

Closest Man to A-Bomb Survived at 200 Yards

By H. D. QUIGG

Hiroshima, Japan, March 21 (U.P.)—Goichi Oshima, a bill collector for the local Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was sitting in a concrete-walled electric transformer station on the morning of August 6, 1945, when an iron window frame came over and hit him in the back.

He saw no light. He felt no heat. He got no air blast, but he did hear a huge bang.

The atom bomb had gone off almost directly over him.

He was sitting to the side of the window, with his head turned away from it. The station walls were three feet thick. Oshima was not burned. The frame broke his shoulder and knocked him out.

When he came to, the whole area around him was on fire. He jumped into one of the seven rivers which cut through Hiroshima. He had a mental clouding for about three hours, but he remembers he stayed in the river until he got too cold. He started home, collapsed once along the way, and again when he got there.

*His home also was collapsed, as were the other homes around it. Oshima got very sick. He had been only a little more than 200 yards from the "hypocenter"—the point on the ground directly under the explosion.

There had been 28 persons in the room with him. Twenty were killed outright. Seven died in five days from heavy radiation. They had no burns nor injuries.

Oshima survived. But he had radiation sickness, for gamma rays could go through the three-foot concrete walls. He had a fever for 15 days, diarrhea 20 days, severe nausea and severe thirst. Tiny spots appeared under his skin, where the small blood vessels were seeping blood.

Within 10 days, all his hair came out. It fell out at the slightest touch and by the handful. His eyebrows, eyelids, and mustache disappeared.

Twenty days later his hair began to grow again, and by November it was all back again. In February, it fell out again—all of it. But two weeks later it began to grow and in two months he had his normal quota of hair back (he was 63 years old, and had had a bald spot on the top of his head for a long time).

Since then, he has been well, except that he doesn't feel as strong as he did before the blast. He eats and sleeps well and has only lost eight pounds in these five years. He has experienced a marked decrease of sexual desire, but that may be because of his increasing age.

Two years ago, he noticed a dimness of eyesight. He went recently to the clinic of the atomic bomb casualty commission, where U. S. doctors are studying the effects of the bomb on human beings.

After a complete physical checkup, a letter was sent to Mr. Goichi Oshima, 490 Funairi Kawaguchi Cho, Hiroshima City:

"Examination of your eyes showed there is some clouding of the lens. This is due to ex-

Ronald Wood Coming Home

San Francisco, March 21 (U.P.)—The roster of the 1,500 U. S. Marines returning aboard the U.S.S. Gen. G. M. Randall after service in Korea, includes 19 from Oregon.

They were sent home, on a rotation basis, after seven months action in Korea.

The Gen. Randall is scheduled to dock in San Francisco Thursday, March 22.

The Oregon list includes: Brace, Clay W., Sgt., of McMinnville, father, Clay S. Brace of Route 3, Box 243, McMinnville.

Erickson, Donald A., Cpl., of Albany; mother, Laura Ripley of 627 Ferry street, Albany.

Trebes, Norman L., Jr., of Sweet Home; father, Lawrence Trebes, Sweet Home, Ore.

Wood, Ronald I., Pfc., of Salem; mother, Mrs. Mable E. J. Jenson of 1096 South 22nd street, Salem.

Schwab, John F., Sgt., of Mt. Angel; father, Herman J. Schwab of Route 1, Box 173, Mt. Angel.



Co-Chairmen for Division—Russell Bonesteel, at left, and Charles Musser are co-chairmen for the automotive division in the Red Cross fund campaign. (Bishop-Moderne pictures).

Chief Surprised By Bookmakers

Los Angeles, March 21 (U.P.)—The new police chief, William Parker, issued an order two weeks ago for all convicted

bookmakers in Los Angeles to register at police headquarters. The response was surprising and has created a problem. To date 1,027 persons have obeyed the order but now the police department has run out of forms for them to sign.

