

5 Dead, Scores Hurt as Blast Scatters Nampa, Idaho Buildings

Crews Search Debris For Corpses; Plasma, Drugs Sent to Scene

NAMPA, Idaho, Nov. 15.—(AP)—An explosion in a crowded restaurant and tavern killed at least five persons and injured an undetermined number of others tonight in this western town.

Police Chief J. R. McCarthy predicted, after five bodies were removed, that others would be found in the debris.

First of the dead identified was Eugene E. Janssen, a 28-year-old Nampa truck driver. Others were Mrs. Gertrude Peterson, William E. Grove, 45, and two Chinese, Pop Fong and Kim Fong. Another person also named Kim Fong was in Samaritan hospital seriously injured.

Heavy power equipment tore into the tons of debris left in the wake of the blast which rocked this town of an estimated 15,000 persons.

The state health department at Boise, 20 miles to the east, rushed penicillin and plasma. National guardsmen were called to aid in rescue work and to guard against looting.

Tears Out Windows
The blast tore out windows for blocks around.

Twenty-nine persons were in beds at Mercy hospital and at least seven others were released after emergency treatment.

The blast demolished the Forbidden Palace, a Chinese restaurant, and the Alibi Inn, an adjoining tavern.

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Bill Hollingsworth, a policeman in this agricultural and railroad community, said Wayne McKelland, a truck driver, had just finished filling a tank with gas used for heating when the blast occurred. It rocked the town.

Truck Driver Injured
McKelland was among the seriously injured.

Ada Decker and Ruby Council said they had just left the vicinity of First street between 13th and 14th when they saw "a big blue flash and heard a terrific explosion. We rushed home and didn't go back."

Even with the heavy power equipment workers estimated it would be hours before they would be able to remove enough debris to determine if other bodies might be found.

9,500 Claim
Marion County
Tax Discount

Counter windows at the Marion county tax collector's office banged shut Saturday noon after an estimated 9,500 tax-payers had paid \$586,055 during the past 17 days to gain a 3 per cent discount.

As he totaled up the score Saturday afternoon, Harold Domogalla, chief tax deputy, said that all taxes mailed into his office postmarked before midnight Saturday would be credited with the discount. Taxes paid or mailed after Saturday to his office will be assessed a penalty of two-thirds of one per cent per month on the first quarter's taxes due.

Since tax payments began at his office on October 29 (two weeks later than last year) his office has been busy daily until 8 p.m. serving long lines of payers. Following closing each night Domogalla and his staff worked late totaling receipts and readying the office and books for the next day's stampede.

A total of 10,467 receipts have been issued to date to payers, Domogalla reported. He estimated that at least half again as many are contained in the mail which has been flooding in and which his staff has not yet opened.

This year a total of 37,714 statements were mailed to Marion county taxpayers to collect an all-time high tax roll of \$2,967,903, compared with \$2,472,715 in 1946.



By Charles A. Sprague

A few days ago a student flinger nosed his plane low along the Willamette river near Butteville. Suddenly power lines spanning the river appeared in his path. He tried to lift the plane over the barrier, but it caught and went spinning into the river below. The pilot lost his life. Undoubtedly his relatives and friends are asking: Why did it happen to him. A similar question arose in thousands of minds respecting the late tragedy which took the lives of our governor and his associates.

This question, "Why?" has baffled philosophers and engrossed the thought of theologians for centuries. The book of Job, one of the oldest in literature, is a classic study of the problem of human suffering. It is in the form of a poetic drama. In the prologue, Job is described as a prosperous, contented, god-fearing patriarch. The character, Satan, taunts the Lord with the query, "Doth Job fear God for naught?" whereupon the Lord permits Job to be put to the test: loss of family and possessions, personal affliction (boils).

