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Damage Caused in 11
Towns, 2 Lives Lost
In Dominican Republic

Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, Aug. 5 (AP)—An intense earthquake and abnormally high waves caused heavy damage in 11 towns of this Caribbean republic Sunday and took at least two lives.

New tremors were felt today. This capital city was only slightly damaged. Although communications with outlying points had not yet been reestablished, incomplete accounts showed this damage:

Matanzas—Completely flooded by high waves which followed by the quake. Details still lacking.

Nagua and Miches—Partly flooded by the rush of water from the sea.

Moca—Municipal palace and market place destroyed.

San Francisco de Macoris—25 to 35 private homes destroyed, many other buildings damaged, one killed.

Santiago—Severe damage of a church, orphanage, stadium and cigarette factory. One killed.

At Cibao, the country's richest agricultural area, thousands of dollars damage reported.

Old churches, dwellings and public buildings were reported wrecked, cracked and otherwise damaged at many other places on the north coast where the quake and high waves did their worst.

Effects Negligible

(Puerto Rico felt a fluctuation of several inches in the tide, but the effects were negligible. Damage at San Juan was slight and no casualties were reported. The weather bureau there said a major shock was felt at Trinidad.)

(Slight tremors were felt in Cuba. The Virgin Islands had only a mild shock and no damage reported.)

Tidal Wave Hits

Unconfirmed reports from Melina said the sea swept out far beyond the normal low tide point and then rushed back, carrying a number of launches onto the land, but no lives were lost.

Preliminary reports from various stricken localities told only of two persons injured and many buildings damaged, but no reports at all had been received from many of the towns believed most seriously shaken by the tremors.

Puerto Plata on the north coast, with a population of 11,000, and Matanzas were said however to have suffered serious damage from the quake and abnormally high waves.

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War Probers
Write Report

Washington, Aug. 5 (AP)—Senate war investigators—still busy pursuing new leads—put the finishing touches today on what originally had been intended as a final report.

Meanwhile members indicated renewed interest in when they might be able to question Rep. May (D., Ky.), who left his sickbed here unexpectedly last week for a rest at his Prestonburg home.

Chairman Mead (N.Y.), who remained in the capital for a series of conferences despite last week's congressional adjournment, said a comprehensive resume of the committee's work to date would be forthcoming shortly to be followed by several others.

He told reporters the current report once was to have concluded the committee's work, at least for this session, but that recent developments pointed to many yet to come.

The newest proposal for the committee's consideration was a request by Senator Taylor (D., Ida.) that it inquire into what Taylor termed "depredations on the national treasury" by the nation's railroads in the form of "excessive freight rates paid by the armed services."

At the same time, Taylor called on the bureau of the budget to institute prompt steps through the department of justice for recovery of "overcharges." The Idaho senator said Attorney General Clark two months ago had announced his willingness to act as soon as the bureau gave the word.

The Weather

(Released by the United States Weather Bureau) Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Clear tonight with a few scattered clouds Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Lowest tonight 50. Weather will be favorable for dusting and spraying Tuesday morning. Max. yesterday 80. Min. today 46. Mean temperature yesterday 66, which was 1 below normal. To-24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today 0. Total precipitation for the month 0, which is .04 inches below normal. Willamette river height -3.3 ft.

Firebug Sets
14 Forest Blazes
In Douglas Area

Fourteen small forest fires set by an arsonist in the rugged Canyon Creek area of Douglas county today were under control and being mopped up as bloodhounds and air patrols were attempting to track down the fire bug.

A smokechaser in a rented airplane was sent to the almost inaccessible Douglas fir district, six miles northwest of Canyonville, after a lookout spotted the smoke from the blazes.

The smokechaser reported that he saw a man setting the fires, 14 of them, all in a row. The man ran into the brush and disappeared before the pilot could swoop the plane low enough to get a better look.

State police were called into the case by forestry officials and bloodhounds were being taken into the scene.

Fires Under Control

The fires were controlled after 45 men, including 19 from Camp Arboretum, standby fire fighters' post near Corvallis, and members of the Douglas Fire Protection association, fought their way through the thick brush and steep country inland to the fires. None of the blazes reached an area larger than a quarter of an acre and plans to drop supplies to the crew were abandoned when the blazes were controlled.

First Klamath Fire

A one-acre fire in the Yawkey timber tract, acquired by the state just a month ago, was under control. Tank trucks, bulldozers and an undetermined number of men threw up a trench around that blaze, near Ft. Klamath, yesterday before it could spread into a full-scale conflagration. The Yawkey tract fire was blazing in old slashings.

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Bikini Vessels
Remain 'Hot'

Aboard USS Mt. McKinley at Bikini, Aug. 5 (AP)—Vice Admiral W. H. P. Blandy made a new tour of surviving target ships in Bikini lagoon today, boarding several previously unvisited vessels and said he was more than ever impressed by the atomic bomb's unique and terrible power as a weapon of "poison warfare."

