

### Atomic Council Agrees Over Veto Elimination

### Delegates Unsure Of Friday's Vote

NEW YORK—(AP)—Delegates to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission agreed Saturday over whether they had approved a veto elimination proposal to punish for violations of atomic energy control.

This was a major point in the American atomic control plan which was approved "in principle" Friday by the commission and it appeared that the controversial issue had been decided finally although without the approval of Soviet Russia.

Members of the U. S. delegation led the commission's action as complete victory for Bernard Baruch, 76-year-old sponsor of the American proposals, but it was clear Saturday that the veto elimination plan still faced a difficult fight.

Members of the Canadian delegation, Gen. Andrew G. L. McNaughton, sponsor of the compromise which the commission finally adopted, emphasized that the Canadian proposal laid down an important condition, which should be overlooked.

It was recalled that the assembly resolution recommended that the control of atomic energy, be placed within the framework of the security council, where the veto applies. The resolution omitted any reference to the veto.

While members of the U. S. delegation contended that this resolution did not prevent the security council from agreeing not to use the veto on atomic matters, it was pointed out that the assembly had rejected several attempts to write in provisions on the veto.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov declared during the assembly debate that Russia would support an international control of atomic energy free of the veto, but he insisted that enforcement must be kept under the security council.

There was no indication that the U. S. firm opposition to any limitation of her veto rights had changed.



FIREMEN CHECK the Northwest Cities Gas Co. plant at the foot of Eighth Ave. for damage after an unexplained explosion, followed by fire, damaged the plant Friday evening. (Willshire photo and engraving.)

### Shortest Day Set for Sunday

SEATTLE—(AP)—Sunday, Dec. 22, should be the year's shortest day by 8 of one second of time, Prof. T. S. Jacobsen, University of Washington astronomer, figured out Friday, but temperature variations may throw his whole set of figures out of kilter.

Emerging from his logarithm table, he decided: Sunrise and sunset times Saturday will be 7:54:34.9 a.m. and 4:20:18.7 p.m., for a day eight hours, 25 minutes, 43.8 seconds long.

On Sunday: 7:55:05.8 a.m. and 4:20:48.8 p.m., or a day of eight hours, 25 minutes and 43 seconds.

It happens because the winter solstice at 2:54 a.m. Sunday, so closely coincides with midnight, he said.

"However," he cautioned, "should the air be as much as 1/2 degree colder at sunrise and sunset on Sunday than Saturday, the 8 of a second difference will be cancelled out. The refraction of light affects the length of the day."

### Fog Shrouds Valley; One Accident Listed

Heavy fog in the Willamette Valley Friday cancelled all plane flights in and out of Eugene, United Airlines officials said Saturday, but normal service was restored Saturday.

Despite fears of city and state police, only one accident occurred in fog-shrouded Eugene Friday night, resulting in a minor leg injury to Beverly Wolf, 330 1/2 Sixth Ave. W.

### Gas Plant Burns After Explosion

Ulrich Lauener, night fireman for Northwest Cities Gas Company in Eugene, suffered minor burns on the hands and face Friday night when an explosion at the company's plant caused a two-alarm fire.

Damage to the plant was not extensive, but because of the potential seriousness of the blaze, 22 of the entire 26-man fire department staff were called in to stand by.

The alarm was turned in at 11:23 p.m. while the fire department's 1925 model, type 12 truck was handling a basement fire in a house at 950 Patterson St. The type 12 truck, with a 1000 gallon pumper, came back and was taken to the gas plant fire with truck 91, a 1929 model with a 500-gallon pumper.

Only three trucks, including the department's old 1920 model, were left on duty at the station. "We were plenty short on equipment, but had enough men," firemen said.

Of the five fire trucks, the newest was purchased about 1941, but a 1000-gallon pumper is expected to arrive here in January.

Lauener was cleaning a boiler flue at the time of the explosion, and apparently was the only man in the plant. No estimate of damage has been given, but the roof was damaged, steel girders were bent and sagged and windows were broken during fighting of the blaze. Lauener was not hospitalized.

Creosote Helps Blaze  
Firemen said creosote, a by-product of the gas manufacturing process, helped the blaze to spread. A similar fire occurred in the plant in 1931.

# 500 Dead as Earthquake, Tidal Waves Hit Japan

### Santa Claus Pickets Store

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Bundled Christmas shoppers paused for a second look when they saw Santa Claus marching back and forth in front of a department store.

As he paraded, the Santa passed out candy kisses to children from a bag slung over his shoulder, and on the bag was a sign reading: "This store is unfair! He was a picket."

### CIO Threatens More Pay Suits

DETROIT—(AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers union said Saturday it will file suit next week seeking recovery of \$270,000,000 in retroactive portal-to-portal pay for employees of the Ford Motor Co.

It said it would sue the Briggs Manufacturing Company, world's largest maker of auto bodies, for additional "millions."

Richard T. Leonard, national UAW Ford director, said the Ford total would include \$250,000,000 the union claims is due 60,000 River Rouge plant workers for five years' portal-to-portal activity.

Millions From Briggs  
Emil Mazey, head of the union's Briggs unit, said the amount sought from that company would "run into the millions" but would not give a specific estimate. The total would cover 22,000 employees.

Earlier, UAW local 551 at Chicago sued to recover \$8,000,000 for 2,000 workers in a Ford plant there, listing \$4,000,000 due in portal-to-portal pay and an additional \$4,000,000 in liquidated damages.

The UAW indicated still larger suits are to come, covering hundreds of thousands of employees of General Motors and Chrysler corporations and smaller automobile and parts manufacturers. Union attorney Maurice Sugar said preparations for the units were moving ahead at "top speed."

### Indictment Charges Klamath Falls Man

KLAMATH FALLS—(AP)—A secret indictment, charging Delbert Lane with threatening to kill a man who later died of gunshot wounds, was disclosed in Lane's arraignment in circuit court here this morning.

### Ground Forces Announce New Airborne Unit

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Army Ground Forces Saturday announced a reorganization from which will emerge a new Army division completely transportable by air and possessing 250 per cent more firepower and 20 per cent more manpower than World War II divisions.

Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ground forces commander, said the new division will be in the field in four or five months. The said the reorganization "takes into account lessons learned in World War II and looks forward to the atomic age."

Transported by Air  
"American Army divisions, proven equal or superior to the best of friend and foe alike in the war just won, will henceforth be unparalleled fighting machines," Devers said.

The new division, although its streamlined and light-weight equipment will be transportable by air, will not constitute an airborne division.

Plans for a new airborne division, a hard-hitting striking force designed to spearhead invasions by parachute and glider, will be announced later.

To Take Beachhead  
Under the Army's new tactical concepts, after airborne troops have secured a foothold, the air-transported infantry will be flown to captured airfields in big transports to expand the beachhead.

It would take 1500 planes of the C-47 type to transport this new division. But 400 planes of a new experimental type of transport could do the job.

### Armed Forces Sent Greetings

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman Saturday sent a message of Christmas greeting to members of the U. S. armed forces in all parts of the world. He expressed gratitude for the part they are playing in the struggle toward "a just and enduring peace for all peoples in all countries."

### Hundreds Injured; Damage Extensive

TOKYO—(AP)—A violent earthquake and severe tidal waves damaged more than 50,000 square miles of Southern Japan Saturday.

Incomplete figures listed 500 dead, 612 injured, and 43 missing; nearly 28,000 homes destroyed, damaged or flooded, and 500 fishing vessels lost. Only one allied casualty—a missing British soldier—was reported.

Seismologists said the quake possibly was the world's most violent. Six tidal waves, erupted by the tumbler beneath the Pacific Ocean floor, rushed over Wakayama Peninsula and wreaked damage over a 370-mile wide area from Shimoda on the eastern Honshu coast to Kochi on Shikoku's southern coast. Some of the waves were 10 feet high.

Authorities said the loss of life was not far greater because the quake epicenter was under water.

Saturday night, thousands of Wakayamans fled into the hills, fearful of repercussions. Tanaba was deserted, its 2500 homeless refugees having sought safety in the hills.

Residents of some other Wakayama towns likewise fled, carrying their meager possessions.

Only fragmentary information was available from the two areas that appeared hardest hit—the southern coast of Shikoku and western Wakayama, both isolated.

One Allied Soldier Missing  
U. S. Army and Japanese sources released these fragmentary reports:  
500 Japanese dead.  
612 Japanese injured.  
42 Japanese and one British occupation soldier missing.  
4500 homes destroyed.  
9844 homes heavily damaged.  
14,000 dwellings flooded.  
500 fishing vessels destroyed.

An early estimate that probably 1000 Japanese were killed—based on a report that 200 families at Kochi were "wiped out"—was disregarded later as Army and Japanese sources compiled their reports of known casualties.



GEORGIA GOVERNOR-ELECT Eugene Talmadge died early Saturday morning at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta. His colorful political career was climaxed when he won an unprecedented fourth term.

### Talmadge Ends Colorful Career

ATLANTA, Ga.—(AP)—Gov.-Elect Eugene Talmadge who won an unprecedented fourth term as Georgia governor in November on a promise to maintain white supremacy died this morning less than a month before his scheduled inauguration. He was 62.

The end came at 7 a.m. (EST) in Piedmont Hospital where members of his family and a few close friends had kept vigil since his condition took a turn for the worse Monday.

