

CHILEAN RESIDENT TELLS STORY OF TERRIFYING EARTHQUAKES

The following letter gives an excellent first-hand report on the recent Chilean earthquakes. It was written by Rev P F Mueller of St George's College, Santiago, Chile on May 29 and received last weekend by Mr and Mrs Don Oimscheid of Ione.

Some of you must be beginning to consider me as a hopeless and useless piece of baggage (and rightly so)—something that should have been swallowed up by our latest move, or commotion to enter upon the world scene. Luckily, however, the scene, or scenes, of Chile's latest

contortions were further to the south. We of Santiago were this time merely marginal or fringe cases. Disaster brushed us, but passed us by.

It was and is bad, bad, bad. An apocalyptic event of full proportions. And yet within all this havoc there are so many seeds of future hope and possibility, there are so many fortunate elements that a deep sense of gratitude should pervade the length (one cannot speak of breadth) of the land.

Chile seems to be divided into three sectors, independent of one another, susceptible to earthquakes. The north, the center and the south in its entirety was affected, beginning at its northern line and moving all the way almost to Magallanes. The area devastated covers a stretch of land over five hundred miles long.

On Saturday morning, a free day, we were awakened, or those already up, frightened by a long series of quivers. I woke up, but before it was all over I was asleep again, thinking, as I dozed off, that this seemed to last unusually long. A tremor up to 30 seconds is terrifyingly long. At moments like that time seems to be infringing on the rights of eternity. However, there was an unusual quality of gentleness about this, like a gentle rocking to sleep. At noon, we heard that Concepcion on the coast, about 400 miles south of us, had been hit, rather badly. Such news, because of their frequency, is not to alarming in general. It is almost like a new bombing during the war. Terrible, but because of its repetition, not so upsetting. Sunday, a few details were given in the morning editions, a paragraph, on the first page, but not yet with main headline rights.

Sunday afternoon, I was working in the library when I suddenly felt sea-sick. I looked up to focus my eyes, and blamed lunch for an apparent upset stomach. Then I looked about and again returned to my papers to work. Still the same persistent nausea. Then, finally the stacks began to squeak, gently, a slight moan. So I was not disturbed at all, because the usual crash and bang and the squawk and squeal through out the building was missing. I walked to the window—they were closed because it was cold outside and noticed the tall trees in the yard swaying as if a strong breeze were moving them. Even that did not bother me because I thought the wind was blowing. And the quiver continued. Father Atwood came down from the third floor and joined me all excited; we talked until the trembling finally ceased. It must have lasted up to three minutes. I had my radio on, as I was planning to work all afternoon and evening. In about 15 min the radio announced that a tremor, grade 3 plus had been felt in Santiago and had caused a touch of panic (because of the previous one on Saturday) but no harm or damage had been occasioned. Somewhat after the half hour news—what there could be, due to the immediate disruption of the entire communication setup throughout the country—began to drift over the airways. And from then on it was just the story of poor old Job at his banquet, as message brought news of death, destruction and damage. It was terrifying. I listened until midnight. And the messages have not ceased up to the present. It still

goes: "N N of Puerto Montt to N of Santiago: Health good, situation bad. We are alive, all lost... we are alive, all lost... we are well, house gone... In good health, got away with what we have on our back, brother dead, etc. etc." "It will take weeks, perhaps months before the story of this is unraveled.

Apocalyptic is the only word that describes it. A cataclysm of the type that we have always relegated to pre-history in which the face of the earth is changed. It affected at least one third of the country. The coastline has changed. Towns and villages have been wiped off the map, completely, with no trace, there is nothing there. The land has sunk in places or disappeared into the sea. Parts of cities are gone. Islands disappearing and appearing. New volcanoes lifting their awful mouths above the surface of the earth. A series of others vomiting for their ashes over the devastated land and the frightened people. The sea drew in its breath and spewed waters over the land in waves of fifty feet and more, dragging in with them all that they could clutch. Stories circulate at the bottom of the sea opening up in the bay and drawing everything down into its gulf. Buildings collapsed or rolled down the hill side like tumbling weed. People thrown out of bed or just flung to the ground by the violence of the convulsions. Landslides throughout the south. Even the lake's flinging up a tidal wave which heaved concrete waves long distances on the land.

