

Quake and Tidal Wave Wreak Death and Destruction in Japan

CIO Starts Suits To Collect Billion For Portal Pay

Claims Filed in Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh; Other Industrial Centers

(By the Associated Press) The CIO has started a legal fight in several cities to collect portal to portal pay and damages in excess of \$374,000,000 and a union official in Detroit predicted future suits in that area alone would approach the billion dollar mark.

Filing of the suits followed a favorable decision last June by the U. S. supreme court in a suit started by employees of the Mt. Clemens (Mich.) Pottery company for such pay under the 1938 fair labor standards act.

Billion in Detroit
In Detroit, Richard T. Leonard, vice president of the CIO United Auto Workers and the union's national Ford director, predicted the filing of suits asking \$1,000,000,000 from Detroit area employers, including claims of \$270,000,000 against Ford.

UAW attorneys said a suit asking \$60,000,000 from the Briggs Manufacturing company would be on file in the Detroit federal court "by Monday at the latest."

Suits seeking a total of \$198,000,000 have been filed in the Cleveland district court and at Pittsburgh, the CIO has started legal action seeking at least \$120,000,000 for 120,000 steel workers.

Suits seeking \$56,000,000 in behalf of 8500 workers were filed in four midwest cities Friday.

3 Years Limitations
The suits filed Friday, as in previous petitions, said the wages and damages should be paid by employers under terms of the act for the time employees spent on company premises before their scheduled starting time and after their quitting times.

Although the suits varied in the time involved for retroactive pay, Federal Judge Paul Jones in Cleveland in an opinion in similar suits has ruled that the state statutes of limitations applied. The statutes limit claims to three years. He held pay claims for work prior to 1943 could be disregarded.

French Suffer Losses at Hanoi
Paris, Dec. 21 (AP)—French troops suffered heavy casualties in advancing in two sectors of northern Indochina today, and lost a small garrison at Vinh to Viet-Nam forces, the French general staff at Saigon announced today in a communique reported by the semi-official French press agency.

The general staff said French troops, braving continuous sniper fire from surrounding rooftops, had recaptured the Lanessan hospital at Hanoi, Viet-Nam capital.

At Tourane, the communique said, the French garrison was suddenly attacked yesterday morning by Viet-Nam forces. Severe losses were suffered by both sides, the announcement said, but the French maintained control of the Tourane airfield and proceeded to mop up the surrounding areas.

The semi-official French press agency said French armored troops after all-night street fighting held full possession of Hanoi, capital of young Viet-Nam republic, and were mopping up isolated Viet-Nam bands.

French forces were reported to have been in control since yesterday morning of the municipal theater, seat of the republic's legislative assembly, and the palace of republican President Ho Chi Minh, said to have fled on Thursday with his defense minister, Vonguyen Giat, and others.

Ease Restrictions On New Telephones
Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Government restrictions on installations of telephones are coming off.

After January 1, officials revealed today, you get your phone—or don't—strictly on your own. For some this may mean a longer wait than ever. Some 2,500,000 orders for phones currently remain unfilled. And new orders are piling up at seven times the pre-war rate.

Essential users got priority during the war. Business headed the list (after military demands) and domestic users often went without.

More recently veterans were granted some preference, both at home and on the job.

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GOP Senators Ask Report on Ousting Bilbo

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The senate republican steering committee has asked for a special report on whether Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo, D., Miss., should be ousted from the senate for his dealings with war contractors, it was revealed today.

Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., steering committee chairman, said the report would be made by Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich. Ferguson is a member of the senate war investigating subcommittee which investigated charges that Bilbo received gifts from Mississippi contractors whom he helped get government jobs.

Moral Turpitude Cited
Ferguson said he would have his report ready before the next meeting of the steering committee, tentatively scheduled for Dec. 30. There seemed little doubt he would recommend that Bilbo be banned from his seat on grounds of moral turpitude.

Ferguson said in a radio discussion that if he had to make a decision on evidence presented thus far, he would vote against allowing Bilbo a senate seat. At the same time, he revealed that the war investigating committee had subpoenaed Bilbo's income tax returns in its study of his dealings with contractors.

Banning of Negroes
The senate GOP steering committee also has asked for a report from two republican members of the senate campaign committee which investigated charges that Bilbo's reelection was invalid because Negroes were barred from voting in the Mississippi primary.

A republican search of senate rules and precedents indicated the GOP will need the help of some senate democrats for a successful challenge against Bilbo on either charge.

The election challenge would be in order when Bilbo steps forward to take his oath of office Jan. 3. It would take only a simple majority on the first test. But it would come before republicans actually get senate control. Only 60 holdover senators would be qualified to vote at that time, 31 democrats and 29 republicans.

Christmas Trees Shield for Thieves
New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Three men with a truckload of Christmas trees outside a Greenwich Village clothing store early today didn't look like Santa Claus and his helpers to Detectives John O'Neill and Thomas Tyrrell.