The Baker day explosion claimed another casualty today when the massive floating drydock used in the test capsized after gradually settling in the water since the July 25 blast. The huge, 2,000-ton concrete dock remained afloat although bottomside up and task force officials said she probably would be sent to the bottom by explosive charges.

Eleven days after the underwater atomic explosion—which destroyed two battleships and a heavy carrier—Blandy found a majority of the target ships still too radioactive to permit crews to work aboard them except in short hitches.

The underwater burst so thoroughly distributed lethal properties over the targets that it will be weeks yet before crews can live aboard some of the hotter ships.

"When used in this manner," Blandy said, "the atomic bomb could be considered, without a doubt, as the most powerful of all weapons."

Missouri Election in Spotlight
Due to Truman's Participation

Washington, Aug. 5 (AP)—Voters in six states mark primary election ballots tomorrow, but President Truman's if-he's-right-I'm-wrong tag on Rep. Roger C. Slaughter pinpointed national attention on Missouri's Fifth district.

Slaughter's renomination bid is a democratic contest, but the republicans tossed in a barb when GOP National Chairman Carroll Reece said at Salt Lake City last week that "the PAC, the Pengergast machine and the president" have combined in a "purge" attempt.

Mr. Truman announced his opposition to Slaughter at a news conference here last month in which he cited the Missouri democrat's opposition to administration measures, adding that if Slaughter was right the president would be wrong.

Slaughter took up the challenge, saying that so far as he is concerned the president made the Fifth district race a "test case" on "the future course of the democratic party."

At his nearby home in Independence, Mr. Truman will

Americans Seize
Derelict Ship
British Boarded

London, Aug. 5 (AP)—The derelict American freighter American Farmer limped toward England today under her own power and in escort of a U.S. destroyer, with the British loudly claiming her as perhaps a \$4,500,000 salvage prize.

A maritime legal battle was shaping up in the din of British newspaper headlines which complained American ships had taken over the collision-battered freighter after a midjet British vessel had her in tow. Collided at Sea

The 8,358 ton American Farmer and the freighter William J. Riddle collided 700 miles west of Lands End Wednesday. The American Farmer is operated by the United States Line. The William J. Riddle is operated by the Moore-McCormack lines and belongs to the war shipping administration.

A passing ship took off the crew of 50 and six passengers and the British freighter Elizabeth of 2,039 tons came alongside, attached towlines and started puffing and heaving away toward Wales. Soon afterwards the U.S. destroyer Perry, the U.S. lines freighter American Ranger and a tug arrived. The Elizabeth radioed its home office:

Ordered to Leave

"A crew from the American Ranger boarded the derelict and ordered our crew to leave, hauled down our ensign and hoisted the American flag." The British admiralty said it thought the message referred to the British merchant marine flag and not the Union Jack.

The Farmer carried \$2,000,000 worth of wheat and dried eggs for England and London papers estimated the ship was worth \$2,500,000 additional.

The Hudson Steamship company, which operates the Elizabeth for the British ministry of transport, asked the British government to intervene, claiming the Farmer as a prize. An admiralty spokesman said he received a report and E. J. K. Goldsmith, director for Hudson, said he had conferred with treasury lawyers, adding:

"Messages from the Elizabeth suggested that the American Farmer might have been our prize. Lloyds have been informed because of this apparently unusual incident on board the American Farmer."

U.S. Major, Wife,
Child in Custody

Trieste, Aug. 5 (AP)—An American army major and his wife and child were taken into custody by Yugoslav troops near the old Italian battlefield of Caporetto in disputed Venezia Giulia yesterday, military sources said today.

The major was identified as George Woods, a veteran of the South Pacific, whose family recently joined him here. His home address was not available immediately and headquarters of the 88th division, the American occupation force in Venezia Giulia, refused to comment.

The report said the Woods were stopped by Yugoslav soldiers while touring the area near the demarcation line in Venezia Giulia where two Yugoslavs recently were killed in a skirmish with American patrols and that the family was still being held.



Children Find Ammunition While Swimming (AP) — New Orleans children hold ammunition found at Southern Yacht club harbor, New Orleans, La., after spending several hours diving for belted .50 caliber ammunition and larger shells. The navy has ordered the area restricted until further search can be made. PT boats operated in the area during the war.

Death Rays Pour From
Hit Bikini Target Ships

Aboard USS Mt. McKinley, Bikini, Aug. 5 (AP)—Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, eyeing target ships still deadly with radioactivity 11 days after the atomic underwater blast, asserted today that: "This is a form of poison warfare." The commander of the atomic bomb task force made his comment to reporters while boarding target ships for the first time since the bomb was exploded beneath the surface of Bikini lagoon July 25.