We who have been in the south find some stories almost incredible. And on top of the devastation came the rain. Their own roof gone, now the roof of the sky seemed to have collapsed too. And winter is just at its beginning. The first few days it literally seemed like the beginning of the end. And yet there was a series of fortunate things. The death toll and list of missing total less than 2500 as of the present. Due to various factors. The rather strong tremor that frightened the population on Saturday made them all jump-happy. Then the long gently preliminary rocking on Sunday afternoon gave them all a chance to dash out to the open. Many buildings, otherwise occupied, were empty. And when the tidal waves struck, the first wave came closer and did not have the proportions or the fierceness of the succeeding ones, so that many could hoof it to the hills or the higher parts of town. Terrible as it all is, it could have been so much worse.

Then, out of this disaster the future of Chile can be forged. "Ah, Designer Infinite, must Thou char the wood, ere Thou canst limn with it? ... Must havest fields be dinged with rotten death?" In the first place, the reaction of the population has been magnificent. The reported calmness of the disaster victims after the first shocks had passed is admirable. And it must not be forgotten that the earth has kept trembling constantly since. The seismological office promised more of the same for weeks to come. Then the sense of unity achieved in Chile overnight has reached heights. I am sure, it never came close to even on the eve of its independence. A series of Radio Stations have dedicated their entire time to form a network of contact across the country that operates day and night, passing messages of all kinds between north and south. To listen was like reading the phone book or taking the census of the country by radio. This is to cease tomorrow now that land communication has been tentatively established (but I just heard there was another quake and much has again been disrupted) the spontaneous help right from the first moment has been astounding. Clothes, food, etc. etc. has been collected in all places and by all; help offers from all possible sources. Bishops offering their pastoral cross and episcopal rings, aristocratic ladies (anonymously) offering their jewels, student groups, like some of ours, giving most of what they had collected toward their student trip, or their

allowance. Social organizations for the aid of the local poor turning over their proceeds, practically all of Chile giving a day's wage or more, and so on. It is like reading a classified list of

the works of mercy applied to modern situations. It has been an amazing demonstration of true charity and solidarity within the country.

20 and more political parties solidly behind the government. Of course, no one could stand aside when a national disaster of such proportions strikes. Plans were Continued on Page 11

NOTICE OF 1960-61 BUDGET MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of the "Local Budget Law" (ORS 294.305 to 294.415), notice is hereby given that the budget committee of Heppner, Oregon, in compliance with said law, prepared and adopted on June 8th, 1960, the budget estimates for City of Heppner, Oregon, for the ensuing fiscal year July 1, 1960, to June 30, 1961, as set forth in the accompanying schedules. All persons are hereby notified that on Tuesday the 5th day of July, 1960, at 8:00 P. M. in Heppner, Oregon, said budget estimates may be discussed with the City Council, the levying board for Heppner, Oregon, and any person subject to the proposed tax levy or tax levies will be heard in favor of or against said proposed tax levy or tax levies or any part thereof.

The outstanding indebtedness of Heppner, Oregon, at June 30th, 1960, was as follows:
Water Improvement Bonds \$133,000.00
Sewer System Bonds 146,000.00

Signed: Ted Smith
City Recorder
Alex Thompson
Chairman Budget Committee
Pirl Howell
Secretary Budget Committee