The ensuing dialogue between Job and his three friends is a spirited dispute in which Job resists their accusations that his suffering is the consequence of his own sinning. In the end, the Lord appears, confounds the friends, rebukes Job for his impatience, and then restores Job to his former state. The book of Job is an effective denial of the assumption that a affliction is proof that the person afflicted has sinned, a denial later confirmed by Jesus Christ ("Neither this man sinned nor his parents...").

Another reaction to the great mystery of "Why?" is that of fatalism. Soldiers talk about the bullet with a man's number; on it. Gov. Snell was referring to this in his reply to a

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Byron Carney Re-elected to Demo Position

PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Oregon's democratic party central committee and national committee member Law Wallace buried the hatchet at a "peace banquet" here today, but not until after trying to lift a few scalps during this year's second election of officers.

Ballots of 48 certified committeemen, representing 28 of the state's 36 counties, re-elected M. state's 36 counties, re-elected Byron G. Carney, of Milwaukie, as state chairman and E. P. Ivory, of Klamath Falls, state treasurer, without difficulty. But the election of Clifford T. Howlett as state secretary came on the third ballot in a warm battle with Wallace forces. The count was 26 to 22.

Defeated for the secretary post was George Rheinmiller, who served as secretary prior to the May 17 election, when proxy ballots held by national committeemen Wallace were thrown out. The election later was carried to court by Wallace.

Kenneth W. Bayne, chairman of the Marion county delegation, challenged Howlett to declare whether he was a supporter of former Vice President Henry Wallace. The question was ruled out of order, however, by Chairman Carney and when Bayne disputed the ruling the committee supported the chairman by a vote of 31 to 17.

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Italy Reds Fighting For Cities

ROME, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Riotous fighting swept the southern Italian city of Cerignola tonight, with at least five persons reported killed and many wounded, and a sudden transportation strike tied up Rome as the leftist assault on Premier De Gasperi's government leaped from city to city on a nation-wide scale.

Reinforcements of armored cars, police and troops were rushed to Cerignola, near Foggia, where demonstrators were said to have gained control of the main square. The interior ministry said it had received word that the mob had attacked the police barracks there with machinegun fire and hand grenades. The assistant police was gravely wounded and three carabinieri and a police agent were slightly wounded.

There are "numerous dead" in the city, the Rome newspaper Momentosera reported. It added that the roads into Cerignola were blocked and telegraph and telephone lines were cut. A general strike also crippled Cerignola, where many members of the U.S. 15th air force lived during the war.

310 lb. 'Copter Carries Load Of 300 Pounds

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—(AP)—And now the air force comes up with "Little Henry"—a helicopter motorcycle, powered by ram jet units to spin the rotor blades.

It disclosed today that the weird, experimental device, has completed six months of flight tests at the Wright Field, Ohio, and company engineers.

"Little Henry" weighs only 310 pounds but has lifted an additional load of 300 pounds and moved at a speed of 50 miles an hour. The present device, said the air force, "is merely a flying test stand intended to prove the basic idea and no aircraft designation has been given the plane."

A ram-jet, weighing only ten pounds is mounted at the tip of each of the two blades of the 18-foot rotor. This is the only power used for the helicopter-motorcycle, which accounts for the extremely light overall weight of the aircraft.

Thieves Flee in Rain of Bullets

ELMA, Wash., Nov. 15.—(AP)—State, county and local law enforcement officers patrolled virtually every highway in eastern Grays Harbor county today in a search for two wild-shooting safe-crackers who eluded Elma's town marshal in a pre-dawn flurry of gunfire.

Marshal James Foley said he fired 18 shots at the pair after they opened fire on him at point blank range when he surprised them in a safe-cracking job at the Sports Center. He estimated they fired more than 30 shots at him in the wild outburst of gunfire that awakened the town at 5:30 a.m.

Bullets nicked buildings and shattered windows. Foley said he was sure he hit the fleeing car more than once.

McGilchrist Well-Known Realtor, Civic Leader Dies



William McGilchrist, Jr., prominent Salem real estate broker and civic leader who died at his home here Friday night.