BOY, WHAT A PARTY!

Rugged Eastern Oregon Gang Entertains for West Side

Legislators from eastern Oregon gave their western Oregon cousins a "sagebrush party" at a hotel last night, and the western Oregonians agreed it was the best legislative romp they ever attended.

About 300 persons ate turkey, chicken a la king, and all the accessories. Then they took part in some quaint dances, including the square dance and the hokey pokey.

The hosts and their wives were dressed in their native costumes. The men wore overalls, cowboy boots, and cowboy hats. The ladies wore silk shirts, the big hats, and cowgirl skirts.

Eastern Oregonians usually are quiet and subdued in the legislatures, compared with some of their noisy brethren on this side of the Cascades. But it wasn't that way last night.

Rep. Harvey Wells, Portland, dean of the legislature, said "Boy, this is the best party I've been to in my 22 years in the legislature."

Rep. Sprague Carter, Pendleton, explained why everybody had a good time.

"Over in eastern Oregon, we

don't have so much money, so we make our own fun. That's what we did tonight. Over here you buy your fun and you don't have a good time."

The wife of a press association reporter, who has been bored with many legislative parties in the past 14 years, agreed.

She said, "Gee, this party wasn't stuffy like most of the other parties. I never had such a good time."

It was a coincidence that the party was held only the night before the house reapportionment committee was to act on a bill to give western Oregon more legislators and take some away from eastern Oregon.

But after the party, one western Oregon legislator said:

"Boy, those eastern Oregonians really know how to throw a party. I don't see how any-

body could vote to reapportion any of those swell fellows out of the legislature."

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Tragic Remains of Chinese Massacre Covers 30 Miles

By WILLIAM CHAPMAN

On the Central Front, Korea, March 21 (U.P.)—The tragic remains of the Chinese massacre of a part of the U. S. 2nd division last month is scattered over 30 miles of road between Hoengsong and Hongchon.

Most of the American bodies have been removed but you didn't need to see bodies to know what a slaughter it was. The worst place was "Massacre Valley," a stretch of road five miles northwest of Hoengsong.

As we drove northward, the road was littered with overturned trucks, smashed jeeps with bullet-riddled windshields and disabled tanks. The ditches were full of unfired mortar and artillery ammunition.

The last vehicle we found, in a mountain pass five miles south of Hongchon, was an M-6 armored car in a ditch. Its 37-millimeter gun still pointed northward.

Near the vehicle, in the stubble of last year's rice crop, we found a GI's gold wedding band.

From that point on, the roadside litter was that of a retreating Oriental army.

The shoulders of the road were marked by the full half-moons of many horseshoes. We found one of them, worn nearly smooth with its four nails still in place.

The decaying carcasses of horses and oxen lay in the ditches. Most of the edible meat had been carved from them and the remains had been chewed by animals.

There were human carcasses too, the bodies of communist soldiers and civilians who had been pressed into service as pack carriers.

The bodies of a family group, a man, a woman and a child, were huddled near a little stream that reminded you of a picnic spot. They had been dead so long there was no telling what had killed them.

At a road junction near Hongchon corpses were lifting a young GI onto a jeep ambulance. He had been hit by an enemy mortar fragment and there was a fresh pool of blood in the mid-

dle of the road. On a building near the limits of Hongchon was a bit of communist advice left behind by the retreating Chinese: "Your folks want you back home. To follow us means death."

Russia Cold to India's Plea for Grain

New Delhi, India, March 21 (U.P.)—India has asked Russia if she can help ease India's food crisis by supplying grain but has received no reply, Food Minister K. M. Munshi told parliament today.

Answering a member's question, Munshi said official inquiries were made by India through the Soviet embassy here to learn what "quantities of food grains the USSR will be prepared to supply India and the terms."

"No reply has been received," India has appealed to several countries including the United States, which has a request for 2,000,000 tons of wheat under congressional consideration.

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