EXPENDITURES

Actual For 1957-1958	Actual For 1958-1959	Estimate For 1959-1960	FUNDS AND CLASSIFICATION	Budget Approved By Committee
\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	General Administration	\$ 600.00
600.00	600.00	600.00	Mayor	600.00
600.00	600.00	600.00	Treasurer	600.00
5,700.00	6,000.00	6,400.00	Attorney	6,400.00
3,900.00	4,200.00	4,500.00	Superintendent	4,740.00
			Recorder	
\$ 1,137.57	\$ 1,496.01	\$ 1,325.00	Non-Departmental	\$ 1,550.00
728.09	793.09	1,005.00	Liability Insurance	1,075.00
65.00	65.00	65.00	Social Security	65.00
247.89	179.60	17.50	Officials Bonds	275.00
560.35	17.50	500.00	Fire Insurance	500.00
			Engineering	250.00
			Planning & Development	400.00
			Industrial Accident Commission	
\$ 227.27	\$ 256.45	\$ 250.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 250.00
585.00	585.00	585.00	Printing & Advertising	585.00
163.68	232.41	300.00	Audit	300.00
82.40	82.40	80.00	Office Expense	81.00
800.00	800.00	800.00	Dues	800.00
			Library Donation	500.00
			Employee's Hosp. & Medical	5,000.00
			Emergency	
911.39	1,801.73	5,000.00	Swim Pool	\$ 1,800.00
			Salaries	290.00
\$ 1,616.25	\$ 1,637.50	\$ 1,800.00	Power	1,300.00
712.85	265.96	250.00	Supplies	
806.80	1,013.51	870.00	Public Properties	\$ 500.00
			Maintenance & Repairs	1,000.00
\$ 414.01	\$ 420.83	\$ 400.00	City Park Maintenance	500.00
558.55	647.17	1,500.00	Power & Lights	200.00
1,153.00	1,314.46	1,300.00	Public Service	\$ 3,400.00
			Street Lighting	750.00
\$ 2,229.55	\$ 2,303.03	\$ 2,500.00	Garbage Disposal	750.00
660.00	1,688.29	750.00	Parking Meters	500.00
231.00	210.75	400.00	Police Department	\$ 11,135.00
\$ 9,136.25	\$ 10,113.00	\$ 10,585.00	Salaries	365.00
309.83	243.23	365.00	Supplies	800.00
1,002.20	669.74	800.00	Car Expenses	
			Equipment	
\$ 985.00	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 1,150.00	Fire Department	\$ 1,150.00
1,053.64	969.82	1,000.00	Salaries	1,000.00
800.00	1,200.00	2,000.00	Supplies	2,000.00
			Transfer to Reserve Fund	
\$ 6,825.90	\$ 4,680.00	\$ 4,980.00	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 51,261.00
705.75	5,088.58	1,000.00	Street Department	\$ 740.00
1,068.00			Labor	1,500.00
			Supplies	5,500.00
\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,337.62	\$ 3,500.00	Equipment	\$ 7,740.00
5,750.00	2,174.96	3,500.00	State Tax Street Fund	\$ 3,000.00
	2,144.08	3,000.00	Oiling and Paving	2,500.00
	1,810.59	500.00	Supplies	5,500.00
			Labor	
\$ 3,335.00	\$ 3,114.92	\$ 4,000.00	Bridges	\$ 11,000.00
1,435.93	1,640.13	1,500.00	Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 11,700.00
3,148.75	4,244.37	4,100.00	Purpose of Fund	
85.00		500.00	Sewer Extension Fund	\$ 9,500.00
10,357.40	6,150.58	5,000.00	Extension of System	
5,000.00		7,000.00	Water Utility Fund	\$ 5,640.00
50.00		4,902.50	Labor	1,600.00
			Power	3,419.00
\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,200.00	Supplies	
340.04	322.22	400.00	Equipment	10,550.00
996.98	625.26	500.00	Improvements	7,000.00
10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	Bonds	7,000.00
5,722.50	5,555.83	5,022.00	Bond Interest	4,987.50
			TOTAL	\$ 33,196.50
			Sewer Fund	\$ 1,800.00
			Labor	540.00
			Power	400.00
			Supplies	1,150.00
			Bonds	11,000.00
			Bond Interest	4,112.50
			Transfer to Sewer Extension Fund	8,550.00
			TOTAL	\$ 27,152.50
			TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$151,550.00