William McGilchrist, Jr., 62, long-time Salem resident and prominent real estate broker, died at his home, 695 N. Summer st., late Friday from a heart ailment which had made him seriously ill for the past three months.

Funeral services will be held from the Clough-Barrick chapel Monday at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. Chester Hamblin officiating. Private concluding services will be held at the Mt. Crest Abbey mausoleum.

Born in Scotland
McGilchrist was born in Glasgow, Scotland, Sept. 17, 1885, the son of William and Jane Oliver McGilchrist. He moved to the United States with his parents in 1893 at the age of six. The family moved to Marion county where McGilchrist's father operated a fruit ranch seven miles south of Salem until 1908, and then moved to Salem when the senior McGilchrist purchased and operated a restaurant.

McGilchrist received his education in the Salem public schools and joined his father in the restaurant business. He later went into the furniture business by himself and remained there until 1918. A short time later he entered the real estate business and continued in that capacity until his death.

Member of Clubs
He was a member of the First Presbyterian church, Masonic lodge, Elks, Rotary club, Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, life member of the Al Kader temple of the Mystic Shrine and a charter member of the Cherrians, which he served as King Bing.

He is survived by his widow, the former Eva Savage, to whom he was married in Salem Feb. 21, 1912; a daughter, Mrs. Josephine Buck of Portland; three brothers, James McGilchrist and Gordon McGilchrist, both of Salem, and Dr. Nicol McGilchrist of Spokane; three sisters, Jean McGilchrist of Portland, Mrs. E. W. Casagrande of Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. William P. Douglas of Berkeley, Calif.; his step-mother, Mrs. William McGilchrist, of Salem, and a grandson, William Buck of Portland.

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GUARD POSTED ON MINE

FLORENCE, Ore., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Another Japanese mine washed ashore on the Oregon coast today, just 500 feet from the Roosevelt Beach bathing office, and coast guardsmen set up a guard around it.

Payrolls Set Mark In Oregon

Oregon industries subject to the unemployment law, paid \$402,332,000 in wages from January through June, 1947, an increase of 25.8 per cent over the same period of 1946, higher than for any similar period during the war and more than for any entire pre-war year, the state unemployment compensation commission reported Saturday.

Widespread expansion in the basic lumbering, logging and construction industries early this year accounted for well over half the \$2,450,000 payroll gain reported by 15,000 employers over the state, the commission said.

Payrolls reported by lumber, logging and other wood product concerns reached the unprecedented figure of \$112,620,979 for the first half of 1947, more than 53 per cent increase over the corresponding period last year and more than the entire covered payroll of the state for 1938, when unemployment benefits started. In that year all wood products firms paid \$22,986,787 in wages during the first six months. By 1941 the first half total reached \$43,500,742. This year loggers and lumber workers averaged \$261.06 a month, while in 1938 the average was \$102.77.

The number of construction workers increased from 10 to 40 per cent over the same months last year while payrolls for the first six months were 39 per cent higher than in 1946. Average wages this year reached \$202 during the war-time rush and \$213 last year.

Marine Hits Own Home with Greyhound Bus

SILVERTON, Ore., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Leo Denver Yates, 20, believes today that your troubles come home.

The young marine picked out a Greyhound bus to leave here en route to his marine base after spending a visit with his parents. Police said that he had borrowed the bus, however, and then crashed into his own home attempting to negotiate a sharp curve. Yates was arrested in the bus, suffering a wrenched shoulder, and charged with theft of the vehicle. He is held on \$10,000 bail.

Damage to the bus was estimated at \$2,500 and repairs to the Yates family home are expected to total approximately the same amount.

