

Quake Toll Not Certain In Ecuador

Low Estimate Killed Down; Damage High

QUITO, Ecuador — (UP) — An official spokesman said today that destruction in Friday's central Ecuador earthquake may reach 10,000 or more, but he gave low estimates of dead between 2000 and 4000.

He believed dead, he said, were found among some 227,000 women and children who fled the hills and plains in terror after the tremors wrecked villages and homes. Rescue workers found them camping in the hills.

Spokesman Miguel Alvarado, secretary to President Plaza Lasso, the President said in a radio broadcast Sunday that he had estimated the dead and the injured at 20,000.

It is impossible to tell the exact toll, he said. "We begin large-scale digging of the ruins to towns, and we made difficult because we had to dig through other material."

On the other hand, estimates of material losses of \$20 million seem far too little. It is more likely losses will be \$100 million or more.

Some 10,000 were needed to shelter the 227,000 living under the hills. The government is also trying to feed the victims, he said.

A government has organized a relief fund to help the earthquake area some \$100 million.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House today into its second debate of the year, one is on whether to hike the minimum wage from \$4.00 an hour to \$7.50.

The Democratic Party's campaign pledge of last fall to raise minimum and broaden coverage of the 1938 wage House act for redemption. It faced a determined, well-organized opposition as the still-unredeemed wage law.

Compromise leaders were back to back in introducing a compromise bill introduced last week by Chairman Lesinski (D-Mich.) of the House Labor Committee. Many Southern Democrats and Republicans were lined up against the measure.

Members reported labor active in drumming up support for the compromise, but said representatives would not support the measure. It falls short of the administration bill in its scope of workers.

When the bill is jumping with lobbyists, one thing is clear: the bill is not all, of the week.

Amendments on the wage bill were to be offered by Reps. Sims (D-S.C.) and (D-Tex.), and floor managers of the legislation had notice of other amendments to be brought up when the debate was expected to rage.

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Flames Boil Up Montana Peak As Winds Shift

Fire Lines Encircle 6000 Burning Acres

HELENA, Mont. — (AP) — Wind sent flames boiling up Willow Mountain Monday morning as weary men strained desperately to trap the mammoth gates of the mountain fire.

About 400 men worked throughout Sunday night building fire lines to encircle the killer of 12 Forest Service paratroopers and another fire fighter.

Three Miles Left

They hoped to complete the final 3 miles of fire line, bottling the wilderness area blaze on 7500-foot Willow Peak Monday. But westerly winds of 15 to 25 miles an hour drove rampaging flames rapidly towards the east slope and vast expanses of dense timber beyond.

The battlers were given a good chance to gain control during the day by a Forest Service observer who flew over the area. Bob Sternitz said that "it looks better this morning than at any other time."

Winds May Grow

The Weather Bureau predicted, moreover, that winds may increase to 25-35 miles an hour late Monday.

Two determined groups of men moved in from the flanks against the fire which has blackened 5000 to 6000 acres since Friday and has a perimeter of 21 miles.

Showers slowed the advance of the flames Sunday but a 20 mile an hour wind fanned the fire in the northeastern section.

The fire devastated from 800 to 1800 acres Sunday.

Fire Moves

Willow Mountain is east of Mann Gulch, where the lightning blaze started Friday. The fire has moved 4 miles east of where the Missouri River winds picturesquely through mountain peaks.

Calls for volunteers went out again Sunday. Forest Service officials sent fresh men in to relieve those nearly exhausted on fire lines. They also built up a pool of manpower — in case the fire crosses Willow Mountain.

Crews Mop Up Baker Fire

BAKER — (AP) — Crews mopped up smoldering areas of grassland and worked on a section of timber burning atop Pedro Mountain southwest of here Monday.

District Grazier F. R. Bennett said the mountain fire was the only trouble spot in the estimated 2000 acre area that was burned over Saturday and Sunday.