While the detective watched, the men broke into the store and removed \$1500 worth of clothing which they carefully stuffed beneath their innocent looking Christmas trees.

The detectives shot and captured one man but the other two escaped.

Small Craft Warnings
Seattle, Dec. 21 (AP)—Small craft warnings were continued at 9 o'clock this forenoon for the next 24 hours along the Washington and Oregon coasts and through the straits to Port Townsend. The weather bureau said there would be fresh to occasional strong southerly winds.

Full Scale Resurrection of Civil War in China Is Imminent
Peiping, Dec. 21 (AP)—Climaxing weeks of political bickering, Chinese government and communist leaders today declared full scale resurrection of civil war is imminent. Gen. Li Tsung-Jen, director of Chiang Kai-Shek's Peiping headquarters, said government armies would resume the offensive if the communists continue to disregard Chiang's cease fire order.

Six weeks ago, in a truce bid, Chiang ordered his forces to end their offensives. The communists, demanding restoration of territories seized by the government since an off-violated Jan. 13 truce, immediately attacked in several areas.

In Yen-an, the communists' chief negotiator, Chou En-Lai, told Associated Press Correspondent John Roderick: "The communists will launch an all out strategic offensive if the government persists in its refusal to follow the democratic

Atomic Energy Group Disagrees On Veto Power

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Delegates to the United Nations atomic energy commission disagreed today over whether they had approved a United States proposal to eliminate the big power veto on punishment for violations of atomic energy control.

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

Victory for Baruch
Members of the U. S. delegation hailed the commission's action as a complete victory for Bernard M. Baruch, 76-year-old sponsor of the American proposal, but it became clear today that the question of the veto on punishment as well as some other points in the Baruch plan still faced a bitter fight.

A spokesman for Canadian Delegate Gen. Andrew G. L. McNaughton, sponsor of the commission finally adopted, emphasized that the Canadian proposal laid down an important condition, which should not be overlooked.

Wording to Conform
This was the stipulation that the wording of the Baruch resolution must be made to conform to phraseology of the resolution which the general assembly passed last week outlining a program for world arms reduction.

It was recalled that the assembly's resolution recommended that enforcement of arms limitation regulations, including 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 omission 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.

Judges Named To Try Nazis

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—President Truman today appointed three American judges to serve on a military tribunal established by the military governor for the United States occupation zone in Germany to try major war criminals.

He named Walter E. Beals, chief justice of the supreme court of the state of Washington; Harold J. Sebring, associate justice of the Florida supreme court, and Johnson Tal Crawford, judge of a state district court of Oklahoma, as the members. Victor Swearingen, former special assistant to the attorney general, was chosen alternate member.

The appointments were made in an executive order which said they were pursuant to the four-power agreement of the control council for Germany and to the charter of the international military tribunal.

The latter court was established by the United States, France, Great Britain and Russia and resulted in the execution of 11 major nazis earlier this year.

Lines set by the interparty conference last January and fails to return its troops to their Jan. 13 positions.

Gen. Li accused the communists of stalling "to gain time in which to extend their sphere of influence over the country."

On the military front, communist guerrillas pushed through government defenses to within 11 miles of Peiping, were driven off in a counterattack, then fought right back in another thrust at Antung of the Peiping-Tientsin railroad. The highly mobile guerrilla bands are within two miles of Antung railway station, 15 miles southeast of Peiping, government headquarters acknowledged.



Comedian Buys Dogs for Kids—Comedian Alan Young holds up one of the homeless dogs he bought at the Los Angeles animal shelter for scores of children unable to pay the normal fees of \$3.50 and \$5.50. Young promised to buy dogs for the first 100 children in line as his Christmas present to them. (AP Wirephoto.)

Army Praises Work of Emergency Flood Control

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—The emergency flood plan, which the corps of engineers has been perfecting since the 1943 Willamette flood, met with its greatest success this year, Col. O. E. Walsh, district engineer, said today.

"There was a complete absence of panic, and warnings were issued well enough in advance to allow valley residents to move under their own power, thus reducing the number of evacuations," Col. Walsh said.

He said the success of the plan was due to many man-hours of detailed investigation, mapping and planning. Beginning in 1943, the Portland district conducted a house-to-house canvass for information after each flood which was consolidated on zoned maps.

Once a flood is imminent, the Portland district set up area field offices at Salem, Albany, Corvallis and Eugene on a 24-hour basis to issue warnings, apply the knowledge gained from previous floods and coordinate the activities of the various cooperating agencies.

"The effectiveness of the plan was proven this year by the fact that no lives were lost due to lack of warning and rescue activities, and livestock loss was at a minimum," Col. Walsh stated.