One target, a concrete drydock, sank today — the 17th vessel to be sunk or damaged. The admiral boarded three ships which had been on the outer fringe of the target array: the Prinz Eugen, Nazi cruiser; the destroyer Mugford, and the transport Carater.

Radiologists accompanied him to keep close tab on the total time spent aboard, and the degree of radioactivity. The three ships were "cool" compared with others which the party approached but did not wish to risk boarding.

Handling the contaminated ships is "a game requiring patience and caution," and thousands of navy men have been learning the specific dangers—"they're becoming radioactivity wise," Blandy remarked.

Typical of the still "hot" ships was the wreck of the carrier Independence. The Geiger counter needle (recording the degree of radioactivity) swung clear across the dial as the launch of the inspection party neared the carrier's hull.

The deadly rays still pouring from "hit" target ships are one of "the best—or worst—features" of the bomb, Blandy agreed.

The atomic bomb as used in blasting Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, was not a poison attack, he added. While some deaths occurred from direct radiation at the instant of the explosion, residual activity was not evidenced. This was in sharp contrast with Bikini's underwater blast where all ex-lodgers of ships were made lethal by contaminated sea water and by an artificial rain precipitating death-dealing fission products from the sky.

Bright's Body
In Vacant Lot

Police officers answering a call to the 1200 block of South 12th street found a body identified as Thomas E. Bright, no street address available, in a vacant lot with indications that he had been dead for several days.

Officers found a helpers union card among Bright's possessions, taken out August 1, 1946, for work with the California Packing company in Salem. Bright is described as, 26 or 27 years old, 5-feet, 8 inches tall, weight 140, reddish-tinted hair, thin face. He was wearing dark work pants, light dress coat, tan shirt and heavy black faced shoes.

There were no signs of a struggle where the body was found. Further investigation revealed that Bright went to work for the California Packing company last Thursday. He took sick and was sent to the company nurse. His condition was described as due to a bad heart. John Kold, personnel manager for the company offered to take Bright home, but was told by Bright that he could not remember where he stayed, Kold left Bright off in front of the Moose dance hall. No one else has been contacted that saw Bright before his death.

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Beetle Scores Hole in One
Baltimore, Aug. 5 (AP)—Fred Heusi and three friends were playing golf at the Mt. Pleasant course, and the quartet swears that when Heusi's tee shot on the ninth hole stopped on the rim of the cup, a Japanese beetle alighted on the ball and provided enough impetus to drop it for a hole in one. Heusi admitted his score for 18 holes was 101.

Siam Applies for UN Membership
New York, Aug. 5 (AP)—Siam today applied for membership in the United Nations, becoming the eighth nation to seek entry since the world agency was set up with its 51 charter members.

May's Doctors
Fail to Agree

Washington, Aug. 5 (AP)—Physicians for Rep. Andrew J. May (D., Ky.), today were reported in dispute over the condition of the 71-year-old congressman under subpoena to testify before the senate war investigating committee.

May has gone quietly to his home in Prestonburg, Ky., where his family physician, Dr. John Archer, reported his condition may be called "critical." Washington physicians, however, were understood to feel that May was recovering normally and probably would be able to testify before the committee before long.

"I have been in my doctor for 14 years and right now Mr. May is in the worst physical condition in which I ever have seen him," Dr. Archer said. "I'd want to see a great improvement in Mr. May before I would let him sit up."

(May needs absolute quiet and complete rest, the physician added. He described May's illness as a "heart ailment coupled with a general circulatory collapse.")

Caribbean
Quake Severe

Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, Aug. 5 (AP)—A mighty Caribbean earthquake spanning a 600-mile stretch of the West Indies has piled a towering tidal wave onto the northern shore of Santo Domingo, already battered by earth shocks, fragmentary reports disclosed today.

The tidal wave hit Puerto Plata, a seaport of 4,500 population on the northern shore of the Dominican Republic, and rolled a considerable distance inland.

Five towns on or near the northern Dominican shore, including Puerto Plata, suffered severe blows from the earthquake which struck at 1:49 p. m. (EDT) Sunday. Earthquake damage was said to extend all along the northern edge of Santo Domingo island, in both the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

The earthquake, recorded by seismographs throughout the world, was one of the greatest in decades. Apparently its epicenter was somewhere in the Caribbean depths. This presumably prevented a loss of life comparable to those suffered in other 20th century Caribbean upheavals which struck heavily populated areas.

24 Persons Killed in Auto
Accidents Over Week End

At least 24 persons died in week-end accidents in Washington and Oregon, including seven killed in a two-car collision near Colton, Wash. Twenty were victims of traffic accidents on crowded Pacific northwest highways.