Most of the fire zone was grassland, Bennett said, but scattered tracts of pine owned by the Burnt River Lumber Co., were in the area 25 miles from here. He said damage to the lumber had not yet been surveyed.

Moisture laden air and cloudy skies helped Sunday in the work of 200 men corraling the fire. When the flame broke out Saturday the humidity was down to 7 per cent and the prolonged dry spell in eastern Oregon had created a tinder box of the grass and pine.

Paper Says Union To Drop Bridges

CIO Heads Deny Report; Hawaii Bill Faces Fight

HONOLULU, T. H. — (AP) — The CIO longshoremen's union threatened Monday, on the 100th day of its walkout, to push a stiff fight against a law empowering Gov. Ingram Stainback to seize Hawaii's stevedoring industry.

With losses in the strike totaling nearly \$26 million, union leaders said they would press their fight for a 32-cent hourly wage increase on two fronts—the courts and the picket lines.

Jack Hall, union regional director, said the longshoremen would attack the dock seizure bill in the courts Monday on grounds that it is unconstitutional.

"The territory is going to be involved in so much litigation it won't know whether it's coming or going," he said.

Union President Harry Bridges termed the bill a "strikebreaking" measure.

Strikebreaking no matter who does it," he said. "We will continue to picket the docks. There is nothing sacred about the Island government."

The governor signed the seizure bill Saturday and then declared state of public emergency.

He told the longshore union and the seven struck stevedoring firms to return to work "forthwith" or he would seize the industry. Under the law, he may take over any or all of the stevedoring companies and their equipment.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The CIO Monday officially denied "emphatically" that the union had made a "deal" to aid the Justice Department in its prosecution of Harry Bridges for allegedly lying about Communist affiliations when he became an American citizen.

Party Arranged For Eugene Band

Tuesday night's performance of the Eugene Concert Band in the neighborhood park at 23rd and University Sts. will be marked by a community party for all the people in the so-called "Mortgage Ridge" area—with coffee and cookies for everybody and "cokes" for the kids.

J. R. Jewell, dean-emeritus of the School of Education, will be general chairman and master of ceremonies, with Dwight Newman as co-chairman. Mrs. Hugh Ford and Mrs. E. L. Sherman head a women's committee.

The party has two purposes, says Dean Jewell—to honor Director John Stehn and the band and the Active club for their public service in promoting the neighborhood concerts, and to bring together all the people of the area and make them aware of their neighborhood park.

Women of the neighborhood — from 18th Ave. E., to the city limits between the Amazon and Agate Sts.—have responded willingly to a draft call to bake up big batches of cookies and brownies.

Dwight Newman, of Newman's Market, offered to supply the coffee and Mrs. Joe Early, of the Osburn hotel, offered to prepare it and add in cream and sugar. J. L. Woodworth of Blake, Moffitt & Towne volunteered 1000 paper cups.

"And for the kids," said Jack BAND

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Stop-Gap Aid Plan Rejected By Acheson

Military Arms Vital, Vandenberg Advised

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of State Acheson flatly rejected Monday a proposal by Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) that Congress provide only stop-gap aid to western Europe until next year.

Acheson told the Michigan senator, who has been a leading supporter of the bipartisan foreign policy, that such a course would be little more than a gesture.

In an obvious reference to Russia, Acheson told the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees:

"In dealing with the forces with which we are dealing, you gain no advantages by assuming an attitude. We must deal in realities. The sooner we fill the vacuum of military weakness in Europe, the better it will be for our own security."

Vandenberg contended that the administration's \$1,450,000,000 arms program sets a pattern for the military defense of western Europe before the council to be named under the North Atlantic Treaty has come into being and set up a defense committee to make military plans.

Favors Interim Plan

He complained that the United States is going ahead without consulting its North Atlantic allies. He said that he favors instead an interim program which will show clearly that this country intends to furnish arms, but will not preclude further joint planning.