Col. Walsh said he had nothing but praise for the American Red Cross, American Legion, disaster committees, state highway department, state police, telephone and telegraph offices, newspapers and radio stations who cooperated this year in making the engineers' flood plan work.

He praised boat owners in the flooded areas for their patrol and rescue work.

"There was no guess work," the colonel concluded. "Every thing was pre-arranged and experience and knowledge gained from previous floods was applied to the utmost advantage."

East Polk to Vote On PUD Feb. 6

East Polk county will vote Feb. 6 on the proposal to create a peoples utility district in that area, the state hydroelectric commission announced Saturday.

The proposed area, 104 square miles, would exclude the cities of Dallas and Monmouth, but would include Independence. Five directors will be elected if the plan is approved.

Leonard's License Out Rest of Year

The restaurant and liquor license of Mike and Harry Steinbock owners of Leonard's Supper club, 3055 Portland road, was revoked for the balance of the year by the Oregon liquor control commission in Portland Friday. It was charged that the licensee improperly labeled customers' bottles.

Newberg Gets Homes

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Marshal & Jensen, Newberg, were granted veterans' priorities yesterday to construct four houses to sell at \$6500.

The Weather

(Released by United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Mostly cloudy tonight and Sunday with occasional light rain beginning late today and continuing through Sunday. Slightly warmer temperatures. Lowest temperature tonight 38 degrees. Maximum yesterday 41. Minimum today 33. Mean temperature yesterday 38 which was 3 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today .01. Total precipitation for the month 4.22 which is 2.8 inch below normal. Willamette river height 7.7 ft.

Serious Rift in GOP Ranks Over Leadership

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The first serious rift in republican ranks since the party won the congressional elections broke into the open today with a demand that presidential candidates keep hands off the house leadership contest.

Rep. Thomas Jenkins of Ohio objected in a formal statement to "attempts by outsiders to dominate the American congress."

He leveled his remarks primarily at Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's endorsement of Rep. Charles A. Halleck of Indiana for the house floor leadership. But he said they apply as well to "any presidential aspirants—Senator Taft or Senator Bricker, too, although I don't think they'd try it."

Three Candidates
Jenkins is one of three announced candidates for the leadership position to be vacated by Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts when he becomes speaker of the house on January 3.

The others are Halleck and Rep. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, neither of whom was in Washington when Jenkins let loose his blast at the New York governor last night.

A fourth representative, Clarence J. Brown of Ohio, has announced his availability for the leadership but has not formally declared his candidacy.

While capitol observers long had seen the leadership struggle as a jockeying for position for the GOP presidential nomination, Jenkins was the first member of his party to label it openly as such.

Brown's Ohio Backing
Except for including Taft and Bricker in his grouping of "presidential aspirants," he made no reference in his statement to capitol hill talk that Brown has the backing of the Ohio senators.

Jenkins reiterated his intention to remain in the race until it is settled by the republican caucus on January 2.

Dewey's espousal of Halleck's candidacy, Jenkins declared, was an expression of the governor's desire to "let the country know that Halleck was 'his' man."

"He must believe it will help him into the presidency," he said.

Wilsonville Ferry Again in Operation

The receding Willamette river permitted the reopening of the Wilsonville ferry today as one-way traffic and slide residue continued to plague motorists in many parts of the state, R. H. Baldoek, state highway engineer announced Saturday.

Traffic on the coast highway was permitted to cross a temporary bridge 12 miles north of Florence at two-hour intervals starting at 9 a.m., during the day. The bridge was left open all last night. Slide removal was also underway on the coast route five miles south of Yachats.

Two-way traffic was permitted across the North Santiam highway at Niagara where a small bridge was washed away early Thursday. One-way traffic was still in force between Mill City and Gates due to a culvert installation, however.

Wreckage of Plane Sighted at Troutdale

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Wreckage of a plane with one body visible in it was sighted a mile and a half east of Troutdale airport today and Ernie Helms, Western Skyways chief pilot, said it was a BT-13 missing from the airport since early yesterday.

The wreckage was sighted from the air and Helms said it was possible that the body of the second man was there but obscured from view.

The plane took off yesterday morning in darkness and was heard to head east. Missing with it were two western Skyways mechanics, Clarence J. Bauer, 27, and Willard Chase, 22, the latter a licensed pilot.

Six Tidal Waves Roar In and Out Of Kainan on Japanese Coast

Kainan Wakayama Prefecture, Japan, Dec. 21 (AP)—Thinly-clad residents of Kainan—a town just south of Wakayama with a population of 26,000—climbed to the dark hours this morning and watched a series of six tidal waves roar in and out of the city—cleaning it out.

The first wave struck the city at 5:30 a.m., about one hour after the earthquake had caused some relatively minor damage.

It was preceded by a foreboding rumbling sound far out at sea that resembled thunder.

Many persons were drowned or swept away. The lucky ones took refuge on rooftops or on high ground.

