chevrolet).  
9th: Table lamp (Court Street Hardware).  
10th: Androns (Doughnut Hardware).

DAILY PRIZES  
1st: Camella (F. A. Doerfler & Sons).  
2nd: Three pair nylons (Army & Navy store).  
3rd: Ten gallons gasoline, oil change, lubrication (General Petroleum).  
4th: Umbrella (J. C. Penney co.).  
5th: Car vacuum (Hamilton Furniture).  
6th: Album of records (Heider Radio).  
7th: Auto flashlight (Yeater Appliances).  
8th: Half gallon ice cream (The Pike).  
9th: Two tickets Esquire theatre.  
10th: Two tickets Elmore theatre.

In addition, every one of the prize winners (daily and grand) will receive a certificate entitling him or her to an 8 x 10 brown tone photograph (Bishop-Modern).

All prizes are being made available at The Statesman office, with the exception that certificates instead of actual merchandise will be issued for the photographs, gasoline-oil, the permanent wave and ice cream.

## Portal-Portal Pay to Start \$6 Billion Fight

Suits Begun on Basis of Court Verdict

By the Associated Press

With suits seeking more than \$455,000,000 already on file, several CIO and at least one AFL union have disclosed plans for a widespread legal fight to press retroactive portal to portal pay claims which some industry leaders estimated might run between five and six billion dollars. Suits filed so far involve principally CIO steel and automobile workers.

By Harold W. Ward

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—American industry and labor unions now are beginning to realize the full import of a routine supreme court decision last June involving 1200 employees of the Mt. Clemens, Mich., pottery company.

That 6-2 decision—with Justices Burton and Frankfurter dissenting and Jackson not participating—might drop a \$6,000,000 bonanza into the laps of surprised union workers and conceivably could wipe out some corporations.

## Workers Paid for Walk

The court found that the Mt. Clemens workers were entitled under the fair labor standards act to back pay for the time it took them to go from the time clock to their work benches, don aprons and prepare for work. The same was true in reverse at the end of the day. That meant the company was liable for compensation for this time back to 1938, when the fair labor standards act was adopted. The act established the present 40-hour

## Elliott Roosevelt Granted Interview with Joe Stalin

By Eddy Gilmore

MOSCOW, Dec. 21—(AP)—Elliott Roosevelt was granted a birthday interview with Generalissimo Stalin tonight and reported that the Russian leader appeared in good health and fine spirits.

Roosevelt, who was accompanied in the Kremlin by his wife, the former Faye Emerson of the films, said that Stalin had just returned to Moscow from a vacation and looked surprisingly well for a man who was observing his 67th birthday.

The late president's son said Moscow by plane early tomorrow for Paris, then fly to Ireland and the United States to be with his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, for Christmas at Hyde Park, N.Y.

Subject Unrevealed

Roosevelt did not reveal the subject of his interview with Stalin—which, incidentally, was the first personal interview granted by Stalin to any foreign correspondent in many years.

He said he would write about it in Look magazine when he got home, but he was emphatic in reporting how well Stalin looked.

Roosevelt appeared greatly impressed after his meeting with Stalin. His wife, too, was impressed by the force of the generalissimo's personality, she said. She explained she was merely "a very fortunate wife" with nothing to say beyond confirming what her husband said about how the generalissimo looked.

Roosevelt said he asked Stalin numerous questions and received answers which he plans to write as soon as he returned to the United States.

## 'Certificates of Courtesy' Ready as Campaign Comes to End, Grand Prize Winners Due Tuesday

rush. Commendation of the effort has come from many quarters, and it has held the wholehearted approval of high state and city officials.

Observers who have noted license numbers of courteous drivers, and turned in their good deeds to the secretary of state's office for judging, included city police, the high school safety council and others named by the sponsors—The Oregon Statesman and Warner Brothers theatres.

Winners who received their prizes at The Statesman office Saturday included:

E. J. Scharf, Perrydale (camellia).

Mrs. J. H. Hann, 196 S. 23rd St., Salem (camellia).