Vandenberg asked Acheson if he would "resist the idea" of proceeding with a stop-gap that would "demonstrate our attitude at the moment but wait until the next session of Congress for passing upon the pattern of the total program."

"Yes, Senator Vandenberg, I would resist that," Acheson replied quietly. "I think we must go forward on both fronts."

He favored furnishing military aid while strategic plans are being drawn under the treaty.

"Open to Attack"

Acheson told the combined Senate committees earlier Monday that Congress should approve foreign arms aid because "the United States is open to attack on its own territory to a greater extent than ever before."

In a prepared statement Acheson told the senators that the western European allies of the United States are now so weak in military power that their situation is an invitation to any would-be aggressor to strike.

New US Policy Due on China

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of State Acheson expects to begin consultations with congressional foreign policy committees before the end of this session on the development of a new American policy toward China and the Far East.

Officials said Monday that the State Department chief expects to have China studies well advanced this summer. It still seemed highly unlikely that they would result in any requests for new legislation before Congress adjourns.

Rep. Martin of Massachusetts, Republican floor leader in the House, said Sunday that Republicans "stand ready to join with the administration in the formulation of a strengthened China policy for peace."

Other developments bearing on the general problem of trying to recoup the anti-Communist position and chart new lines of attack on Communism in Asia include:

1. The visit of Philippine President Elpidio Quirino beginning here Monday seems likely to give new force to Quirino's plans for promoting a non-military regional organization of countries in the southeast Asian area.

2. American Ambassador John Leighton Stuart and other diplomats from the Communist area of China are due here Wednesday to give Acheson and other policy makers first-hand reports and advice on the Communist regime inside China.

3. Raymond Fosdick, former president of the Rockefeller foundation, is due here Monday to begin his work with Ambassador Philip Jessup, Acheson's number one trouble shooter on the new China policy.

4. The State Department expects soon to receive reports from Shanghai and other Communist area cities telling how many Americans want to leave China at once.

ASHLAND FESTIVAL POPULAR

ASHLAND — (AP) — The Oregon Shakespearean Festival has drawn attendance 15 per cent above last year during its first week's run. Tourists from 15 states have attended the Shakespearean plays, which opened Aug. 2 and will continue through Aug. 24.

14 Persons Listed Dead In Traffic

Eight Accidents Make This Worst Weekend

By Associated Press

The worst highway toll in recent years was recorded in Oregon this weekend, when 14 persons died in traffic accidents.

A head-on collision on the Pacific Highway north of Canyonville killed two persons and injured eight others Sunday.

Francis Joe Schneider, Grants Pass, died in a Roseburg hospital, and Mrs. Hazel Martin, 38, Ashland, died in a Eugene hospital after the accident.

State police said one car was driven by Hollis W. Hatten, Talent, and the other by Chester W. Bennett, 25, Canyonville. Both men were seriously hurt.

Harold Larson, 17-year-old Burns High School student, was killed Sunday afternoon when a car in which he and a friend were riding overturned 16 miles north of Burns.

Two of the mishaps caused triple deaths.

Killed Sunday when a car plunged off the South Santiam Highway east of Lebanon were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan G. Marsh and Mrs. Bernard A. Blund, all of Bend. Mrs. Blund's husband and the four children of both families were in hospital.

Blind crawled out of the 350 foot deep ravine into which the car plunged from a slippery road to summon aid. The Marsh children, Carolyn, four months, and Billy, age 6, were not listed as seriously hurt. The Blind youngsters were Elaine, age 4, and Wayne, age 6. Wayne was considered to be in critical condition with multiple head and body injuries, according to the Sweet Home Hospital.

The other fatalities occurred Saturday.

Three men died when a truck went off a road near Swanton. The victims were Vernon Spink, 45, Phoenix, Ariz., his son, Louis, 28, master of the Elmir Grange, and O. P. Hedges, 37, Elmir. They were en route home from a logging camp near Deadwood.