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U.S. May Buy Europe Aid In Latin America, Canada

Portland 27, Willamette 0.
Oregon 21, Stanford 6.
WCSU 14, Oregon State 13.
UCLA 34, Washington 7.
California 60, Montana 14.
Idaho 13, Utah 7.
Notre Dame 26, Northw. 19.
Army 7, Penn 7.
Michigan 40, Wisconsin 6.
Penn State 20, Navy 7.
Texas 20, Texas Christian 0.
Alabama 14, Georgia Tech 7.
Iowa 13, Minnesota 7.
Pacific U. 16, CPS 6.
Linfield 23, UBC 0.

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'Battle of Newark' Fought Verbally

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 15.—(AP)—The defenders of Newark bay leveled a barrage of words today instead of the water and flame-fighting foam two tiny city fireboats were to have "fired" in their blockade of the port against the super-dreadnaught New Mexico.

Barristers unleashed their attack announcing they would carry the fight to Washington next week to keep the old ship from being scrapped at Newark.

Plan to Slow Drain on U.S. Resources; Policy Talk Ready for Monday

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State Bureaus Seek to Retain Employes Past Retirement Age

A meeting of the state public employes' retirement board is scheduled for Tuesday in Portland, Jerry Saylor, executive secretary, announced Saturday.

Among problems to be considered will be the granting of time extensions, where requested by supervisory officials, for employes to remain in service after attaining retirement age of 65 years.

Hard hit by a shortage of experienced personnel are reluctant to leave some of their best workers, many state departments—particularly where technical workers predominate—will petition the board before the November 18 deadline for permission to retain essential employes who have reached the retirement age. The state board of control this week was asked to approve the retention of E. C. Hobbs, state printer, and Joe Woods, state purchasing department employe, who have reached 65. Final decision on these requests rests with the retirement board.

Although many department heads said they would be unable to operate efficiently unless some of their older employes stay, two departments—the state police and the board of higher education—decided all of their employes who had reached retirement age would retire on July 1 when the retirement law became effective.

The state highway department, now in the midst of its largest construction program, will ask to keep about 25 men of retirement age, most of them technical workers, officials said. A similar situation was said to exist in the state industrial accident commission, unemployment compensation division, state engineers office, state banking department, public utilities commission, state civil service commission and other branches of state government.

The public employes retirement law became operative July 1 of this year although workers who had reached the retirement age at that time need not leave their jobs until December 31. The law provided that employes, under certain conditions, may petition the retirement board for retention of workers of retirement age. Workers retained beyond retirement age by order of the board are restricted to one additional year of service but the application for an extension may be repeated annually.

Hughes Claims Evidence in Case Withheld

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Howard Hughes demanded today that Senator Ferguson (R-Mich) withdraw what Hughes called an "implied challenge" that there was fraud and corruption in the millionaire plane maker's wartime contracts.

Evidence still locked within the files of the senate war investigating committee, Hughes said, will prove he "was telling the truth" in denying he took part in anything crooked.

The outburst came as the committee ended its public hearings on the \$40,000,000 Hughes contracts.

Ferguson, chairman of a war investigating subcommittee which has been looking into Hughes' contracts for photo planes for the air force and for a huge flying boat, quickly denied that he or other senators had reached any conclusions in the case.

The senator also promised Hughes that all evidence in the committee's files will get a public airing next week.

DAV Building Bids Opened

Five bids for the new Disabled American Veterans Memorial building were opened in the office of Architect Lyle P. Bartholomew last week by the DAV trustees.

The bids were as follows: Henry Carl \$71,975, E. Batterman \$76,265, C. Lantz \$89,450, C. Halvorson \$87,989, A. Siewert \$95,229. The contract for the building, to be erected at Church and Marion streets is to be awarded shortly.

Politicians Stake Out Claims on State Posts as Campaigns Near

By Wendell Webb
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Rep. Joe Wilson (r) of Newport formally broke the ice last week with the first actual filing for office. He asks election as senator to succeed George Winslow (r), Tillamook, who has indicated he will not seek another term from the 24th senatorial district. But that's hardly a start.