The second tidal wave, which was worse, occurred 40 minutes later and was a wall of water more than 10 feet high. It

500 Japs Killed, 612 Injured, Over 28,000 Homes Destroyed And Over 500 Fishing Vessels Lost

Quake Possibly the World's Most Violent—Six Tidal Waves, Erupted by the Temblor Beneath The Pacific, Rush Over Peninsula

Tokyo, Dec. 21 (AP)—A violent earthquake and severe tidal waves damaged more than 50,000 square miles of southern Japan today. 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 temblor 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.

Tonight, 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.

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

Kushimoto, a fishing town of 10,000 on the southern tip of Wakayama peninsula—at the southeastern tip of Honshu—was reported washed away by seven foot waves.

Fire destroyed one-third of Shingu, on the east coast of Honshu, and U. S. army fliers said flames still were visible there this afternoon.

The tremor was recorded at 4:20 a.m. (11:20 a.m., Friday, PST). Slight tremors followed about every half hour.

Damage extended from the northern coast of Kyushu through Shikoku and north to Shizuoka prefecture on Honshu. Kyodo News Agency said the havoeked area extended 340 miles at its longest and 60 miles wide.

Osaka, Japan's second largest city, reported 14 killed, heavy property damage and water three feet deep in some sections.

The famous cities of Kyoto and Nara, both former Japanese capitals near Osaka, appeared to have escaped any but minor damage. Both escaped bomb damage during the war.

5 Days' Rations for 50,000
The U. S. military government said Osaka has five days' food rations for 50,000 people. Large quantities of imported grain recently were released to Japanese at Kobe. Authorities said they considered the food situation good at both places.

However, U. S. military officials said it may be necessary to supply stricken areas on the Wakayama peninsula by boat because of communications disruptions.

Although concern was expressed over the situation in southern Shikoku island, army officers said no outside help would be needed.

American and British occupation forces presumably escaped with only one casualty—one unidentified British soldier missing from Miho—although the British were in the center of the havoeked area. British headquarters at Kure, 170 miles west of Osaka, was damaged.

Seven Foot Wave Sweeps Inland
The seven foot tidal wave which inundated the southwestern coast of Wakayama peninsula and struck heavily at the southern coast of Shikoku was reported to have caused the major damage.

Railroads and communications were snarled. Electric, telephone, telegraph and railroad lines, particularly on the northern shores of the inland sea, were cut in many places. Numerous communities were isolated.

Damage extended from atom bombed Hiroshima on the west to Miho on the north central coast of Honshu, bordering the Sea of Japan, and to the southern tip of Wakayama peninsula on the east.

Japanese newspapers expressed fear for persons on Awaji, island in the path of the tidal wave as it surged toward Japan's inland sea.

Communications were knocked out for a time between 24th division headquarters at Osaka and British headquarters at Kure, but these later were restored.

Train Reported Overtaken
One unconfirmed report said a train was overturned near Okayama, midway between Osaka and Kure.

One allied train was delayed because of a blocked tunnel near Okayama and this may have given rise to the report.

The welfare ministry announced it was speeding relief activities through the Japanese Red Cross. Survey teams were sent to the disaster areas by the home, welfare and agriculture ministries.

Three P-51 Mustangs of the fifth U. S. air force flew over Wakayama peninsula and reported the west coast between Kanabe and Kushimoto largely was inundated. Pilots said the town of Shingu on the east coast was one-third destroyed by fire and flames still could be observed in the afternoon.

Kyodo said all of the Japanese mainland except the northeastern coast of Honshu and Hokkaido felt the shock. Reports indicated communications could not be restored for two days.

The central meteorological observatory said the epicenter was in the ocean floor about 109 kilometers (62 miles) south of Wakayama. One observatory official said the quake might be the greatest ever recorded in the world. He placed the center at 135 east longitude, 33 north latitude.

Bomb Painting Of Peron's Return

Buenos Aires, Dec. 21 (AP)—U. entified persons set off a powerful bomb today in a show window displaying a painting depicting the events of Oct. 17, 1945, the day Juan Peron was returned to power in Argentina eight days after being forced out as vice president and war minister by the Camp De Mayor garrison.

The bomb broke many windows in the vicinity but there were no casualties. Gen. Peron now is president of Argentina.

\$100,000 Fire Loss At Winter Resort

Kane, Pa., Dec. 21 (AP)—Four business buildings were destroyed early today in the most spectacular fire in years at this winter sports center known to many as the "Icebox of Pennsylvania."

Fire Chief Patsy Marasco estimated damage at close to \$100,000.

Razed were the three-story G. T. Petersen building, two buildings of a garage and tire recapping establishment, and a smaller storage shed. Ten to 15 automobiles, 300 to 400 tires, and a quantity of rubber in the garage were also destroyed.