A two car crash Saturday night killed John Gilligan, Portland, and injured his wife and six others in the car. At La Grande, motorcyclist Leon N. Gowins, 18, died when he collided with a truck near home.

Near Bonanza, a car driven by Billy W. Null, 17, Kingsburg, Cal., overturned on a curve and crushed to death Raymond Thomas, 16, Shafter, Cal. Among the six persons in the car were young companions from Bonanza and Merrill, Ore.

An overturned and burning gasoline trailer truck took the life of Warren R. Allen, 27, Baker, at a railroad crossing near Oxman. Reuben Sanders Jr., Chemawa, died in a two car crash south of Milwaukie.

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Guests Routed as Flames Destroy Coast Landmark

By Bob Frazier

collapsed and the interior was gutted. Assistance was provided by the Waldport fire department and the forest service.

B. F. Grubbs, assistant fire chief, praised the work of the neighboring departments, asserting that they were responsible for containing the fire and keeping it from spreading to the United States Post Office and a garage which adjoins the hotel.

The wooden frame structure was built in 1925. Gross purchased it in 1948, and spent about \$12,000 in remodeling since the first of the year, he said.

A heavy off-ocean wind which had battered this coast section, Saturday night had subsided by Sunday morning, and the light Coast rain was falling during the fire.

Pajama-clad crowds of vacationers from the Yachats area turned out and many of them helped the firemen with the heavy hose and other work. Assistant Chief Grubbs said the Yachats volunteer department had not yet been schooled in operation of the new pumper, which has not been commissioned.

Jim Gross, owner of the property, estimated damage at more than \$35,000 with "some insurance." He said he did not plan to rebuild.

The spectacular fire, which broke out about 4:15 a. m. Sunday, provided the acid test for a new pumper truck which the Yachats fire protection district received from Portland Friday. The new equipment was at the fire within minutes after it broke out. The 600 feet of 2½ inch hose which the district had ordered had not arrived, and firemen were forced to use old leaky hose plus some 1½ inch hose mounted on the truck.

By 4:30 a. m. flames were racing through the structure and leaping 50 feet into the air. By 6 a. m. the fire was out, although the new pumper stood by until the embers were cold. The roof and third story of the building had



HARDEST HIT of the Ecuador towns shattered by the earthquake south of Quito were Ambato (1), a city of 20,000; Latacunga (2), a summer resort; and Guano (3). (AP Newsmag)

Ministers Meet To Formulate Europe Council

STRASBOURG, France — (AP) — The foreign ministers of 10 anti-Communist countries met Monday to take the first cautious steps toward western civilization's age-old dream of a united Europe.

The Council of Europe was born around a hollow oval table, draped in a fawn-colored cloth instead of the usual "conference green," in the reception room of Strasbourg's historic city hall.

The ministers of Belgium, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway and Sweden sat around the table in alphabetical order. Places were left open for Greece and Turkey, which were to be voted into the council later Monday.

After posing for photographers, the ministers started preparing the agenda for the European assembly, the 87-member parliament which convenes Wednesday.

Scandinavian delegates had been expected to wage a stiff fight for admission of the new republic of Western Germany. But they decided at a meeting Monday morning to postpone their attempt to bring Germany into the fold.

But its sponsors are hopeful. They feel that perhaps 10 or even 30 years from now this organization may emerge as the real European union which the continent's idealists and dreamers have envisaged for centuries.

NEWSMAN DIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. — (AP) — Donald C. Elliott, 54, general manager of the San Francisco Examiner, died unexpectedly Saturday night. He joined the paper in 1911.

It took a deep sea diver working in the Springfield Plywood Company's millrace to keep the plant from a costly shutdown while a broken pipe was repaired. Diver W. J. Finucane, Portland, remained under water for an hour and half during part of the full-day job. (Schillios photo, Wiltshire engraving)