Dora H. Burrough, 2395 N. Front st., Salem (3 pairs nylons).

Archer R. Krosch, route 2, box 40, Molalla (10 gals. gasoline, oil change, lubrication).

Clifford E. Orey, route 2, box 258, Salem (10 gals. gasoline, oil change, lubrication).

John Sauer, 1266 N. 4th st., Salem (umbrella).

Harry Sutton, 642 Ferry st., Salem (umbrella).

H. B. Auman, 1495 Marion, Salem (album of records).

Mary Jane Don, 1350 Marion, Salem (album of records).

Leonard Wittenberg, 265 Fair-

## British Split with Franco

LONDON, Dec. 21—(AP)—Great Britain recalled her ambassador to Spain tonight in a quick diplomatic snub of Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

The action came only six days after the United Nations general assembly in New York adopted a resolution calling on all member nations to withdraw their diplomatic missions from Spain.

The foreign office, acting without even formal notification of the general assembly's recommendation, announced that Ambassador Sir Victor Mallet had been instructed, to quit Madrid "at the earliest possible moment."

A terse foreign office statement said Great Britain, which has bitterly opposed proposals in the United Nations for a complete diplomatic rupture, originally intended to comply with the assembly's recommendation only after notice of the resolution had been received.

An official explanation of Mallet's recall at an earlier date was that "since this notification has been delayed somewhat longer than had been anticipated, it was decided to recall Sir Victor without awaiting it."

U.S. Ambassador Back

(The American ambassador to Spain, Norman Armour, returned to the United States before the United Nations assembly's action.)

Diplomatic circles, however, said they believed Great Britain merely was beating Spain to the punch in a swift diplomatic "counter-move." It apparently had been reported in London, although there was no official announcement, that Franco planned to recall his ambassador to Britain, Domingo de Las Bardenas.

## Seal Campaign Totals \$11,587

The Christmas seal campaign sales show a total to date of \$11,587, the Marion county public health association, sponsor of the drive, reported Saturday.

As the present total is only about two-thirds of the sum needed to carry out the battle against tuberculosis next year, the campaign will continue through Christmas, according to Ruby Bunnell, association executive secretary.

Funds derived from the sale are used to carry on chest X-ray survey units and health education programs. The bangle pin sale in the schools appears to be progressing satisfactorily and the booth sales are far above last year's total, the association reports.

## Turkey Gets Top Billing On Institution Menus

Turkey and all of the trimmings will feature the menus at most of the Oregon state institutions Christmas day.

More than 2500 patients and employees of the Oregon state hospital will eat dinner at noon while more than 1100 inmates of the state penitentiary will participate in a special dinner there.

## Weather

	Max	Min	Precip
Salem	53	37	0.00
Portland	46	37	trace
San Francisco	49	38	0.00
Chicago	34	28	0.00

Winnemette river 7.7 feet  
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem) Partly cloudy today; tonight with or without light showers. Highest temperature 48. Lowest tonight 38.

## Newspaper Chains Rate Senate Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—Chairman Murray (D-Mont.) of the senate small business committee said today the "rapid growth and concentration of newspaper ownership by chains and individuals" will be investigated at public hearings beginning January 7.

Murray told a reporter that the inquiry, which has been questioned by some senators, is "not an attempt to go into the contents of papers at all—it will not try to judge the freedom of the press."

"Our sole purpose is to try and learn the problems of the smaller independently-owned newspapers of the country," he said. "The smaller papers, both daily and weekly, are having a difficult time. They face higher costs of labor and everything else from paper to machinery."

"We hope to develop what can be done by the government or by legislation to keep these small papers alive and independent."

"There is nothing political about this. As a matter of fact, most of the small newspaper owners and publishers are Republicans."

Murray said one of the key points in the investigation will be the high cost and shortage of newsprint, a subject that has had attention from other congressional committees and government officials.

## Rankin Appointed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—Walter R. "Barney" Rankin, whose "Rankin's Raiders" scoured the Japs in the New Guinea campaign today was appointed chairman of the veterans committee of the Young Republican federation.

## Shopping Days Left

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BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS