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Quake-Stricken Area Receives Emergency Aid

Americans Escape Serious Injury

FUKUI, Japan—(AP)—The shattered Fukui area felt new earth tremors Tuesday night. Military government officers estimated Monday's earthquake casualties would mount to 2500 dead and injured Japanese.

No new damage was reported. All Americans in the stricken area escaped serious injury but a number were bruised and burned slightly.

American relief reached the quake scene to aid the injured and homeless.

Military government officers said 200 children were crushed to death when a motion picture theater collapsed in the first shock. Their bodies have been recovered. At a school 22 more children and two adults were reported crushed.

Tidal Wave
Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Swing, U. S. Army First Corps commander, returned to Kyoto from Fukui and said he doubted the death list for the whole stricken area would exceed 300 but the total injured may eventually reach 5000. He said there was no evidence of any tidal waves striking the shore from the sea of Japan.

The governor of Fukui prefecture estimated 3155 were killed in the violent quake. (The Tokyo newspaper Asahi gave the number of dead and injured in the prefecture as 16,000. It reported 300,000 homeless.) Fukui is 200 miles west of Tokyo.

Americans here who went through the quake, said it was almost as if Fukui, which was leveled by superforce late in the war, was hit by an atom bomb. The city of 85,000 is heavily damaged.

The first tremors burst water mains. Fires flashed but Americans and Japanese were helpless before the flames without water.

Toll Estimated
Gov. Harukazu Obata of Fukui province in western Honshu estimated throughout the area that 1845 Japanese were killed and 9192 were injured severely.

During the first hours, 1000 injured Japanese moved through an American first aid station. Brig. Gen. Eugene E. Harrison, in charge of the station, said about 10 percent of the first thousand patients were hurt seriously. Army sources said an area about 50 miles wide along the coast of the sea of Japan was ripped by the temblors.

Dewey Studies Berlin Crisis

PAWLING, N. Y. — (AP) — Gov. Thomas E. Dewey said Tuesday the Russian blockade of the American, British and French sectors of Berlin constitute "a grave situation."

The Republican presidential nominee told a news conference at his farm here that he had been discussing the Berlin crisis with John Foster Dulles, his foreign affairs advisor, "twice a day now for several days."

Asked if he thought the situation might lead to war, Dewey said:

"We must not even consider such possibilities."

Meanwhile Gov. Dewey and Gov. Earl Warren put their heads together to map an election campaign designed to make the most of their respective vote-getting talents.

As the Republican presidential nominee, Dewey is expected to assume the leading role—a sustained frontal assault on the democratic administration's conduct of foreign policy.

On the broad shoulders of his running mate will fall a large share of the burden of winning the west for the GOP next November.

University Given Housing Ownership

A bill signed Monday by President Truman giving American colleges and universities outright ownership of temporary housing placed on campuses by the government will give the University of Oregon the ownership of the Amazon housing project and the Columbia St. project.

L. I. Wright, superintendent of the University of Oregon physical plant, said the Amazon units, now completed, will house 248 families. The Columbia St. dwellings take care of 24 more families.

Rep. J. Harry McGregor (R-O) said "upkeep was costing the government more than the revenue."

The university already owns a group of pre-fabs and trailers on Apple St.

CANAL STILL CLOSED

PORTLAND—(AP)—Army engineers said Tuesday it would be three weeks before flood damage could be repaired and the Dalles-Celilo canal reopened to Columbia River traffic.



FLYING TO SCHOOL each day, a distance of 120 miles from her North Bend home to Eugene, is a trifle boring to Deborah Conklin, 11. Meeting her at the airport with a cab each morning is Al Brundant who takes the modern miss to special University of Oregon classes. (Staff photo, Wiltshire engraving).

Oh Well, You Get Free Gum

Deborah's Flights All in Day's Work

Flying by commercial airliner to school in Eugene each day is "so so" according to eleven-year-old Deborah Conklin, North Bend, who is as bored with commuting through the sky as other youngsters are when riding a school bus.

Deborah, a brown-eyed brunette of perhaps 75 pounds, shows little concern over the 120-mile flights which take her to a special University of Oregon class.

"It's fine," said she Tuesday,

Fire Menaces Willapa Hills

CATHLAMET, Wash. — (AP) — Smoke hung over a wide lower Columbia River area Tuesday as close to 400 men battled the Pacific Northwest's first major forest fire of the season.

Forest officials were told the blaze was attributed to friction of a falling tree on a snag Monday afternoon.

The district forestry office at Chehalis was informed the fire was in cut-over ground in the rugged Willapa Hills. Green timber to the southwest would be menaced by a shift in the wind.

The isolated area is reachable only by the Long-Bell logging railroad out of Rydewood—the jumping off place. Logging cars and speeders were carrying the fire fighters to the scene.

Humidity was critically low Monday and Tuesday.

Harvester Firm Plants Striking

CHICAGO—(AP)—Nine International Harvester Co. plants employing more than 35,000 persons were closed down Tuesday by a walkout of CIO United Farm Equipment workers.

One plant, at Canton, Ill., employing 3200, was reported working. The company said it had no report from the 11th plant at Rock Falls, Ill. It employs 850.

Union members walked out as their negotiators met in Chicago in efforts to work out a new contract to replace one that expired at midnight. Negotiators met briefly Tuesday morning, then recessed until 1 p.m. The company said the recess was asked by union representatives after the company made new contract proposals.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, continued hot and fair Tuesday and Wednesday with some early morning cloudiness Wednesday. Expected cloudiness Wednesday. Expected Tuesday, 88 degrees, low high Tuesday, 88 degrees, low Tuesday night, 60 degrees. Tuesday Oregon, same, except for some fog along coast.

Local statistics: Highest temperature Monday, 92 degrees; low Tuesday, 57 degrees; no rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m.; total for month, 1.10 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m., minus 1.05 feet; wind at 1:30 a.m., North 3; prevailing Monday, North 8.

Sunrise and sunset (PST): Wednesday, 5:32 a.m. and 8:59 p.m.; Thursday, 5:33 a.m. and 8:59 p.m.

Berlin Council Debates Appeal For UN Relief

ERP Diplomat Arrives at Scene

BERLIN—(AP)—The Berlin city council debated Tuesday night sending an appeal to the United Nations to aid the 2,000,000 Germans threatened with starvation by the Russian land blockade.

The British RAF joined the U.S. Air Force in shuttling food to Berlin. At best, however, the planes could tote but a fraction of the 2000 tons of food normally delivered.

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y.—(AP)—Secretary General Trygve Lie of the United Nations has polled the 11 nations of the UN Security Council on the possibility of intervening in the East-West duel in Berlin, it was learned Tuesday.

ered daily over the rail line Russia had blocked. Present food stores are expected to last until the end of July or early August.

Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, British military governor, denounced the Soviet blockade as "ruthless unhumanity." He said the Russians are trying "to gain political advantage by an attempt to starve the helpless."

Conference Held
Robertson conferred with Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. military governor, who had spent most of the day talking with William H. Draper, undersecretary of the Army, and Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, U. S. army director of plans and operations.

The Communist controlled Socialist Unity party served notice to the Berlin city council it will oppose an appeal to the U.N. as "useless and without results."

W. Averell Harriman, roving ambassador for the European Recovery Program, arrived in Berlin Tuesday night for conferences with Clay on ERP aid to Western Germany. He said the trip had no relation to the crisis caused by the Soviet blockade.

Robertson Denounces
The British commander, Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, made his denunciation at a meeting of the German zonal advisory council for the British zone at Hamburg.

His strong language indicated he probably had received a rebuff from the Russians on his demand of last Saturday that they lift immediately their transport embargo on Berlin or take blame for starving 2,000,000 Berliners of the western occupation sectors.

Costs Told
This commentary on the cost of boarding stands up reasonably well since it costs \$6 a day to go by air—\$5 for the plane fare and \$1 for taxi fare.

"There's a twenty-five cent cab fare from home to the airport, too," Deborah noted. She crossed her little legs, paused in blowing bubbles from the piquant face, and pulled a sheaf of tickets from her red and black plaid pocket book.

Her nose lifts a wee bit on the end as she retains a poise more often seen in elders.

Not a Meal
Deborah doesn't miss a meal at home, incidentally. She leaves North Bend at 9 a.m., spends two hours in her classes in Eugene, and is back home on the 1 p.m. flight in time for lunch.

Each morning in North Bend, the modern miss sets her "Bamby" wrist-watch according to airline time, for her mornings must click to the minute.

From 10 to 11:45 a.m. she's in class with 33 other students who have between them 26 teachers, three supervisors, and the gentleman in charge of it all, Dr. P. A. Killgallon.

Reading Clinic
The reading clinic for children is not for retarded youngsters but for those who can be assisted by special instruction. Audiometer screen tests given throughout the school system discover which children can be assisted by special teachers.

There's a refreshing highlight in this five-day schedule for Deborah. The steward gives her a stick of gum to chew during flight.

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Tito, Poor Tito Yesterday Hero, Today a Bum

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Premier Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia found himself Tuesday in the category of fading American sport stars, of whom Babe Ruth once quipped: Yesterday a hero and today a bum.

Until the Cominform blast of Monday, Tito was considered a darling of the Kremlin. He fought in the Red army during the Bolshevik revolution, married in Russia and lived there five years. After he gained control of Yugoslavia with Russia's help, he frequented the Kremlin and received its honors.

The Russian-run Cominform denounced "Tito and other leaders of the Communist party as affected by exaggerated ambition, megalomania and conceit."

Now, says the Cominform, he is "adventurous and non-Marxist."

Elliott Says Ike 'Maybe' Will Answer 'Draft'
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS
Anti-Truman Democrats pounded their Eisenhower-for-President drums with fresh vigor Tuesday.

Elliott Roosevelt set off the parade by disclosing a new letter from the general which he said made him optimistic Eisenhower could not refuse "a true draft movement" at the Democratic national convention.

At ADA Rally
The son of the late president read the letter Monday night at a New York rally sponsored by the Americans for Democratic Action. He said it was written June 15 to Leslie E. Schwartz, an ADA official. The letter said:

"When I made a public statement last January referring to a possible political career, I did it only after earnest study to determine the field in which I might possibly be of some future usefulness."

Has Silenced
It was last January that Eisenhower, now president of Columbia University, silenced a similar effort by some Republicans to stir a draft move at the GOP convention. Since then he has repeatedly reaffirmed that position.

Another Democrat group meanwhile sought to arrange a meeting with the general Tuesday. Harry Carlson, New Hampshire Democratic national committeeman, said Monday night that he and party leaders from several southern states would seek the Eisenhower interview. The general's office said, however, that his calendar "is filled with university appointments."

Cordon Chosen for Pacific Investigation
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Cordon (R-Ore) Tuesday was chosen chairman of the joint congressional committee which will tour American possessions in the Pacific this fall to investigate strategic, political and economic conditions in the islands.

The committee decided tentatively to depart from San Francisco Nov. 9 and set Dec. 20 as the probable return date.

The committee plans to visit all of the American possessions in the Pacific, the mandated islands, Japan and probably the Philippines. It is composed of three members each from the Senate interior and foreign relations committees and the House public lands and foreign affairs committees.

Pruett Traces Meteor Report
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The rapid pace of Monday's meeting also permitted the adoption of 19 ordinances (most for street and sewer improvements), attention to a long list of petitions and reports, the letting of several contracts and discussion of problems to be settled through later council actions.

Alley Vacation
Only once did the tempo slow down. This occurred when representatives of the Catholic Church and the Eugene Water Board were heard with arguments respectively for and against the proposed vacation of the north-south alley between Tenth and Eleventh Aves. in the block also bounded by Lincoln and Charnelton.

The council acted to vacate the alley after hearing a 45-minute pro-and-con discussion of the issue presented by Rev. Francis P. Leipzig and Engineer T. O. Russell, appearing for the church, and Attorney William East and Engineer Ford Northrup, representing the Water Board.

The crux of the question was whether reservation of an easement for the city to maintain, repair and operate its public utility

Communist Brawl Appears Shaping

And Shade Is Getting Scarce

Forecaster Sees 98-Degree Mark

Monday might have been bad with 92 degrees and a dry wind—but Tuesday was going to be worse.

Tuesday's high temperatures were expected to be about 98 degrees, with little wind. The thermometer read 73 degrees at 9 a.m., 84 at 11:30 a.m., and 89.9 at 1:30 p.m., and was looking up steadily.

McKenzie Bridge boasted a possible county-wide high temperature of 101 degrees Monday and a low humidity of 16, according to Willamette National Forest Service.

Humidity, which was in the low 30's and 40's Monday over the county, was expected to be near 30 on Tuesday. Logging operations must cease when the humidity falls to 30 per cent or below. Most logging installations have instruments to record the humidity, as the percentage varies in different parts of the county.

Readings Monday were 30 per cent at the weather bureau, 31 per cent at Eastern Lane Fire Patrol headquarters in Springfield, and 41 at Western Lane Fire Patrol headquarters in Veneta. The readings were taken between 5 and 5:30 p.m. daylight time.

Jake Smith, at Eastern Lane, said the wet spring had caused a heavy growth of underbrush and forage which will become hazardous if a dry summer follows.

Other Monday temperatures were: Medford, 101; Ontario, 96; Roseburg, 95; Salem, 94; Newport, 65.

Willamette National Forest Service warned that no immediate relief from high temperatures and low humidity is expected, and that visitors to the forests should be "extremely careful" with cigarettes and other inflammables.

With the July Fourth holiday close at hand, forest service officials warned that shooting firecrackers in national forests is punishable by law.

Voters to Decide Income Taxes

SALEM — (AP) — Oregon voters will get a chance next November to decide whether they want the higher income taxes levied by the 1947 legislature.

The State Federation of Labor and the Oregon Farmers Union filed completed initiative petitions Tuesday to put their tax repeal measure on the general election ballot. They said they had 26,000 signatures, or 7000 more than are needed.

Bill Passed
The last legislature passed a law to increase income taxes by reducing exemptions, provided the sales tax was defeated. The people defeated the sales tax, so the income tax boost went into effect.

The exemptions for married persons was lowered from \$1500 to \$1000, and for single persons from \$750 to \$500.

The initiative measure merely would put the exemptions back where they were.

Tax Bill Dropped
Labor groups also announced Tuesday they would not file their completed petitions on their bill to put corporation income tax receipts into the general fund, rather than using these receipts only to reduce property taxes.

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Blimp Arrives Over Eugene For One Night

Perfect flying—or floating—weather greeted the Goodyear Blimp Tuesday when the ship arrived at Eugene Airport. A portable mooring mast was set up in advance of its arrival.

The lighter-than-air craft, which is making its second post-war visit to Eugene, will make trips over the city Tuesday afternoon and evening, and will leave Wednesday morning. It will be in and out of the airport so that the public will be able to watch it.

The "Volunteer" is a Navy veteran, and the captain, R. H. Hobensack, is a veteran of more than 13,000 flying hours.

The blimp travels with a large ground crew and several pilots and mechanics.

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London Dockers Return to Work

LONDON — (AP) — Leaders of London's wildcat dock strike called it off Tuesday and urged the 19,000 strikers to go back to work Wednesday.

The strike strategists decided to call it quits after the government had declared a state of emergency. The move gave the labor cabinet sweeping powers to break the strike and replenish the country's dwindling food supplies.

Unanimous
The first break came when between 2500 and 4000 strikers at the Surrey docks shouted down a strike committeeman and voted almost unanimously to go back to work Wednesday.

More than 5000 strikers attending a mass meeting in Victoria Park approved a proposal to go back to work Wednesday, providing there would be no victimization. Union leaders had already given that assurance.

Few Holdouts
Fewer than 30 strikers voted against the recommendation. After learning of the London action, dockworkers at Liverpool who had walked out in sympathy also voted to return to work Wednesday.

The vote came as the cabinet met to take over powers greater than those of wartime under the state of emergency. King George signed the official proclamation of the emergency at a special privy council meeting in the palace of Hollywood house in Edinburgh Monday night.

Taxpayers to Have Voice in Budgeting
The annual taxpayers meeting for discussion of Lane County's 1948-49 fiscal budget will be in the courthouse at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The nearly two million dollar combined budget will be read, and taxpayers will be given an opportunity to be heard for or against its adoption. Present estimates are that approximately a third of the budget will be raised by direct county taxes.

Baseball
NATIONAL
St. Louis 000 100 000-1 4 0
Chicago 000 003 000-3 3 3
Brethren and Rice Garafola (8)
Schmitz and Schetting.

AMERICAN
Cleveland 203 000 001-0 11 0
Detroit 001 000 001-2 8 0
Feller and Heagy Newbauer, Trucks (8), Benton (5) and Wagner.

Tito's Discharge Brings Quarrel Out Into Open

Reaction Slow In Appearing

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
A brawl in the international Communist family—with Yugoslavia's Premier Marshal Tito as the main target—was out in the open Tuesday.

Tito, long regarded as a pillar of Communism and a steady follower of the party line, was denounced Monday by the Cominform—the Communist International Information Bureau—and told to mend his ways or be purged.

The Cominform blast, first published in Prague, accused Tito and his top aides of pursuing a hateful policy toward Russia, of leaning toward the West and of departing from the party line by "undertaking an entirely wrong policy on the principal questions of foreign and internal politics."

From all appearances, the denunciation caught many Communists flat-footed, since the reaction was not so prompt as is customary. There was no immediate comeback from inside Yugoslavia. Tito himself was reported to be at his summer home in Bled, in northwestern Yugoslavia. A high Yugoslav diplomatic source in Rome declared "Marshal Tito is still in power."

At Lake Success, Dr. Jan Papanek, former Czech U. N. delegate expressed belief that Tito may be in grave personal danger, while high U. S. diplomatic officials in Washington expressed the opinion that the Yugoslav marshal and his associates may already have been "taken care of."