Here is the list of officers whose terms expire next year and for whose posts filings will be made at O'Hara's headquarters by the night of March 12—with the statutory 70 days notice required for the May 21 primaries. (Incumbents and party in parenthesis):

Governor (John Hall, r).
Secretary of State (Earl Newbry, r).
State Treasurer (Leslie Scott, r).
Attorney General (George Neuner, r).
U. S. Senator (Guy Cordon, r).
All four U. S. representatives (Homer Angell, Walter Norblad,

Lowell Stockman and Harris Ellsworth, all republicans).
Three (out of seven) supreme court judges (Harry H. Belt, Percy R. Kelly, James T. Brand, office non-partisan).

Fourteen (out of 30) circuit judges (including George R. Duncan and E. M. Page of Marion county, office non-partisan).

Eighteen (out of 30) state senators (not including Sens. Allan Carson, r, and Douglas McKay, r, of Marion county, whose terms do not expire).

All 60 state representatives (including Repr. W. W. Chadwick, Paul Hendricks, Frank Doerfler and Douglas Yeater, all republicans, of Marion county).

Twenty-eight (out of 36) district attorneys (including Miller Hayden, r, Marion county).

In addition to these state filings, there also will be chosen at the May 21 primaries national committeemen and committeewomen for the two major parties (incumbents are Lew Wallace and Nancy Honeyman Robinson, democratic, and Ralph Cake and Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, republican);

six presidential electors from the state-at-large for each of the two major parties; and delegates to the national party conventions.

O'Hara said he had been informed that Oregon would have 16 delegates to the democratic national convention—two from each congressional district and eight from the state-at-large, and 12 to the republican national convention—two from each congressional district and four from the state-at-large. The 1944 democratic representation was the same number—16—but the republicans in 1944 accorded Oregon two more than their contemplated 12 for next year and a controversy still is in progress regarding the reduction.

In addition to all these offices for which filings will be made through the state elections division, there also will be a primary election vote on presidential preference for whatever candidates seek electors from this state.

Marion county's own election (in addition to those offices for which filings are made with the

state) also will provide plenty of fireworks all by itself, with County Clerk Harlan Judd charged with receiving filings by the March 12 deadline.

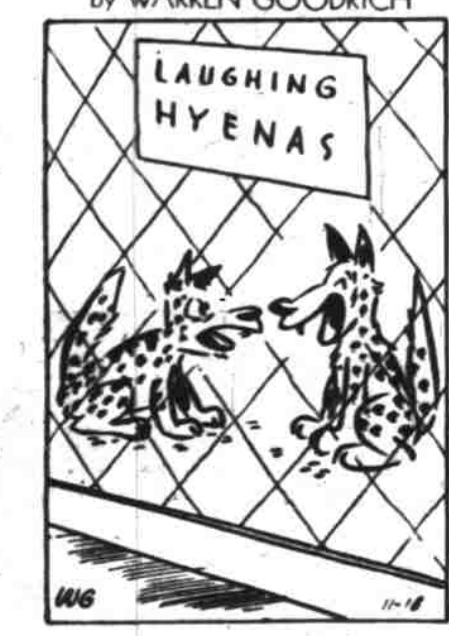
Partisan terms expiring next year include those of County Judge Grant Murphy, Commissioner Roy Rice, Clerk Harlan Judd, Sheriff Denver Young, Assessor Tad Shelton, Treasurer Sam Butler, Coroner L. E. Barwick and Surveyor Hedda Swart. The latter also is county engineer, an appointive office. All are republicans.

The only county-wide officers holding over next year are Recorder Herman Lanke and Commissioner E. L. Rogers.

Non-partisan terms expiring in 1948 are those of District Judge Joe Felton and School Superintendent Agnes Booth.

All constables were made appointive, by the recent legislation, by the term of four Marion county justices of the peace will expire next year—those of Alf O. Nelson (r), Silvertown; Walter Bell (r), Stayton; N. M. Lau-

Animal Crackers



"Okay, wise guy—when you say that, frown."