Exodus Quies  
In contrast to the stormy and colorful life that marked his ascendancy in Georgia politics, Talmadge passed away quietly.

His death climaxed an illness that was aggravated by the seal and drive of his 1947 political campaign when he stumped the state to make 272 speeches against the advice of his doctor.

Death was due to complications following the stomach hemorrhages suffered at Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 5.

Talmadge suffered no pain in his last hours but physicians said "his kidneys and liver both locked."

Talmadge never regained consciousness after Friday mid-afternoon when he momentarily recognized his family and friends.

Talmadge's passing prior to his inauguration loomed a storm of political speculation as to who would govern the state. There were three principal contenders:

### Creswell Xmas Tree Damaged by Vandals

CRESWELL—Vandals again damaged the Community Christmas tree erected on the city hall lawn Saturday night only a few days after it had been set up by members of the VFW and also on Monday night. Wires of light bulbs were broken and damage of Tuesday was taken in making the repairs.

This annual custom of having a community tree here has been tried on for many years, originally established by J. P. Lane who was owner of the electric light plant at the time and later by the Boy Scouts. This year the tree was placed on the city hall lawn instead of the intersection of the streets hoping it might have more protection. Cars were driven over the lawn in order to damage the tree.

Last year the tree was also damaged, and numerous other depredations against public and business properties and homes have been carried out during the past two or three years in Creswell, including the recent fire at the school, thought to have been caused by broken window panes at the school.

Broken windows, damaged lawns, and mysterious fires are other signs of the presence of vandals.

### Mechanics' Bodies Found in Airplane

PORTLAND—(AP)—The bodies of two airplane mechanics were found Saturday in the wreckage of the plane they unexpectedly flew away from the Troutdale airport Friday.

### Yugoslav Soldiers At Invasion Route

ATHENS—(AP)—An informed source said Saturday allied military authorities had received confidential reports that large numbers of Yugoslav troops were massed at Bitol (Monastir) and at Skopje along the traditional Vardar river invasion route to northern Greece.

### Telephones Released From Regulations

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Government restrictions on installations of telephones are coming off.

### Stalin Receives Elliot And Wife on Birthday

LONDON—(AP)—Prime Minister Stalin received Elliott Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt Saturday on the generalissimo's 67th birthday, the Moscow radio reported Saturday night.

### Bowden Denies Wife Was Object of Plot

PORTLAND—(AP)—The defense Saturday was expected to wind up its case shortly in the "Pandora's Box" murder trial here.

James Wesley Bowden, 49, charged with first-degree murder, testified Friday that he planned to "eliminate" a rival for his wife's affection with the dynamite bomb that killed his wife last July.

He said, however, that he had not actually planned to kill George Frank Hockenjos.

"How could dynamite express anything but death?" the prosecuting attorney asked.

### Edgar Buchanan Visits Family in Eugene

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Buchanan and son Billy, of Hollywood, Calif., are here to spend Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Buchanan of Eugene.

Miss Kate Buchanan of Arcata, Calif., also is home for the holidays.

### General Eaker Plans To Make Oregon Home

PORTLAND—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, famed Air Corps general, is making good the statement he made to Mayor Earl Riley when the Portland official visited London during the war.

Gen. Eaker said at the time that he expected to become a resident of Oregon upon his retirement.

## \$705,000 in Gifts Goes to Employees

SCIO, O.—(AP)—L. P. Reese, who was on poor relief 14 years ago, Friday night distributed \$705,000 to the 827 employees of his Scio-Ohio pottery—a surprise Christmas bonus which set a record, even in this dish-making village of 1400 persons.

In addition, the 53-year-old owner of the pottery announced a 20-cent-an-hour increase in wages with a \$1 an hour minimum scale for unskilled workers.

### Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast Eugene and vicinity, increasing cloudiness Saturday night, with light rains Saturday night and Sunday. Not so cold. Oregon, same, with snow at higher elevation, and fresh to strong southerly winds off the coast.

Local statistics: Highest temperature Friday, 38 degrees; low Saturday morning, 32 degrees; 24-hour precipitation ending 10:30 a.m. Saturday, trace; total for month, 3.84; normal for month, 5.72; total since Sept. 1, 19.99 inches; stage of Willamette River at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, plus 1.20 feet; prevailing wind direction and velocity at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, South E; prevailing Friday, SE E.

Sunrise and sunset (PST): Sunday, 7:46 a.m. and 4:38 p.m. Monday, same.

SIDEWALL TIDES  
Sunday  
High 12:15 a.m. 4:57 p.m. 8:57 p.m.  
Low 8:02 a.m. 1:57 p.m. 5:25 p.m. 9:43 p.m.