RECEIPTS

\$ 1,512.50	\$ 1,323.00	\$ 1,200.00	General	\$ 1,200.00
3,565.97	3,225.27	2,500.00	Licenses & Fees	3,000.00
606.50	600.00	1,000.00	Liquor Revenues	1,000.00
4,765.47	4,001.68	4,400.00	Fines & Forfeitures	4,600.00
2,121.22	2,612.09	2,400.00	Parking Meters	2,200.00
1,840.67	2,456.68	2,500.00	Swimming Pool	2,800.00
811.98	2,676.91	3,000.00	Occupational Tax	3,500.00
			Miscellaneous	\$ 18,300.00
\$ 6,348.97	\$ 7,043.56	\$ 6,000.00	General Road	
			Morrow County Road Tax	\$ 6,000.00
\$ 10,386.51	\$ 10,519.00	\$ 10,500.00	Cash on Hand, July 1, 1960	\$ 7,740.00
			State Tax Street Fund	\$ 11,000.00
\$ 23,406.00	\$ 25,478.95	\$ 29,600.00	Water Utility	
			Water Sales, etc.	\$ 31,000.00
			Miscellaneous	1,950.00
\$ 9,656.00	\$ 9,655.00	\$ 9,600.00	Cash on Hand July 1, 1960	1,907.50
			TOTAL	\$ 34,857.50
			Sewer Fund	
			Service Charges	\$ 9,800.00
			Miscellaneous	1,000.00
			Cash on Hand July 1, 1960	3,352.50
			TOTAL	\$ 14,152.50
			Equipment Reserve Fund	
			Heppner Fire Department	\$ 5,700.00
			Transfer from General Fund	2,000.00
			Cash Balance July 1, 1960	4,000.00
			TOTAL	\$ 11,700.00
			Sewer Extension Fund	
			Transfer from Sewer Fund	\$ 8,550.00
			Assessments	950.00
			TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$107,250.00

Summary of Estimated Expenditures, Receipts and Tax Levies, Fiscal Year 1960-61

Tax Levy Calculation	Total of All Funds	General Fund	General Road Fund	State Street Fund	Water	Sewer	Equipment Reserve	Sewer Extension
Total estimated Expenditures	\$151,550.00	\$ 40,941.00	\$ 7,740.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 43,516.50	\$ 27,152.50	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 9,500.00
Transfers As Specifically directed by law	(\$10,550.00)	(\$ 7,278.50)			(\$ 3,271.50)			
Total estimated expenditures, reserves, transfers	\$141,000.00	\$ 33,662.50	\$ 7,740.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 40,245.00	\$ 27,152.50	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 9,500.00
Deduct: Est. receipts other than 1960-61 taxes	\$107,250.00	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 7,740.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 34,857.50	\$ 14,152.50	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 9,500.00
Amount necessary to balance budget	\$ 33,750.00	\$ 15,362.50			\$ 5,387.50	\$ 13,000.00		
Add: est. amt. 60-61 taxes not received 6-30-61	\$ 1,013.00	\$ 1,013.00						
Total levy needed for 1960-61	\$ 34,763.00	\$ 16,375.50			\$ 5,387.50	\$ 13,000.00		
Tax levies: inside 5% limitation	\$ 16,375.50	\$ 16,375.50						
Net subject to 6% limitation	\$ 18,387.50				\$ 5,387.50	\$ 13,000.00		

WHAT'S DOING



Here's one way to go from coast to coast and not leave town. This new Pendleton operator will soon call lots of places every day on her new job as a long distance operator. Here she's at a practice switch-board, training with a phone woman who learned the job in this way too. Other new people starting out in the telephone

business will get training for different jobs—and get paid while learning. It's the first step in helping them build fine careers for themselves. And, of course, good training like this means good service for you.

Planning to move? It's a good time to get that extension phone you've been thinking about. At no extra installation charge, we'll put in an extension phone—or two or three—when we install your new service. So if you'd like to start planning where you'd like those new phones, why not call your service representative at the telephone office, or talk to your telephone service man.



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