At Olympia, Wash., State Patrol Chief Herbert Algeo said it was "one of the worst week-ends since the Washington state patrol has kept records."

Algeo said at least 10 of the Washington fatalities apparently resulted from traffic law violations.

The tragic crash in southeastern Washington instantly killed six of the nine occupants of the two cars. The seventh, Jack L. Fullerton, 31, of Vancouver, Wash., died in Bryant and Wiesman clinic in Colfax.

Sole survivors were two hitchhikers, Stan Hensen and Robert Schranck of Mankato, Minn., who are expected to recover from serious injuries. They told Deputy Sheriff Melvin Nickerson that they were riding with Clarence Sloppy,

Britain to Pay
New Baby Bonus

London, Aug. 5 (AP)—More than 2,000,000 mothers are expected to queue up at post offices throughout the United Kingdom tomorrow to receive initial payments averaging 10 shillings (\$2) each under Britain's \$4,000,000 a week baby bonus program.

The grants, made under the family allowance act passed in June, 1945, before the British Labor government came into power, provides that five shillings a week be paid by the government to the parents of each child under 16 except the eldest.

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New Well Failure
In West Salem

West Salem, Aug. 4 — The pump installed on the city's new well at 7th and Patterson has not yet produced any large amount of water and crews plan to pull a casing out and dynamite in hopes of starting an increased flow. City Marshal Lester Davidson said today:

Residents of West Salem heights, caught in a two-day water famine last week, continued to get a supply today and the emergency appeared definitively over for the time being.

The city council meets at 8 p. m. today and it is expected that the water problem will hold a top spot on the agenda.

All Time High for Hogs
Portland, Ore., Aug. 5 (AP)—Early trading on the North Portland livestock market today established an all-time high price for hogs when barrows and gilts sold for \$23.85 per hundred-weight. Previous high was \$23.35 in July, 1919.

Molotov Objects to Anglo-American Plan
As Calculated to Upset the Decision of the
Big 4 for Two-thirds Majority Approval

Paris, Aug. 5 (AP)—Soviet Russia balked today at a British-American proposal to compromise the peace conference dispute over voting procedure.

Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov told the rules committee that the proposal was objectionable because it was "calculated to upset the decision of the council of foreign ministers and replace it with a new one."

The council had decided to make a two-thirds majority necessary for action in the peace conference. Small nations, paced by Australia, sought simple majority rule. The British then proposed to let the conference speak for itself, with two-thirds votes to be regarded as "a firm recommendation" and simple majorities to carry less weight with the foreign ministers council, which will have final veto power over peace conference actions.

The United States, through Secretary of State Byrnes, joined China, Canada and Norway today in supporting the British compromise. Molotov's rejection of the plan followed a similar stand by White Russia. Taken By Surprise

Molotov said Byrnes' support of the Canadian proposal that the council of foreign ministers meet concurrently with the conference "took me by surprise," for the Russian delegation proposed that at the council of foreign ministers July 3.

"Mr. Byrnes said that it would be impossible," Molotov said. "We can only believe that when the Soviet delegation presents something it is senseless to Mr. Byrnes, but when someone else presents it it is intelligent."

He added that Byrnes' support of the Soviet stand now "makes me happy."

"It is obvious from the beginning how important the question is," Molotov declared. "We think world public opinion will be watching the course of this discussion and waiting impatiently how we decide it."

Holds View Inconsistent
Molotov described as inconsistent the view taken by the British and United States delegations on the two-thirds rule, asserting:

"If a delegation says that it is not bound by certain decisions taken by the foreign ministers' council it is possible to suppose that the delegation does not feel bound by other decisions taken by the council."

He made a reference to delegations "holding one view today and taking another tomorrow."

"There were certain questions on which agreement was reached and we feel a moral responsibility to vote for them at the conference," Molotov said.

Want Majority Rule
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Call for Bids
On Dorena Dam

Portland, Aug. 5 (AP)—Army engineers called for bids today for construction of the Dorena dam and spillways across Row river six miles southeast of Cottage Grove in Lane county.

Bids on the \$9,000,000 earthen dam, one of seven of the Willamette valley basin flood control project, will be opened Sept. 4.

Col. O. E. Walsh, district engineer, estimated major quantities of work on the project included 473,500 cubic yards of common and solid rock and excavation: 2,932,500 cubic yards of embankment; 15,000,000 gallons of sprinkling; 160,375 cubic yards of concrete; 1,375,000 pounds of reinforcement steel; 4,000,000 cubic yards of borrow excavation and 214,000 cubic yards of stripping.

Crest length of the project will be 4,650 feet and storage capacity will be 79,000 acre feet.

Contractors are currently engaged in relocating the Oregon, Pacific and Eastern railroad, a market road and the Cottage Grove water supply line.

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